Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Prepare to be a leader in today’s health care environment.

THE RIVIER UNIVERSITY ADVANTAGE
Rivier’s Nursing program prepares you for a career in the nursing field with extensive hands-on clinical experience and training.

At Rivier, academic excellence is offered and great achievement is expected. You will transform yourself through engaging classroom interaction, powerful study abroad experiences, challenging internships and life-changing community service. Our mission—“transforming hearts and minds to serve the world”—ensures that you will find a rich global experience in our vibrant campus community. Faculty members bring real-world experience to their classrooms and are dedicated to the success of every student.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Rivier University has the largest nursing program in New Hampshire and been a regional leader in nursing education for over 30 years. Our faculty consists of highly qualified and experienced nurse educators and practitioners who share their expertise and perspective with students and help them find their niche in nursing. Rivier’s faculty have been recognized for excellence by a number of agencies and organizations and hold key leadership roles in regional and national organizations. Faculty and alumni have been honored as Nurse Practitioners of the Year by the NH Nurse Practitioner Association, have served in leadership roles in the New Hampshire Nurses Association Government Affairs Commission and Association of Public Health Nurses; and as expert evaluators for the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). Alumni have served as board members of the New Hampshire Nurses Association and as President-elect of Sigma Theta Tau/Epsilon Tau Chapter.

Rivier’s physical assessment and nursing skills simulation laboratories are equipped with a wide array of patient examining equipment and hi-fidelity patient simulators including, SIM Man, SIM Baby, SIM Kid and Noelle, the birthing simulator. Simulation labs offer interactive learning systems providing hands-on experience on campus as well as in clinical rotations.

Rivier University nursing graduates hold positions at top hospitals in the region.

ACCESS THE WORLD
Internships, study abroad, and co-curricular opportunities
Nursing education includes extensive hands-on experience in the clinical area. Clinical nursing courses may include two clinical days or evenings, two weekend days, or one 12-hour day in addition to two theory classes each week. Students may be assigned to clinical agencies within a 50-mile radius of the University.

Nursing students have the opportunity to visit Senegal during their senior year as part of the ‘Rivier University Institute for Global Health’ project. This study abroad opportunity complements coursework and academics with real-world experience and service in another country. The program aims to connect and support communities by creating and sustaining two related care centers, and providing comprehensive health care. For students, the opportunity provides capstone hours, experiential learning, cross-discipline academics, and global engagement. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in this and various other study abroad opportunities ranging from faculty-led week-long study tours to entire semesters abroad spent at a university abroad.
CAREERS

Graduates from the Nursing degree program might pursue a nursing career in hospitals/health clinics, long-term care facilities, mental health centers, physicians’ offices, etc. as:

- Case managers
- Critical care nurses
- Emergency room nurses
- Hospice care providers
- Labor & delivery nurses
- Medical/surgical nurses
- Office nurses
- Pediatrics nurses
- Private duty nurses
- Community health nurses
- Public health nurses

Graduates are also well prepared to pursue graduate studies. Rivier University’s Career Development Center (CDC) is committed to helping students on their path to become leaders in a global society.

JOURNEYS OF TRANSFORMATION

Rivier University’s core curriculum called “Journeys of transformation” offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, civic engagement, or community service supporting the intellectual growth of students and enhancing student leadership. The core is aligned with the American Association of College & Universities (AAC&U’s) essential learning outcomes which provide Rivier graduates with the strong intellectual and practical skills that are in demand in the workplace.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

In fulfillment of the general education core degree requirements, the following courses must be taken.

HUMANITIES

ENG 115 - Expositions and Arguments
ENG 200 - One Literature, Art and the Human course
HIS 203 - Interactions: the West in the World I
or
HIS 204 - Interactions: the West in the World II
JYS - One Justice and Global Responsibility course
PHI 200 - One Ethics, Values, Moral Choices course
REL - One Faith, Religion and Social Justice course
REL 115 - FYS: God and the Created Order
SL 100 - Serving the World

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

SOC - Sociology elective
PSY 101 - General Psychology
PSY 212 - Life Span Development

NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Students who do not achieve the required score on the University’s math placement examination are required to take MA 112.

BIO 105 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO 106 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II
BIO 112 - Stewards of the Living World
BIO 201 - Medical Microbiology
MA 110 - Introductory Statistics
MA 112 - College Algebra
or General Elective
NSG 221 - Pathophysiology

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

NSG 101 - Nursing Fundamentals
NSG 102 - Care of the Adult I
NSG 103 - Foundations of Pharmacology
NSG 201* - Mental Health Nursing
NSG 202 - Care of the Childbearing Family
NSG 203 - Care of the Adult II
NSG 205 - Care of the Child
NSG 206 - Professional Issues in Nursing
NSG 302 - Policy, Politics and the Nursing Profession
NSG 310 - Health Assessment
NSG 320 - Families and Health in a Multicultural Society
NSG 330 - Research Methods
NSG 404 - Leadership and Management in Health Care
NSG 409 - Community/Public Health Nursing
NSG 410 - Holistic Nursing
NSG 455 - Professional Nursing Capstone

*NSG 201 is offered in the summer semester only and is not included in full-time tuition. Students should discuss options with Financial Aid Office.

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Students choose additional courses to reach the total number of credits required for the degree.

ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN)
New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

The University reserves the right to make changes when appropriate and necessary as needed without notification. (0415)
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