

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN - BSN

## Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective students often ask how long the **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** takes to complete, what the program costs and if financial aid is available, and if the degree is awarded through USC Upstate.

You can find answers to these questions below.

- The online RN-BSN program requires that a student have an associate degree or diploma in nursing from an accredited program with 33 nursing credit hours and an active Registered Nurse (RN) License. Admission to the program is offered 5 times throughout the year, and the degree is typically completed in 12 months.
- Students are eligible to receive applicable federal and state financial aid assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at [www.palmettocollege.sc.edu](http://www.palmettocollege.sc.edu).
- The BSN program at the Mary Black College of Nursing at USC Upstate, is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the South Carolina Board of Nursing.

## Prepare for Your Future

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing at USC Upstate is designed to provide a broad foundation for RNs who want to pursue career growth in the healthcare profession. The RN to BSN program offers the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills needed for the advanced healthcare setting.

In particular, health care settings are recruiting a greater percentage of nurses with the BSN. With the high demand for versatile, skilled BSNs, your career possibilities are numerous.

## Why should I complete a bachelor's degree in nursing?

Healthcare organizations need professional nurses who are prepared to provide care in increasingly complex health care settings by managing and solving problems critically, creatively, and effectively.

Through the bachelor's degree in nursing, students will be prepared for success in these critical areas as a professional nurse.

## Why should I complete a degree online from USC Upstate through Palmetto College?

USC Upstate is the #1 ranked public baccalaureate university in South Carolina and the South's best college for veterans. As a Palmetto College student, you'll have access to USC Upstate's academic resources and enjoy a flexible schedule without having to relocate. And best of all, when you're finished with the program, you'll graduate with a degree from a top-notch, nationally recognized university.

## For More Information

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The career of nursing is a highly respected field, and there is a great demand for highly skilled nurses around the globe today.



**Chan Samreth**

B.S.N in Nursing, 2018

"I have become a role model to future nurses that can demonstrate compassion, care ethics, and dedicated work in our profession.

I would recommend this program to anyone that is looking to pursue a higher education in the nursing profession."

## Prerequisites and Requirements

**To apply for this online degree program, students must have:**

- General Education Pre-Requisites
- Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level coursework
- Associate Degree in Nursing
- Be a Registered Nurse with an unencumbered license

## Curriculum

Our nursing program focuses on developing nurses who will apply critical reasoning, demonstrate effective communication, practice competent nursing care, and operate as a professional role model who responds to the rapid changes and demands in the health care industry.

**The curriculum includes coursework in the following disciplines:**

- Leadership and Professional Nursing - **8 credit hours**
- Current Topics in Nursing - **9 credit hours**
- Community/Public Health Nursing - **6 credit hours**
- Quality Practice and Safety - **6 credit hours**
- Health Assessment - **3 credit hours**