

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Loyola University Chicago's Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program allows students who already possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college to acquire a BSN degree more rapidly than traditional BSN students. The nursing portion of the program is identical to the traditional BSN, only compressed. Students in the BSN program have the same quality faculty and experiences as other students in the School of Nursing. The core requirements and prerequisites are slightly different, however, because of the attainment of a previous college degree.

A registered nurse with a BSN degree is a professional nurse who has passed the mandatory licensure examination, the NCLEX-RN. Having the BSN degree allows a nurse to practice in more settings, and provides greater opportunities for career advancement than the associate degree in nursing. The ABSN program allows a student to build on her or his existing education through clinical lab experiences, the acquisition of practice skills, and the development of critical thinking and clinical decision-making abilities.



THE PROGRAM

At Loyola, you will find a challenging and supportive atmosphere where you will be encouraged to achieve all your academic goals. The ABSN program offers you:

- An intensive 12.5-month program that students begin in the middle of May and finish the following year.
- Opportunities for nursing clinical experiences in a variety of settings that include: Loyola University Health System, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, Northwest Community Hospital, Central DuPage Hospital, University of Chicago Hospitals, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Hines Veteran's Administration Hospital, Children's Memorial Hospital, MacNeal Health Network, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, selected long-term care facilities, senior centers, school-based health centers such as Proviso East High School, psychiatric settings, and other health care facilities.
- A well-established, tested academic program.
- Exposure to nationally renowned nurse faculty, educators, researchers, scholars, and leaders.
- Individualized attention to student goals by caring and concerned faculty and staff.

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- Direct entry to MSN and PhD in Nursing programs.
- A network of more than 5,000 alumni who have graduated from the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing at Loyola, the only Jesuit university nationwide with an academic medical center.
- Myriad career opportunities, given the nation's high demand for nurses.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ABSN candidates must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and provide evidence of meeting the minimum qualifying grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

To apply for admission, please submit:

- An **undergraduate transfer application**, available online at www.lucadmission.org/launch/login.asp.
- Your resume and a letter explaining your decision to enroll in the ABSN program and your hopes for the future (not to exceed 300 words).
- All official post-secondary transcripts from any schools attended. If you need to obtain transcripts, you may use our **transcript request form**, available online at LUC.edu/nursing/undergrad_absn.shtml. Transcripts must indicate completion of the 46 required prerequisite credit hours in the sciences and humanities, including:

Course	Credit Hours
Anatomy and Physiology	8 credit hours
General Chemistry	4 credit hours
Organic Chemistry	4 credit hours
Microbiology	3 credit hours
Introduction to Psychology	3 credit hours
Growth and Development	3 credit hours
English (three credits may be literature)	6 credit hours
History	3 credit hours
Statistics	3 credit hours

These courses may have been part of your original baccalaureate degree or may have been taken since that time at a junior or senior college. All science courses must include a laboratory component. Grades of "D" do not transfer. Science prerequisites must be taken within five years of entering the School of Nursing.

- A course completion form, if you intend to complete any required prerequisites prior to the beginning of this program. This form is available online at LUC.edu/nursing/pdfs/CourseCompletionForm.pdf.

- A prerequisite completion form, outlining the prerequisites that you have successfully completed prior to application. This form is available at LUC.edu/nursing/pdfs/PrerequisiteCompletionForm.pdf.
- Two completed sealed and signed recommendation forms, available online at LUC.edu/nursing/pdfs/RecommendationForm.pdf.
- Upon acceptance, you must fulfill Loyola's health requirements, which include required immunizations, having health insurance, and CPR with professional adult/child certification.

Please send all items together in one envelope to:

Loyola University Chicago
Undergraduate Admission Office
Lake Shore Campus
6525 North Sheridan Road
Chicago, IL 60626-9901

The application deadlines are October 1 (early decision) and November 15 (regular admission). All applications will be reviewed after the deadline. For more information, please contact the School of Nursing at **773.508.3249**, or e-mail schoolofnursing@luc.edu.

GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS

After you complete the ABSN degree at Loyola, you will have the opportunity to begin your graduate studies at the same time you begin your nursing practice. If you choose to pursue graduate studies in nursing at Loyola, you can transition seamlessly from the BSN to the MSN or PhD in Nursing degree program.

MSN DEGREE

The Master of Science in Nursing degree program is designed to prepare professional nurses for advanced practice and leadership roles in health care delivery. The degree program includes nurse practitioner majors that prepare graduates for primary and tertiary health care, clinical nurse specialist roles in specialty areas, and the role of nurse administrators through the health systems management major.

The School of Nursing, in conjunction with Loyola's School of Business Administration, also offers a MSN/MBA; and in conjunction with the Institute of Pastoral Studies, offers a MSN/MDiv.

PHD DEGREE

The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing degree program prepares nurse scholar/leaders to assume roles in education, research, or administration. The PhD in Nursing is a 64-credit-hour post-baccalaureate degree.

For detailed information about graduate nursing programs and criteria for admission, visit LUC.edu/nursing/admission_graduate.shtml.

FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

■ **Financial assistance for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program:** Students who are admitted to the ABSN program have already earned a bachelor degree and therefore do not qualify for federal, state, or Loyola need-based grants and scholarships. This limits the award consideration by the Office of Student Financial Assistance for ABSN students to federal and private loan programs. Students must be accepted into the ABSN program before a financial assistance application will be reviewed.

For more information, including tuition, costs and expenses for the upcoming year, and answers to frequently asked questions about financial aid for ABSN students, visit LUC.edu/finaid/specialprograms_absn.shtml.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Learn more about Loyola's ABSN program by attending one of our information sessions to hear a program overview and get your questions answered. Please view online listings of information session dates at LUC.edu/nursing/absn_info_sessions.shtml.

FOREIGN TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION

If you have completed undergraduate or graduate work in a country outside the United States, you must have your transcripts evaluated by Education Credential Evaluators (ECE). Please contact:

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P.O. Box 514070
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470
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LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Loyola University Chicago is the largest of the 28 Jesuit universities and colleges in the United States. Loyola was founded in 1870 by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), which today is the largest religious order in the Roman Catholic Church. Five characteristics distinguish Loyola as a Jesuit institution in the tradition of Ignatius Loyola:

- Demonstrating care for the individual and compassion for others
- Pursuing excellence in academics
- Finding God in all things and deepening one's religious commitment
- Fostering in all women and men the spirit of serving others
- Promoting in our society a concern for justice and ethics

Loyola has four campuses: Water Tower, off Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago; Lake Shore, on Chicago's North Side, set along Lake Michigan; the Medical Center in west suburban Maywood; and the John Felice Rome Center in Italy. Loyola's 10 schools and colleges include: arts and sciences; business administration; communication; continuing and professional studies; education; graduate studies; law; medicine; nursing; and social work.

Loyola's Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing was established in 1935, making it Illinois' first baccalaureate nursing program. The graduate program in nursing is ranked in the top 10% of all graduate nursing programs by *U.S. News & World Report*. The School of Nursing prepares competent and caring professional nurses who are immersed in a holistic approach to patient care, emphasizing critical thinking and decision making.

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