

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing

(1+2+1 Collaborative Curriculum RN + BSN)



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COLLEGE

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing 1+2+1 Collaborative Curriculum prepares students to earn their **Registered Nurse (RN) and BSN in four years**. The completion of the collaborative curriculum is based on students taking coursework at Washington & Jefferson College (W&J) **and** Washington Health System School of Nursing (WHSSN). The **collaborative curriculum academic pathway** allows students to receive a **RN diploma in their junior year** and a **BSN in their senior year**. The mission of the W&J nursing collaborative curriculum is to prepare a highly qualified, competent, and educated diverse student population to practice professional nursing through innovation and service. We are committed to creating a **student-centric learning environment** grounded in academic rigor with the **blending of the liberal arts and sciences**, and the science of nursing that will enhance the essential skills and abilities needed for the discipline of nursing.

## Major Requirements

### Pre-Nursing Courses taken at W&J:

English Composition (ENG 111 or 112)  
Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 103)  
Human Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 104)  
Introduction to Psychology for Nursing (PSY 103)  
Pre-Nursing Seminar I (NUR 050)  
Pre-Nursing Seminar II (NUR 051)  
Lifespan Developmental Psychology (PSY 263)  
Microbiology in Nursing and Allied Health (BIO 115)  
Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)  
Human Nutrition (BIO 112)  
Career Readiness & Role Transition (NUR 410)  
Bioethics (PHL 232)

### Core Pre-Licensure Nursing Courses taken at WHSSN:

Nursing Theory & Clinical (NUR 100)  
Nursing Theory & Clinical (NUR 200)  
Nursing Theory & Clinical (NUR 300)  
Nursing Theory & Clinical (NUR 400)

*Students who complete the program requirements and pass the National Council Licensure Exam for the RN (NCLEX-RN) will receive a Registered Nurse (RN) Diploma from WHSSN.*

*Active unencumbered RN licensure is required for continuation in the senior year post-licensure RN-BSN curriculum.*

### Core RN-BSN 400-Level Courses taken at W&J:

Nursing Health Assessment (NUR 420)  
Promoting Community and Public Health (NUR 421)  
ARTIS Designated Course\*  
Research and Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing (NUR 430)  
Leadership & Management for Professional Nursing Practice (NUR 431)  
Health Policy, Economics & Informatics for Nurses (NUR 440)  
Care of Vulnerable Populations (NUR 441)  
Transcultural Perspectives in Nursing (NUR 441)  
Introductory Statistics\* (MTH 125)  
Family Centered End of Life Care (NUR 451)  
Senior Nursing Capstone (NUR 499)

*\*Note: A course that satisfies the W&J general education "Artistic" requirement and Introductory Statistics can be taken prior to senior year.*

### Partner Institution:

Washington Health System School of Nursing

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## Program Website

washjeff.edu/programs/nursing/

# Beyond the Classroom

Students in the nursing major will gain a solid nursing foundation, knowledge, and skills to employ an **evidence-based** holistic framework in providing optimal care in the **complex care settings** across the lifespan of the communities and global populations they serve. Through exposure to nursing and interprofessional educational experiences and **didactic, clinical, preceptorship, and research** experiential learning, students develop nursing leadership competencies in interprofessional communication and interdisciplinary collaboration. All students in their senior year will complete a **community and public health practicum** experience under the supervision of W&J faculty and a **senior nursing capstone** requiring students to complete a research project on an identified relevant and current clinical practice problem.

*The BSN program is seeking Chapter membership for student academic achievements recognition of BSN graduates through Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing.*

## Employment & Other Opportunities

There are many opportunities available to nursing graduates to work in various specialties and care settings providing direct patient care in the hospital, ambulatory, community, or home-care settings.

Nursing specialty opportunities include but are not limited to:

*Maternal Newborn, Pediatrics, Acute Care, Medical Surgical, Psychiatric Mental Health, Critical Care, Intensive Care, Emergency Medicine, Surgical and Operating Room, School Nurse, Occupational Health Nurse, Correctional Nursing, Forensics, Rehab Nursing, Gerontological Care, Home Health and Hospice, Nurse Informaticists, Public Health Nurse, Utilization and Review Nurse, and Legal Nurse Consultant.*

BSN graduates pursuing further graduate studies and doctoral degrees can find opportunities to include but not limited to:

*Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (APRN) in various Certification Specialties, Nurse Educators, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), and Academic Chairs and Deans.*

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook for Registered Nurses: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>

**Important:** Upon acceptance to the College, incoming first-year students who desire admission as a pre-nursing major will be evaluated on their readiness to complete program requirements to determine eligibility for enrollment in their sophomore year of the WHSSN pre-licensure curriculum. All applicants to the pre-nursing program must complete the listed prerequisites and must meet additional academic requirements, safety, and technical standards per WHSSN requirements and per W&J post-licensure RN-BSN program requirements. Active unencumbered RN licensure is required for continuation in the senior year post-licensure RN-BSN curriculum at W&J.