

There are many BSN programs.

## How do we select the right one?

Consider the following:

- **Reputation** — What is the reputation of the program? What are the alumni like? Do you know nurses who graduated from the school?
- **Values foundation** —What matters to you? Is the values foundation the right fit for you? What is the sense of community or service there?
- **Start date** — Do nursing courses start freshman year to give an immediate professional involvement?
- **Faculty** — Who is teaching? Full-time doctorally prepared faculty? TAs? What is the faculty–student ratio, including in the clinical area? Who is the source for professional role modeling, advising and mentoring?
- **Clinical preparation** — What is the learning environment like? Is clinical simulation integrated into the curriculum? When do students begin developing clinical skills and knowledge? What is the quality and variety of the clinical affiliations?
- **International and multicultural education** — What opportunities are there to develop a global perspective and cultural sensitivity?
- **Research** — Can your student engage in research and to what extent? With whom?
- **Leadership development** — Are there active student organizations? What leadership opportunities are there?
- **Grad school** — Is your student able to transition into graduate school or take graduate–level courses as appropriate?



Have questions?

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