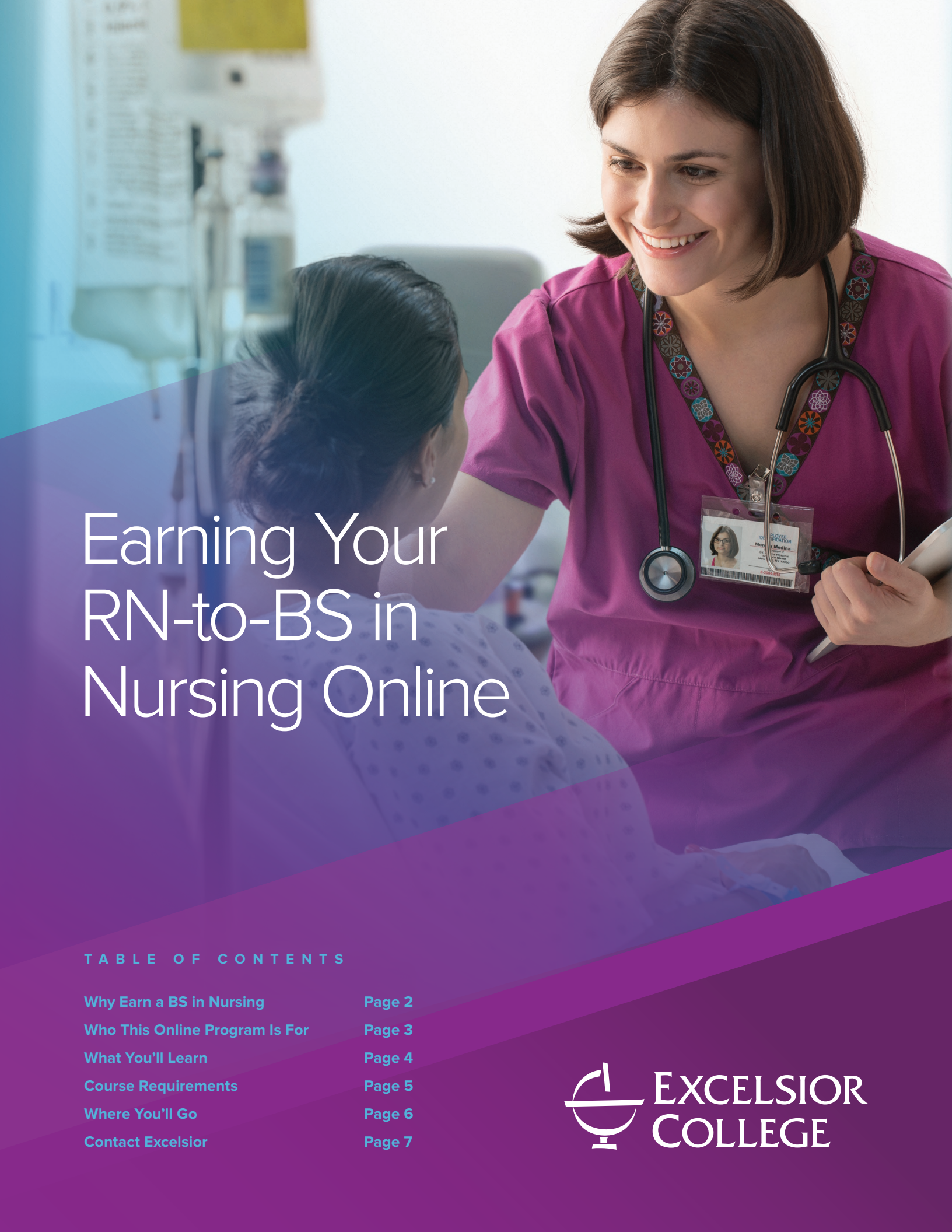




Earning Your RN-to-BS in Nursing Online

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“...I wanted more out of nursing and really wanted to further my education...Excelsior College has changed my life because it has allowed me to get the degree that I wanted and to continue my education while doing everything I wanted to do...work and sports, seeing my family, and everything like that.”

GINA BRANDOLINO

BS in Nursing, 2013

Why Earn a BS in Nursing

With a practical, comprehensive education taught by experienced professionals, Excelsior's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program prepares you for the next steps in your career. Whether you're a new RN or a seasoned health care professional, here are four more advantages for current nurses to pursue a BS in Nursing at Excelsior College:

- **Better Patient Outcomes with Highly Trained Personnel**
According to a 2013 study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, hospitals with a higher percentage of bachelor's-prepared nurses had both a higher standard of patient care and a lower incidence of patient post-surgical mortality. Excelsior's curriculum prepares students to not only meet, but also exceed, these patient outcomes.
- **"80/20 by 2020"**
The Institute of Medicine recommends that 80 percent of the nursing workforce have a baccalaureate degree by 2020. The convenience of Excelsior can help you achieve this requirement while managing your work-life balance.
- **Opportunity and Advancement**
Having a BS in Nursing perfectly positions you to transition to a specialty nursing field, gain responsibility in an administrative capacity, or even pursue a teaching career with a master's degree. Excelsior's program can provide the foundation for all these pursuits.
- **Higher Skill = Higher Earning Potential**
As a highly skilled member of your team, you'll enjoy the personal and professional satisfaction of being the best nurse you can be in an increasingly evolving health care landscape. Earning a BS in Nursing will give you the added benefit of higher career earning potential.

