



## ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (ABSN) PROGRAM

### HIGHER LEARNING MEETS HIGHER PURPOSE

**F**ounded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1924, Misericordia University provides a student-focused learning environment that fosters intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and respect for all persons. To maintain the integrity of this mission, our accredited nonprofit university adheres to these core values:

- **Mercy**, through love and compassion
- **Service**, through selflessness, sacrifice, and action
- **Justice**, through fairness, acceptance, and advocacy
- **Hospitality**, through dignity, respect, and openness

As a result, we have carried on a legacy of offering students a quality education, professional preparation, and service leadership for more than 90 years.

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Whether you're a recent college graduate or a career changer, our accredited, state-approved ABSN program leverages your non-nursing college education so that it becomes possible to earn a quality BSN in as few as 16 months. After graduating from the program, you'll be prepared to sit for the NCLEX-RN® exam with confidence and enter the profession as a practice-ready nurse.

#### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

To enroll in our 16-month ABSN program, you must have a:

- Minimum of 60 college credits from a regionally accredited institution.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 for all transferable credit.
- Minimum grade of "C" in each of the eight prerequisite courses.

#### PREREQUISITE COURSES

Complete the ABSN prerequisite courses online through our university.

- Introduction to Microbiology
- Anatomy and Physiology I and II
- Fundamentals of Nutrition
- Basic Statistics
- Introduction to Psychology
- Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Comparative Sociology

#### START DATES

Once you meet the ABSN admissions requirements, you can apply for a start date in January, May, or August.

#### LEARNING FORMAT

Over the span of four full-time semesters, you'll complete a rigorous blend of online and onsite curriculum taught by experienced, highly supportive nursing faculty. To keep pace, you'll need to devote between 40 and 60 hours a week to your education.



**Online courses** delivered through an intuitive learning management system teach you the fundamentals and theories of the profession, anytime, anywhere.



**Nursing labs** at our Nursing Education Center in Pittsburgh give you a realistic, risk-free platform to effectively develop your hands-on skills and clinical judgment.



**Clinical rotations** within the Allegheny Health Network provide you with real-world experience in diverse areas of nursing practice, from adult care to pediatrics to community health.



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### First-time NCLEX Pass Rates BSN GROUND PROGRAMS



### ABSN CURRICULUM

#### Semester 1

#### 14 Credit Hours

NSG 201 Foundations Essential to Professional Nursing Practice  
NSG 305 Physical Assessment  
NSG 300 Conceptual Basis of Nursing Practice  
NSG 320 Principles of Pharmacology  
RLS 104 World Religions/Core Course Requirement for Transfer Students\*

\*The RLS 104 course is a placeholder for any core course requirement still needed by a transfer student. This credit is required to remain at full-time status with regards to credit load for the semester.

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#### Semester 2

#### 16 Credit Hours

NSG 302 Functional Health Patterns Psychiatric Nursing  
NSG 301 Functional Health Patterns Adults I  
NSG 303 Functional Health Patterns Adults II

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#### Semester 3

#### 13 Credit Hours

NSG 401 Functional Health Patterns Adults III  
NSG 402 Functional Health Patterns Childbearing and Family  
NSG 304 Functional Health Patterns Pediatric Nursing

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#### Semester 4

#### 14 Credit Hours

NSG 404 Functional Health Patterns Adults IV  
NSG 403 Functional Health Patterns Aggregates and Populations  
NSG 405 Functional Health Patterns Baccalaureate Capstone  
NSG 410W Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice