BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) PROGRAM

OVERVIEW
A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is the most desired credential in health care today. And at Briar Cliff, we’ve been preparing some of the region's most committed nurses for generations. Get experience where it counts most — in the field! In your program, you'll get over 800 hours of clinical practice in hospitals, community health agencies, long-term care facilities and other community-based settings.

WHY THIS PROGRAM?
State-of-the-Art Labs: Our renovated simulation, chemistry and biology laboratories are unparalleled for an undergraduate institution our size. You could also get to work in one of the region’s only working educational cadaver labs!

Hands-on Experience: Get experience where it counts most in the field. In our program, you’ll get over 800 hours of clinical practice in hospitals, community health agencies, long-term care facilities and other community based settings.

Easy Transition to Advance Your Career: Briar Cliff is the only university in Western Iowa where you can start as an undergraduate or Registered Nurse (RN) and work all the way up Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) all at the same school!

PROGRAM ENTRY
Students enrolled in this cooperative program complete their Associate of Science at Western Iowa Tech Community College and Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Briar Cliff University. Assessment and advising before registration will help ensure success in program planning and completion.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
The BSN degree program students may enter the program either through completing their AS degree in Indigenous Science with Health Concentration or completing the nursing pre-requisite courses and the general education requirements. Students completing the AS degree will have met all of the BCU general education requirements, with the exception of needing their Global Society course.

Students transferring into Briar Cliff University’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program are to have completed nursing pre-requisite and general education courses with a 2.7 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).

CAREER OPTIONS
- Nursing
- Nurse educating
- Nurse manager
- Case management nurse
- School nurse
- Travel nurse
- Mid-wife
- Forensic nurse
- Pharmaceutical assistant
**Western Iowa Tech Community College**

**Required BCU Prerequisite Courses**

- BIO 168 Human Anatomy & Pys I © 4
- BIOL 222 Human Anatomy & Physiology II © 4
- BIO 151 Nutrition © 3
- CHM 166 Chemistry for the Health Sciences I © 5
- BIOL 186 Microbiology © 4
- PSY 111 Introductory Psychology © 3
- PSY 241 Abnormal Psychology © 3
- PYSC 280 Developmental Psychology © 3
- SOC 110 Principles of Sociology © 3
- ENG 105 Comp I 3
- MAT 157 Statistics © 4
- PHI-105 Ethics EM Foundation 3

**Required BCU Courses**

- BIOL 340 Pathophysiology © 4
- CORE 110 Franciscan Life 3
- THEO RE Foundation

**Required WITCC Courses for BCU Foundation**

**Aesthetics courses (AE)**

- ART 101, ART 203, ART 204, DRA 101, DRA 112, HUM 101, HUM 220, LIT 101, LIT 110, LIT 111, LIT 140, LIT 141, LIT 150, LIT 151, LIT 185, MUS 100, MUS 199, MUS 205

**Multicultural Foundation (MC)**

- LIT 150, LIT 151, REL 101, MUS 202, GEO 121, HIS 255, HIS 256, LIT 133, LIT 189, SOC 200

**Historical Consciousness Foundation (HC)**

- HIS 110, HIS 111, HIS 151, HIS 152, HIS 251, MMS 101, PHI 101, POL 111

**Religious Education (RE) - Taken at BCU**

- THEO 116 Church in the World
- OR THEO 203 Christian Denominations
- OR THEO 107 Christian & Franciscan Tradition

**Franciscan Core - Taken at BCU**

- CORE 110

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**Transfer Scholarships**

**Awards up to $14,000**

Briar Cliff University transfer scholarships are only available to first-time transfer students who are entering our student body with a minimum transfer CGPA of 2.0. The total scholarship amount awarded will be allotted throughout your time at Briar Cliff University, provided a minimum CGPA of 2.0 is maintained.

**Questions?**

Contact Admissions at (712) 279-5200 or email Admissions@briarcliff.edu.

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General Education Requirements: two courses from the Aesthetic Foundation (AE), one from the Historical Foundation (HC), and one from the Religious Foundation (RE), one from the Multicultural foundation (MC). Students completing their AS through WITCC will have the Foundation courses waived for to BCU. Students only completing the pre-requisite courses and not earning the AS will be required to complete all Foundation courses for graduation with their BSN degree.

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Year III, Fall Semester (16 credits / 260 clinical hours)
- NURS 302 © Foundational Nursing Concepts
  Semester Hrs: 5 Clin Hrs: 80
- NURS 322 © Health Assessment
  Semester Hrs: 3 Clin Hrs: 40
- NURS 312 © Concepts for Beg. Nursing Practice
  Semester Hrs: 5 Clin Hrs: 100
- NURS 365 © Pediatric Growth & Development
  Semester Hrs: 2 Clin Hrs: 40

Year III, Spring Semester (16 credits / 240 clinical hours)
- NURS 300  © Evidence Based Nursing Practice
  Semester Hrs: 5 Clin Hrs: 80
- NURS 360  © Concepts for Intermediate Nursing
  Practice – I (1st half)
  Semester Hrs: 5 Clin Hrs: 80
- NURS 370  © Concepts for Intermediate Nursing
  Practice – II (2nd half)
  Semester Hrs: 5 Clin Hrs: 80
- NURS 332 © Concepts for Reproduction & Sexuality
  Semester Hrs: 5 Clin Hrs: 80

Year IV, Fall Semester (13 credits / 160 clinical hours)
- NURS 480 © Concepts for Complex Nursing Practice
  Semester Hrs: 6 Clin Hrs: 120
- NURS 400 © Psychosocial Concepts of Nursing
  Semester Hrs: 4 Clin Hrs: 40
- LIBA 410 Global Society GL
  Semester Hrs: 3 Clin Hrs: -

Year IV, Spring Semester (14 credits / 200 clinical hours)
- NURS 402 © Nursing Practice in the Community
  Semester Hrs: 4 Clin Hrs: 40
- NURS 460 © Nursing Leadership & Management
  Semester Hrs: 4 Clin Hrs: 40
- NURS 465 © Nursing Preceptor Experience
  Semester Hrs: 4 Clin Hrs: 120
- NURS 475 © Transition into Professional Nursing
  Semester Hrs: 2 Clin Hrs: -

Briar Cliff University BSN Program Total:
59 credits / 860 clinical hours

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