

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: RN-TO-BSN PROGRAM



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PATIENTS' LIVES—AND YOUR NURSING CAREER

The demand for nurses who possess a bachelor's degree in the U.S. is growing faster than average.<sup>1</sup> Created for nurses, by nurses, the Purdue University Global Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN-to-BSN program allows you to customize an online degree plan to help you achieve your career goals. Whether your goal is to become a nurse practitioner, earn a master's degree in nursing, or advance into your next position, our bachelor's in nursing provides an efficient, affordable online pathway that enables registered nurses to achieve their career ambitions.

# WHY STUDY AT PURDUE GLOBAL'S SCHOOL OF NURSING?

## ACCELERATED DEGREE PLAN

Complete your degree faster and more affordably with our ExcelTrack™ Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN-to-BSN program.<sup>2</sup>

## FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING NURSES

Earn your bachelor's degree online while meeting the demands of your nursing career. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services. Clinical practice experiences can be done at a location of your choice.

## TRANSFER CREDITS

Transfer up to 75% of your Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree requirements to graduate sooner and save on tuition.<sup>3</sup>

## FACULTY ARE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD

Learn from practicing professionals with extensive experience in nursing and education. All faculty possess advanced academic degrees.

## ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring when you need extra support. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

## INTRODUCTORY TRIAL PERIOD

Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.<sup>4</sup>

## NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.<sup>5</sup>

# TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER

Customize Your Program to Build Specialized Expertise	Prepare for Nurse Practitioner or Advanced Practice Roles	Get a Head Start on Your Master of Science in Nursing
<p>Choose from the following electives, many of which align to certifications recognized by the Magnet Recognition Program® 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holistic Professional Nursing Practice</li><li>• Hospice and Palliative Care</li><li>• Primary Care in the Ambulatory Setting</li><li>• Case Management Across the Continuum of Care</li><li>• Faith Community Nursing</li><li>• Transcultural Nursing</li></ul>	<p>A bachelor's in nursing is the educational pathway to a master's in nursing, which is required for nurse practitioner and other leadership positions. One of the fastest growing occupations, nurse practitioner jobs should grow 36% by 2026.<sup>7</sup></p>	<p>Our accelerated Master of Science in Nursing option allows you to complete graduate-level courses in place of your undergraduate open electives, shortening your graduate program by three courses.</p>

# CURRICULUM

Our rigorous curriculum prepares you to deliver exceptional direct or indirect patient care. All courses are updated regularly by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the practice of nursing.

## REQUIRED NURSING COURSES

- Professional Leadership Transitions
- Research Guided Evidence-Based Nursing Practice
- Health Assessment for the Nursing Professional
- Chronicity Within Nursing Care Across the Life Span
- Leadership and Management in the Changing Health Care Environment
- Public Health Nursing—Population-Centered Health Care in the Community
- Bachelor’s Capstone in Nursing

## EXCELTRACK™ DEGREE PLAN

In addition to our traditional online program, we offer online ExcelTrack™, which lets you use your professional experience to earn your degree faster and more affordably. Each course is broken down into a single credit, so you can bypass what you already know and focus on gaining new, relevant skills that you can apply immediately in your career.<sup>2</sup>

Learning Method	ExcelTrack™ Competency Based	Traditional Online
Ideal Candidates	Independent learners who want to control their pace, deadlines, and workload	Students who prefer a predetermined structure and pace
Courses	1-credit courses	5- or 6-credit courses
Courses per Term	All you can learn	2 (full-time study)
Tuition Structure	Fixed tuition no matter how many courses you take	Standard per credit

## PROGRAM DETAIL

**Credit Requirements:** 90–130, depending on prior nursing credential (180 total)

**Program Length:** 18 months (traditional program)<sup>8</sup>

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Every 11 weeks

**Admissions Requirements:**

- An associate’s degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing from an accredited college or university
- An active, unencumbered RN license in a U.S. state

Visit [Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu) for more information.



The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Purdue University Global is accredited by the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education** ([www.CCNEAccreditation.org](http://www.CCNEAccreditation.org)).

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Graduate Certificates
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

# CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

## INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- Employment of nurses is projected to grow 15%—much faster than average—from 2016 to 2026.<sup>1</sup>
- A need for more than 1 million RNs is projected through 2022 to avoid a nursing shortage.<sup>9</sup>
- The Institute of Medicine recommends that 80% of nurses earn a bachelor's degree by 2020.<sup>10</sup>
- A bachelor's degree or higher is often necessary for administrative, research, consulting, and teaching positions.<sup>1</sup>

## CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES<sup>11</sup>

### Roles

- Registered nursing
- Staff leadership
- Patient care coordination
- Nurse case management
- Public health
- Telehealth

### Settings

- Hospitals
- Health clinics
- Doctor's offices
- Residential care facilities
- Ambulatory care setting

## CAREER SERVICES

Our nursing Career Specialists connect students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

## SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL (STTI)

Purdue Global is a proud member of the prestigious STTI Honor Society of Nursing.



## Purdue Global Is Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at [HLCcommission.org](http://HLCcommission.org) or call 800-621-7440.

## Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

This accolade was awarded prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Purdue Global cannot guarantee future accolades.



Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit [www.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://www.PurdueGlobal.edu).

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

- 1 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Registered Nurses. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 2 ExcelTrack™ is designed to advance your progress based on existing knowledge; however, degree pace and time and cost savings will vary by individual. Program may include traditional courses; however, tuition is charged at the ExcelTrack™ rate. Students must enroll in a minimum number of credits per term to remain eligible for financial aid. Refer to the Financial Information section of the University Catalog for additional information.
- 3 Our RN-to-BSN graduates earned an average of 111 credits prior to beginning coursework at the University. We can accept a maximum of 135 quarter credits of prior learning. Based on 3,399 graduates from 2013 through 2017. Note: these data were reported prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Individual experiences will vary. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. Future transfer credit savings are subject to review and the academic policies of Purdue Global. See the University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 4 No financial obligation beyond the application fee. Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
- 5 Source: [www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states](http://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states). Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 6 The Magnet Recognition Program® is a registered trademark of the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.
- 7 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Fastest Growing Occupations.
- 8 Completion time based on a full-time student with a prior associate's degree. Programs will take longer for part-time students, students who take leaves of absence or drop and return, and students with a prior diploma/certificate to complete. The number of required credits may vary depending on individual state education requirements, which could affect how long it will take to complete the program. More than 52% of 2016–2017 graduates completed the program in 18 months or less (Source: Office of the Registrar, October 2017). Note: these data were reported prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global.
- 9 Source: American Nurses Association, *Workforce*.
- 10 Source: Institute of Medicine, "Assessing Progress on the IOM Report *The Future of Nursing*," December 2015.
- 11 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.