Who This Online Program Is For

Practical Program for Working Nurses

Excelsior's ACEN-accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is designed for professional nurses ready to advance their career, and do it on their time. In this competitive and comprehensive program, you'll earn your BS in Nursing without interrupting your current employment as you benefit from:

- Online classes that coordinate with your work schedule.
- Transfer policies that maximize previous education experience.
- Enrollment that immediately applies 30 credits for an active RN license.
- Academic support from award-winning academic advisors.
- Financial aid and scholarships to make courses more affordable.

“Excelsior has made a tremendous impact on my career. I feel like they've done so much for me, so I want to give back to them. I've gotten three degrees from them. [Four years ago], I had finished my bachelor's and moved to a new area, a new hospital system. And I've gotten four promotions over the last four years as I've [earned] my master's degree. I couldn't have done that without Excelsior.”

JENNIFER GENTRY

BS in Nursing, 2011 & MS in Nursing, 2015

What You'll Learn

Pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing can be daunting, as well as a major career step in the right direction. The faculty of Excelsior College's BS in Nursing program understands the challenge, as well as the added complications for those balancing a nursing career and other personal obligations. That's why its online courses are made to accommodate any schedule, all while building new skills and competencies as you earn your degree.

Excelsior's BS in Nursing program challenges you to enhance your current knowledge and build new competencies as you learn how to:

- Promote holistic patient-centered care and population health supporting values, culture, right to self-fulfillment, and quality care outcomes.
- Integrate evidence, nursing theory, and knowledge from other disciplines to guide nursing practice.
- Formulate decisions based on nursing judgment and collaboration with the inter-professional team to achieve quality patient outcomes.
- Incorporate professional core values, guidelines, standards of practice, and lifelong learning as a basis for professional nursing practice.
- Apply principles of leadership to advocate for the unique role of the nursing profession within the health care system.
- Engage in the spirit of inquiry to purpose solutions that support nursing excellence.

Where You Can Go

Excelsior's BS in Nursing expertly instructs current RNs to advance through the rigors of health care's most vital facilities. Whether in a hospital setting, primary or secondary school, private practice, or college classroom, students can take their degree and pursue a position and setting suitable for their career aspirations—and a salary in line with their ideal compensation.

Excelsior College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program leads students to reach their full potential. The Foundation for Professional Development has identified the strongest qualities that baccalaureate-level nursing graduates develop and take with them into their career:

- Cultural competence
- In-depth knowledge of population health
- Person-centered
- Advocacy skills
- Critical thinking both personally and professionally
- Confidence
- Self-reflective learning style
- Evidence-based practice perspective

“There’s a great support system with Excelsior, the professors, your school counselor, and fellow students. There’s never been a time I’ve come across a roadblock that there wasn’t [someone] available to communicate with...I’ve never felt like I didn’t have a support system there for me.”

CALEEN OLIVER

BS in Nursing, 2015

GENERAL EDUCATION COMPONENT	CREDIT HOURS
► Information Literacy ¹	1
► Written English Requirement ²	6
► Humanities	9
► Ethics Core ³	3
► Social Sciences Social Sciences/History: 9 Psychology Core: 3 Sociology Core: 3	15
► Natural Sciences and Mathematics Human Anatomy and Physiology Core: 4 Microbiology Core: 3 Sciences Supportive of Nursing Core: 2 Statistics Core: 3 Natural Sciences/Mathematics: 3	15
► Arts & Sciences Electives	12
TOTAL CREDITS FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES COMPONENT	61

NURSING COMPONENT	CREDIT HOURS
► Nursing Credit 30 semester hours of nursing credit granted for prior learning validated by nursing education and successful completion of the NCLEX-RN®. All requirements below are online courses.	30
► Phase I NUR 336 The Profession of Nursing: Becoming Influential: 3 NUR 338 Introduction to Informatics for Nurses: 2 NUR 342 Holistic Health Care Across the Life Span: 4 Nursing Elective (upper level) ⁵ : 3	12
► Phase II NUR 430 Research in Nursing: 3 NUR 446 Teaching and Learning in a Diverse Society: 3 NUR 448 Community Health Nursing: Caring for the Public's Health: 4 NUR 456 Leadership and Management in Nursing: 4	14
► Phase III NUR 462 Nursing Capstone ^{3,6}	4
TOTAL CREDITS FOR NURSING COMPONENT	60

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS REQUIRED
121

¹ This requirement must be completed within the first 13 Excelsior College credits attempted, and no more than five years prior to the academic policy date.

² The Written English Requirement is a prerequisite to all nursing courses except Introduction to Informatics for Nurses (NUR 338). The first 3 credits in Written English must be completed within the first 13 Excelsior College credits attempted.

³ The ethics core requirement is a prerequisite for the Nursing Capstone.

⁴ Statistics is a pre-/corequisite for Research in Nursing.

⁵ These credits are not required for students who earned an associate degree in nursing at Excelsior College.

⁶ Students are eligible for this requirement when the ethics core requirement is complete, when they have no more than 6 credits in general education still needed, and when all other nursing courses are complete. The nursing elective is the only nursing requirement that can be taken along with the capstone course.



The associate, bachelor's, and master's degree programs in nursing at Excelsior College are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

The ACEN is a specialized accrediting agency for nursing recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

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