

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program at St. Ambrose is committed to innovation and excellence. Our graduates are highly sought after by employers because of their skill and knowledge. Students work closely with highly educated and experienced faculty who get to know you, and want you to succeed.

We'll prepare you. If you enjoy working with people, do well in subjects such as science and social studies, and seek new experiences and challenges on a daily basis, then our nursing program is definitely for you. Early in your studies, we'll prepare you in physical examination techniques, communication skills, health assessment, development of interventions, and evaluation of patient outcomes. You will use state-of-the-art technology in the classroom and in various clinical settings with class sizes that are small.

Your possibilities are endless. St. Ambrose offers Early Decision Placement (EDP) for qualified high school seniors. We provide excellent support for NCLEX nursing licensure exam preparation that is woven into our curriculum. Our goal is to make our graduates successful. As a BSN graduate from St. Ambrose, your possibilities for employment and further education are endless!

Ambrose Advantages

State-of-the-art. The St. Ambrose nursing program provides opportunities to practice in top-notch facilities across the Quad Cities, including diverse outpatient experiences. Our state-of-the-art simulation and hospital lab allow students to safely practice and rehearse skills before working with real patients. We seek opportunities to work with students in allied health professions such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and physician assistants.

Expertise and individual attention. While our nursing program admits more than 80 students per year, we remain committed to small classes, labs and clinical supervision to allow for greater individual attention and student interaction. With a combined total of more than 300 years of nursing experience, our professors have a breadth of expertise and professional skill. Professors provide individual guidance to support your academic and career success.

As a nursing student at St. Ambrose, you can count on these important advantages:

- > The Nursing Department is located in the Center for Health Sciences Education on the Genesis Medical Center west campus.
- > Clinical experiences in real health care environments allow students opportunities for hands-on experience.
- > State of the art simulation and laboratory experiences.
- > Students have opportunities to practice in both acute care and community settings.



- > Seniors benefit from a semester-long nurse preceptorship in a clinical area of interest.
- > Standardized testing prep is woven into the curriculum to prepare for the NCLEX exam.
- > The curriculum includes a special emphasis on innovation, evidence based practice, whole person caring, and service.

Career Opportunities

With your BSN, you'll be able to work in healthcare facilities including hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient clinics, mental health organizations and public health departments. Job opportunities include **staff nursing, advance practice nursing, home health nursing, travel nursing, private duty nursing, research, tele-health, nursing education, emergency relief, military nursing, forensic nursing, quality assurance** and case management.

Additional education beyond the bachelor's degree can prepare nurses to assume the roles of **nurse administrator, nurse educator, nurse practitioner** and **nurse researcher**.

Career Outlook

The message is clear—the national demand for nurses in all areas is surpassing the number of professionals available:

- > The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that by the year 2018, there will be a need for 581,500 more nurses in the workforce than will be available.
- > Discovernursing.com estimates a need for 800,000 additional nurses nationwide by 2020.
- > The need for nurses with post-graduate degrees is projected to grow 31 percent through 2022.

Where Some of Our Graduates Work

Ambrose alumni can be found working in health care facilities near and far. Approximately half of nursing graduates practice in the region, in institutions such as Genesis Health System and the University of Iowa. Other grads travel as far as Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Illinois, North Carolina and Texas. Employers include Mayo Clinic Health System, Baylor University and Rush University Medical Center.

Your Career: Networking, Clinical Placements and Jobs in the Quad Cities

The Quad Cities is a welcoming and fun place to live as a college student. More than that, it offers a great community to help you prepare for—or even start—your career. This area is a leader in healthcare, wellness and fitness, and provides a variety of opportunities for health sciences graduates.

Several major hospitals and healthcare providers need highly trained health specialists. St. Ambrose students have a range of clinical placement options without leaving the area. Organizations from YMCAs to fitness centers offer recreation and wellness job opportunities. All this means the Quad Cities offers exceptional opportunities for networking, clinical placements and jobs.

Get in Touch With Us Today

We invite you to visit St. Ambrose to learn more about the opportunities here. Our quality academic programs provide one of the best private education values in the Midwest. Check it out for yourself: contact our Admissions Office, 563/333-6300 (toll-free 800/383-2627) or admit@sau.edu, or go online to www.sau.edu.

St. Ambrose University offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. An RN-to-BSN program is also offered. For complete curriculum information and course descriptions, consult the Course Catalog at www.sau.edu/catalog.