

## VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM **BSN/MSN Gateway Program for Registered Nurses**

Imagine an RN to MSN program in a state-of-the-art facility that offers you flexibility, convenience, career advancement and a tuition discount. That's what students enjoy in our BSN/MSN Gateway Program for Registered Nurses. Our innovative curriculum and distinguished faculty will help you open doors and achieve your professional career goals. The benefits of attending the program are many, including:

- Individualized learning programs to customize your BSN/MSN experience
- Possibility of needing to take only 24 credits at Villanova
- Flexible scheduling
- Most courses are for RNs only and give you the opportunity to network with distinguished faculty and fellow RN students.
- 30% tuition reduction for RNs employed full-time in nursing during the BSN phase of the program
- Jump starting your MSN study through elective options



### **FIRST COMES LIFE.**

#### **SCHEDULE YOUR COURSES AROUND IT.**

Feel free to plan ahead. It's easy. Villanova's BSN/MSN Gateway Program for Registered Nurses is the perfect way to advance your career. We know our students are busy professionals so we designed this program to accommodate your need to move forward with earning a bachelor of science and a master of science in nursing degree. That is why:

- Part-time or full-time study is possible.
- Most nursing courses have web-based components.
- Some required courses and electives are included during summer session. The required nursing courses can be completed in four semesters. A typical part-time schedule extends through four to six semesters.
- Most RNs will need to complete general education requirements as well as nursing courses. The time needed for this will vary and is planned on an individual basis.
- The MSN track varies from 39–55 credits. It can be completed in 4–7 semesters, with full-time enrollment of 9–12 credits per semester. Most graduate students attend part-time for five or six semesters.

*“Obtaining a degree from a well-respected school, at a reasonable expense, while having enough time to work and enjoy life...what else can you ask for? Villanova's Gateway program offers it all, and gives you the ability to network with a variety of professionals who guide you in your future career endeavors.”*

OLGA BOTVENKO, BSN, RN



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## EXPERIENCE VALUED

Villanova's College of Nursing acknowledges your experience and previous education. We work with you to tailor the program for your learning needs and career goals. How?

- Two required nursing courses have been developed exclusively for RN students.
- Learning experiences in three other required nursing courses are individualized enabling you and your faculty advisor to plan meaningful experiences.
- 44 credits in nursing are awarded toward the BSN degree through a combination of graduation from an NLNAC-accredited program (GPA at least 2.75), current RN licensure and credit by exam.
- Credits you have taken at an accredited college or university and are a grade C or better, will transfer provided they fit with the BSN curriculum and that no more than 61 non-nursing credits are transferred.
- You should have evidence of successful completion of a physical assessment course taken at a university (a transcript) or as part of a continuing education program (a certificate). If you do not have proof of a physical assessment course, you may challenge it.
- Selected liberal education courses may be challenged through the University's Credit by Examination program for a small per-credit fee. You may challenge up to 12 credits in liberal education courses in addition to the 44 credits awarded in nursing by transfer and exam. Graduate-level courses may not be challenged.

See the complete explanation of admission prerequisites at [www.villanova.edu/nursing/programs/undergrad/gateway/admission/prerequisites.htm](http://www.villanova.edu/nursing/programs/undergrad/gateway/admission/prerequisites.htm). You will find a sample curriculum for the BSN phase of program at [www.villanova.edu/nursing/programs/undergrad/gateway/curriculum](http://www.villanova.edu/nursing/programs/undergrad/gateway/curriculum).

*The culture of Villanova emphasizes the importance of the student and the learning process and this makes it a wonderful place to learn and grow. Professors artfully balance the unique needs of adult learners already in the field while presenting new knowledge and experiences that become essential to the professional development of the student. I knew that obtaining my BSN would open doors but I never expected so many, so soon.*

HANNAH ELDREDGE, BSN, RN

## START EARNING YOUR MSN EARLY

Join our Graduate Nursing Program, ranked among the top graduate nursing programs in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*. For the master's phase of your study, you have the option to pursue your advanced degree in:

- Nursing education
- Nurse anesthesia
- Nurse practitioner (adult, pediatric, family)
- Health care administration

You will find in-depth descriptions of these concentrations on our Web site at [www.villanova.edu/nursing/programs/graduate](http://www.villanova.edu/nursing/programs/graduate).

If you indicate when you apply that you wish to earn your master's degree, you will receive a provisional acceptance into the Graduate Nursing Program when you are accepted as a BSN/MSN Gateway student. (If you wish to pursue only your BSN, you may indicate that choice when you apply.) You may apply for full admission to the Graduate Nursing Program when you are within 18 credits of completion of the BSN requirements. However, you can get started on your master's study early by taking up to 9 graduate-level credits from a range of 12-course options while earning your BSN.

### READY TO TAKE THAT NEXT STEP?

For application and admission information, visit [www.villanova.edu/nursing/programs/undergrad/gateway/admission](http://www.villanova.edu/nursing/programs/undergrad/gateway/admission).

To have your questions answered or schedule a transcript review, contact Dr. Patricia Haynor at 610.519.7751 or [patricia.haynor@villanova.edu](mailto:patricia.haynor@villanova.edu).



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