What to Expect in our Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) Program

Online Coursework

In-Hospital Clinical Rotations

NCLEX-RN Exam Preparation

Hands-On Simulation Labs
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What is the Accelerated BSN Nursing Program at Northeastern University?
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• Designed for non-nurses with a previous bachelor’s degree who desire entry into the profession

• **Prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination for practice as a registered nurse**

• Provides the essential nursing coursework to prepare students for a successful career in nursing including:
  • Didactic online courses complemented by clinical experiences in a variety of health care settings
  • Skills based courses complemented by laboratory and simulation experiences
  • Locations in Boston, Massachusetts and Charlotte, North Carolina
What is the Accelerated BSN Nursing Program at Northeastern University?

• At Northeastern, the Accelerated BSN program confers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) after four semesters of full-time study

• This means you can begin earning a salary as a nurse in as few as 16 months after you start the program (and after passing your NCLEX)
What is the Accelerated BSN Nursing Program at Northeastern University?

Northeastern is a school on the move:

- **2016**: *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Northeastern University among the top 40 National Universities
- **2013-17**: The School of Nursing is designated a "Center of Excellence in Nursing Education" by the *National League of Nursing*
- **2016**: Northeastern nursing hosted the first-of-its-kind Nurse Innovation and Entrepreneurship Summit
- **2013**: The nursing school celebrated 50 years of preparing nurse leaders

“To educate students for a life of fulfillment and accomplishment. To create and translate knowledge to meet global and societal needs.”

– *Northeastern’s mission*
What does an online class *really* look like?
What does an online class look like?

• Provides the same content as a traditional class, but with more flexibility
• Delivers the curriculum via a web-based platform that is accessible anywhere with an Internet connection
• Organized into learning modules containing interactive exercises, lecture material, assignment guidelines and opportunities for self-assessment
Online Classes

- Self-discipline is critical
- Web platform is the keeper of course content; **student can access any lecture anytime**
- Listen and replay original lectures as often as needed
- Lectures and textbooks work together to explain course content
- Student learning is self-motivated and directed

Traditional Classes

- Physical attendance is critical
- Professor is the keeper of course content; **a lecture missed is a lecture lost**
- One chance to absorb material first-hand
- Live lecture is the primary method for content delivery; textbooks are supplementary
- Student learning can be affected by content delivery (instructor, environment)
Experience an Online Course

- Exercises may simulate real clinical case studies with you as the decision-maker
- Other types of exercises include demonstrations and labeling/matching
- Course content can include:
  - Audio lectures
  - Assigned reading
  - Videos
  - Review questions
  - Exercises
- See for yourself >>
Is the ABSN program entirely online, or will I be going to campus?
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- Online learning is just one component of the Accelerated BSN program.
- The program comprises online theory classes, skills and simulation labs, and clinical experiences in hospitals and community settings.
- **Segments run concurrently so you can learn, practice and apply your knowledge at the same time**
- Skills labs and patient simulations occur at the ABSN learning center.
- Clinical placements occur onsite at hospitals and healthcare facilities near Boston or Charlotte.
Skills Lab Practice

- Lab time is an essential component of the ABSN program
- Skills lab operates like a real hospital wing
- Practice on high-tech manikins that mimic any human function
- Learn from faculty and practice with your peers
- Acquire the skills you’ll be performing in your clinicals
Clinical Placements

- Observe and work with RNs and other members of the healthcare team during your clinical experiences.
- Provide hands-on care for real patients
- Receive exposure to different clinical units / medical specialties
- Gain other healthcare experience in settings such as community health and home care
- Clinical placements may require commuting to and from the facility
How much time does the ABSN program take?
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• The program can be finished in 16 months of full-time study (four semesters) after you start

• Each semester includes online classes, labs, and clinicals

• Credit hours for online classes and lab sessions vary per semester

• Locations for clinical placements change each semester

• Additional time commitments include proctored exams and academic advising at the ABSN learning center
## Semester 1 Breakdown

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### Additional Considerations

- Proctored Exams (1-2 per week)
- Commute to Clinicals, Labs, & Exams (3-4 per week)
# Semester 2 Breakdown

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<td>• Weekly On-Campus Skills Labs</td>
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<td>• 2 Clinical Placements</td>
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**Additional Considerations**

- Proctored Exams (1-2 per week)
- Commute to Clinicals, Labs, & Exams (4-5 per week)
Semester 3 Breakdown

Curriculum
- 3 Online Classes: 12 credits
- 2 Clinical Placements: 4 credits
- No Skills Labs: -

Additional Considerations
- Proctored Exams (1-2 per week)
- Commute to Clinicals & Exams (3-4 per week)
Semester 4 Breakdown

Curriculum

- 4 Online Classes 15 credits
- 1 Clinical Placements 2 credits
- No Skills Labs -

Additional Considerations

- Proctored Exams (1-2 per week)
- Commute to Clinicals & Exams (3-4 per week)
How do I get started?
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1. Call us to speak with an admissions counselor for program eligibility and requirements.
   - For Boston, call 866.892.3819
   - For Charlotte, call 866.891.1490

2. Meet with a counselor for straight talk on nursing school, including:
   - Completion of prerequisite courses
   - Limitations of working and going to school at the same time
   - Options for funding your nursing degree
   - Choosing the best start date
How do I get started?

• Check out basic information on nursing on the Northeastern Nursing Blog

• Get nursing resources, career advice and admissions guidance from the RN Job Summary through the Bureau of Labor Statistics

• Learn about what nurses do, where you can work as a nurse, common pathways to becoming an RN and the benefits of a BSN

• Make an appointment to speak with an admissions counselor—and keep it!
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Connect with Northeastern Nursing on social media:
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Thank you!