

Nursing Programs

Cincinnati State offers two paths to an associate's degree in Nursing, a certificate program in Practical Nursing, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for registered nurses.

The Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing program (NUR) prepares associate's degree graduate nurses who are eligible to take the national standardized nursing examination (NCLEX-RN) and upon passing, work as registered nurses. Graduates are members of the health team prepared to provide nursing care to clients with common health problems in a variety of settings.

The Nursing RN-to-BSN Completion Program (NURB) (<https://catalog.cincinnati-state.edu/archives/2024-2025/academicdivisionsanddegreeandcertificateprograms/healthandpublicsafetydivision/nursing/nurb/>) provides an efficient and affordable option for registered nurses without a baccalaureate degree to earn the degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The RN to BSN Completion Program builds on the foundation of the nurse's pre-licensure academic program and success on the NCLEX-RN examination. The BSN program can be completed in three semesters, although many students may choose flexible part-time options to balance their educational program with their professional and personal life.

The Nursing LPN-to-RN Progression program (NURP) allows qualified students to shorten the time required to complete the Nursing associate's degree. Students in the Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing who are Licensed Practical Nurses with an unencumbered license may complete the associate's degree Nursing program using this option. Interested students should meet with the Nursing Program Chair or a Nursing academic advisor.

The **Practical Nursing Certificate program (PNC)** prepares students to take the national standardized NCLEX-PN exam for licensure as a Practical Nurse. Licensed practical nurses share in the responsibility for patient care in various areas of nursing.

For more information, please contact the Health and Public Safety Division at (513) 569-1670.