



Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)

Realize your dream of becoming a nurse

Our Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program is geared towards individuals, just like you, that already have a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing major from a regionally-accredited college or university, but want to get licensed as an RN and working in the field quickly.

Prepare for success

Our 60-credit ABSN program can be completed in as few as 16 months full-time*, so you can be on your way to a career where you truly make a difference, in just months. In conjunction with your prior learning, our ABSN coursework will put you on the path to becoming an RN on a timeline that works for you.

You will learn the skills and gain the knowledge necessary to become an advocate for your patients, families, and communities. You will practice a holistic approach to patient wellness and quality care through critical and creative thinking, ethical decision-making, and evidence-based practice.

With our fixed tuition model, you will know the total cost of completing your ABSN degree before you begin classes.

Start your career as a nurse

Upon completion of your ABSN degree, you will take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) to become licensed as an RN. Once you have passed the NCLEX and are licensed as an RN, you may wish to continue your education in our MSN degree at Goodwin University.

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Transfer credits: 38 credits

Students entering this program will automatically be awarded 38 credits in recognition of attaining their first bachelor's degree.

Prerequisite courses: 22 credits

BIO 211	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 212	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 235	Microbiology	4
CHEM 101	Chemistry	4
PSY 212	Lifespan Development	3
STAT 167	Principles of Statistics	3

Core courses: 60 credits

Fall semester I

NUR 208	Health Assessment and Skills Development	6
NUR 302	Foundations of Professional Nursing	3
NUR 308	Principles of Pathophysiology	3
NUR 376	Pharmacology for Nurses	3

Spring semester I

NUR 215	The Wellness Continuum for Adults I	6
NUR 320	Mental Health Nursing	5
NUR 311	Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3

Summer semester I

NUR 305	The Wellness Continuum II (15-week course)	7
NUR 335	The Wellness Continuum for Children and Families (Accelerated 7-week course during session I of this semester)	3
NUR 430	Community and Public Health Nursing (Accelerated 7-week course during session II of this semester)	5

Fall semester II

NUR 435	The Wellness Continuum for Women, Newborns, and Families	4
NUR 450	Caring for Adults with Complex Health Alterations	9
NUR 457	Nursing Leadership	3

Total credits: 120

Possible workplaces include:

- Home healthcare services
- Hospitals
- Nursing care facilities
- Physicians' offices
- Schools

Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), formerly known as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing (RN-to-BSN and ABSN) at Goodwin University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

Students must have earned a bachelor of science in non-nursing major or bachelor of arts degree at a regionally-accredited college or university. Admission to the program requires a minimum 3.0 GPA in the most recently acquired degree or the last 12 or more credits earned at Goodwin University, and acceptance is determined via a point system. The point system considers the number of courses taken at Goodwin University, the student's GPA from the last 12 credits from their most recent degree, and points for their score on a pre-admission exam. All requirements must be completed before applying to the program.

*Additional time is required to complete prerequisite courses.