The mission of the BSN program is to prepare nurse generalists to work in diverse health care settings to meet societal needs. The BSN program is committed to the provision of high quality undergraduate education that instills in the BSN graduate a responsibility to God, humanity, the nursing profession, and self.

**What Can You Do With This Major?**
The accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing program offers a course of study that prepares entry-level nurses for state licensing exams. Graduates of the BSN program are eligible for licensure in all states. Satisfactory performance in the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) results in the graduate being known as a registered nurse or RN.

**Program Goals**
Overall, the BSN program strives to:
- Provide a nursing curriculum that is designed to meet global health care needs;
- Prepare students to practice as professional nurse generalists;
- Educate students to provide culturally competent and ethical care;
- Provide a foundation for graduate study.

**Major Coursework**
Students are initially admitted as pre-nursing students. Core liberal arts and science courses may be completed on a full- or part-time basis. When students are validated for progression to upper-level clinical nursing courses, a full-time program of study is required.

As a nursing major, your education will be broadened and enriched by our University’s liberal-arts tradition. You’ll follow a core curriculum of philosophy, religious studies, humanities, and social and natural sciences. Your supporting courses focus on sciences that will strengthen your application of nursing, such as anatomy and physiology, microbiology, psychology, and nutrition. Your nursing courses will prepare you to utilize leadership skills to promote quality patient-centered care.

**Real-World Experience**
Clinical courses provide the student with an opportunity to apply classroom learning at the bedside in the real world. Your clinical experience will include rotations in a variety of inpatient and outpatient settings, such as specialty hospitals, schools, and clinics.

**Simulation and Practice Lab**
In our Simulation and Practice Laboratory, which recently underwent a $1 million renovation, you will be exposed to real-life clinical simulations utilizing life-like mannequins that “breathe” and have a “heartbeat”. You will be able to practice clinical skills and decision making within a “safe” setting. You can record and critique your actions before going into a hospital and performing skills on actual patients.

**Clinical Student to Faculty Ratio**
Our student ratio in the clinical setting is never greater than eight students to each faculty member. In some specialty settings, our ratio is even less to assure safe patient care and optimal student learning.