Accelerated BSN Program

Bradley’s Department of Nursing offers an undergraduate curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) for students who have already completed a bachelor’s degree. The full-time 15-month program begins each May and runs through the next August of the following year.

The 15-month program is designed to provide an intensive nursing preparation for students who hold a Bachelor’s degree in another discipline but wish to pursue a career in nursing. Nurses are increasingly at the forefront of innovative health care developments and must cultivate new knowledge. At Bradley University, the study of nursing blends theory and practice to prepare graduates to successfully complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing’s NCLEX-RN examination to become a registered nurse. The program is fully accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Graduates of the program will be prepared for the beginning practice of professional nursing in a variety of settings.

Candidates should hold a Bachelor’s degree in a discipline other than nursing, have a minimum of a 2.75 grade point average (GPA) or above for the last 60 hours of college coursework, meet the General Education requirements for a Bradley University bachelor’s degree and have completed all prerequisite courses listed below prior to the start of the program in May.

- Fundamentals of Chemistry (with lab)
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Microbiology
- Pathophysiology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Nutrition
- Introduction to Sociology
- Math Statistics

Students begin their clinical experiences during their first practicum course. Clinical experiences include:

- Emergency nursing
- Critical care nursing
- Adult medical-surgical nursing
- Perioperative observations
- Skilled care nursing
- Mental health nursing
- Community health nursing
- Maternal-child nursing
- Pediatric nursing

Interested students should apply online as a transfer student. This link will take you to the appropriate transfer student application site. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Accelerated Nursing Application. This page will automatically refresh. After the refresh, continue to the bottom of the page and log in if you already have a Bradley application account. If you do not have an account, you can create an account. After creating an account, click on Start New Application and choose the Accelerated Nursing Application. Applications must be completed and all transcripts sent no later than June 1st for completed course work. Applicants will have the fall and spring semesters to complete nursing perquisites and general education courses before entering the program in the following May. The Nursing Department’s Committee for Admission to Special Programs will review completed applications and invite selected students for interviews with offers of admission made thereafter.