

# College of Nursing

Program Description	Type	Degree
Nursing, B.S. - Traditional ( <a href="http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/college-of-nursing/bs-nursing-traditional">http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/college-of-nursing/bs-nursing-traditional</a> )	Degree	B.S.
Nursing, B.S. - Accelerated ( <a href="http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/college-of-nursing/bs-nursing-accelerated">http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/college-of-nursing/bs-nursing-accelerated</a> )	Degree	B.S.
Nursing, B.S. - BS completion ( <a href="http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/college-of-nursing/bs-nursing-rn-completion">http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/college-of-nursing/bs-nursing-rn-completion</a> )	Degree	B.S.

## Baccalaureate Program

The undergraduate nursing program at Idaho State University is a four-year professional program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing. All of the College's baccalaureate programs are fully accredited nationally by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Idaho State Board of Nursing. The aim of the College of Nursing is to prepare graduates to function as professional nurses in a variety of health care settings. Students are provided an opportunity to learn and to practice nursing in special learning laboratories and in a variety of settings where people need nursing care. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The undergraduate program serves as a foundation for graduate study. Applications and other materials for the College of Nursing are available on the Idaho State University College of Nursing website at <http://www.isu.edu/nursing>.

### Traditional Baccalaureate Program

The Traditional Baccalaureate Degree is well-suited to the student seeking a first degree in nursing. The Traditional program provides learning opportunities for undergraduate students in a variety of classroom and clinical settings prepare students to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) to secure licensure as a professional registered nurse. Earning a Bachelor of Science degree (BS) in nursing from Idaho State University requires students to earn 120 credits that are completed over a minimum of four years. Students take general education and nursing prerequisite courses their first two years at the University.

Forty (40) students are admitted in the **spring cohort** and 40 students are admitted in the **fall cohort** every year. This dual application process assures students will have access to smaller class sizes and greater opportunity to participate in clinical experiences. Please see the College of Nursing website at <http://www.isu.edu/nursing/programs/traditional-bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/> for details.

### Accelerated Program

This is an accelerated program appropriate for those who have already obtained a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing. Students complete required courses leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and upon graduation are eligible to take the RN Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN).

Students apply for admission to the Accelerated program beginning in late fall. Those students admitted will be notified in early spring and begin the program in the summer semester. Students complete the accelerated program in three (3) consecutive semesters. For all details regarding the Accelerated program, see <http://www.isu.edu/nursing/programs/accelerated-bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/>.

## BS Completion Program

This is a program appropriate for individuals in an associate degree program or for individuals who already have completed their registered nurse licensure program of study and who wish complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

When admitted to the BS Completion Program, the student must complete the nursing program courses in two years. Students who are not actively working towards completion of course requirements for the BS Completion Program for a period of two years will be moved to inactive status.

## Graduation

Each senior student must contact the graduation clerk in the semester preceding graduation. The student's academic record will be formally reviewed for completion of specified course work and university requirements. The College of Nursing formally reviews the transcripts of senior students for completion of departmental requirements. Students may be dismissed from the nursing program for academic reasons that include but are not limited to:

- 1) Students who receive a course grade below a "C" (2.0) and/or
- 2) Students with a cumulative grade point average below a "C" (2.0).

Students will not be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination if they do not meet all of the Idaho State University College of Nursing requirements for graduation.

## Expenses

Students in the College of Nursing will incur certain expenses, such as the cost of transportation for learning experiences and clinical, clinical apparel, and lab fees in addition to the student expenses listed by the University. A professional fee of \$1000 to \$1100 is charged each semester while enrolled in the BS with a major in Nursing program. For the Traditional and Accelerated programs the professional fee is charged regardless of the number of courses or credit hours a student takes in a semester. A part-time professional fee option is available for students in the BS Completion program.

## Financial Assistance

In addition to the financial aid available to all University students, special awards, scholarships, and funds may be available to qualified nursing students. For information about financial assistance, contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office (<http://www.isu.edu/finaid/index.shtml>).

## Graduate Program

The College of Nursing offers nursing graduate programs including Master of Science, PhD, and DNP. See the Graduate Catalog (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/healthscience/nursing>) for information.

**Nursing Faculty** (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/college-of-nursing/faculty>)

**Nursing Courses** (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/allcourses/nurs>)