Briar Cliff UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is the most desired credential in health care today. And at Briar Cliff, we've been preparing some of the region's most committed nurses for generations. Get experience where it counts most — in the field! In your program, you'll get over 800 hours of clinical practice in hospitals, community health agencies, long-term care facilities and other community-based settings.

WHY THIS PROGRAM?

State-of-the-Art Labs: Our renovated simulation, chemistry and biology laboratories are unparalleled for an undergraduate institution our size. You could also get to work in one of the region's only working educational cadaver labs!

Hands-on Experience: Get experience where it counts most in the field. In our program, you'll get over 800 hours of clinical practice in hospitals, community health agencies, long-term care facilities and other community based settings.

Easy Transition to Advance Your Career: Briar Cliff is the only university in Western Iowa where you can start as an undergraduate or Registered Nurse (RN) and work all the way up Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) all at the same school!

PROGRAM ENTRY

Students enrolled in this cooperative program complete their Associate of Science at Western Iowa Tech Community College and Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Briar Cliff University. Assessment and advising before registration will help ensure success in program planning and completion.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The BSN degree program students may enter the program either through completing their AS degree in Indigenous Science with Health Concentration or completing the nursing pre-requisite courses and the general education requirements. Students completing the AS degree will have met all of the BCU general education requirements, with the exception of needing their Global Society course.

Students transferring into Briar Cliff University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program are to have completed nursing pre-requisite and general education courses with a 2.7 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).

CAREER OPTIONS

- Nursing
- Nurse educating
- Nurse manager
- Case management nurse
- School nurse
- Travel nurse
- Mid-wife
- Forensic nurse
- Pharmaceutical assistant

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Complete AS degree through LPTC including nursing prerequisite courses.

Required BCU Prerequisite Courses

BIOS 2250   Human Anatomy & Physiology I ©
BIOS 2260   Human Anatmoy & Physiology II ©
BIOS 2460   Microbiology ©
PIOS 2300   Nutrition ©
CHEM 1150   General Chemistry ©
MATH 2170   Statistics ©
SOCI 1010   Principles of Sociology ©
PSYC 1810   Introductory Psychology ©

© indicates a minimum grade of C is required.

Required General Education Courses (through LPTC)

Aesthetics courses (AE)
        Select two, from two different disciplines:
        ARTS 1200 or ARTS 1050
        NATV 2000 or NATV 1150
        ENGL 2100 and/or MUSC 1010

Multicultural Foundation (MC)
        Select one:
        SOCI 2150 or NATV 1020

Historical Consciousness Foundation (HC)
        Select one:
        POLS 1000, HIST 2010 or HIST 2020

Information Technology (IT)
        CSIT 1100   Practical Computer Applications

Students completing their AS degree through LPTC will have any further BCU general education requirements waived.

Transfer Scholarships
Awards up to $14,000

Briar Cliff University transfer scholarships are only available to first-time transfer students who are entering our student body with a minimum transfer CGPA of 2.0. The total scholarship amount awarded will be allotted throughout your time at Briar Cliff University, provided a minimum CGPA of 2.0 is maintained.

Questions?

Contact Admissions at (712) 279-5200 or email Admissions@briarcliff.edu.

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Year III, Fall Semester (16 credits / 260 clinical hours)

NURS 302 ©   Foundational Nursing Concepts
                    Semester Hrs: 5   Clin Hrs: 80

NURS 322 ©   Health Assessment
                    Semester Hrs: 3   Clin Hrs: 40

NURS 312 ©   Concepts for Beg. Nursing Practice
                    Semester Hrs: 5   Clin Hrs: 100

NURS 365 ©   Pediatric Growth & Development
                    Semester Hrs: 2   Clin Hrs: 40

Year III, Spring Semester (16 credits / 240 clinical hours)

NURS 300 ©   Evidence Based Nursing Practice
                    Semester Hrs: 5   Clin Hrs: 80

NURS 360 ©   Concepts for Intermediate Nursing
                    Semester Hrs: 5   Clin Hrs: 80
                            Practice – I (1st half)

NURS 370 ©   Concepts for Intermediate Nursing
                    Semester Hrs: 5   Clin Hrs: 80
                            Practice – II (2nd half)

NURS 332 ©   Concepts for Reproduction & Sexuality
                    Semester Hrs: 5   Clin Hrs: 80

Year IV, Fall Semester (13 credits / 160 clinical hours)

NURS 480 ©   Concepts for Complex Nursing Practice
                    Semester Hrs: 6   Clin Hrs: 120

NURS 400 ©   Psychosocial Concepts of Nursing
                    Semester Hrs: 4   Clin Hrs: 40

LIBA 410   Global Society GL
                    Semester Hrs: 3   Clin Hrs: -

Year IV, Spring Semester (14 credits / 200 clinical hours)

NURS 402 ©   Nursing Practice in the Community
                    Semester Hrs: 4   Clin Hrs: 40

NURS 460 ©   Nursing Leadership & Management
                    Semester Hrs: 4   Clin Hrs: 40

NURS 465 ©   Nursing Preceptor Experience
                    Semester Hrs: 4   Clin Hrs: 120

NURS 475 ©   Transition into Professional Nursing
                    Semester Hrs: 2   Clin Hrs: -

Briar Cliff University BSN Program Total:
59 credits / 860 clinical hours

800
HOURS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE

2
YEAR COMPLETION TIMELINE

3
MSN FUTURE GROWTH TRACKS

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© represents a grade of C or better is required. A cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale must be maintained for admission, progression, and graduation with a BSN degree. The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at BCU is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.ccneaccreditation.org).