

ALBERT A. HOPEMAN, JR. SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Johnson School of Nursing offers a four-year Bachelor of Science (BSN) in Nursing program that provides the student with the knowledge, experience, and deep-rooted vision to become a competent and compassionate nurse. In partnership with Butler County Community College (BC3), the program grants students access to the best of both schools – an excellent, Christ-centered liberal arts and sciences education at Grove City College and accredited, high-quality clinical and professional training at BC3.

MAJOR

Nursing

The Bachelor of Science degree in nursing prepares students to launch into an impactful career marked by excellent care and compassion. Students will take vocation-enriching humanities core courses woven into an academic schedule that will cultivate greater empathy, critical thinking, writing and communication skills, and a deep-rooted appreciation for the dignity of all people.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Year 1: Attend Grove City College full-time. Take pre-nursing and liberal arts courses and start building community on campus.

Year 2: Attend Grove City College part-time. Take formal nursing classes at Butler County Community College (BC3) and gain hands-on clinical experience through professional placements.

Year 3: Attend Grove City College part-time. Take additional nursing classes at BC3 and gain further hands-on clinical experience through professional placements. Take the State Boards of Nursing exam and earn RN licensure at the conclusion of this year.

Year 4: Attend Grove City College full-time with a flexible course schedule that allows the student to work part-time and “earn while you learn” to finish the BSN degree.

ACCREDITATION

The RN portion of the Nursing program at BC3 is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The BSN portion at GCC is beginning the candidacy process for accreditation through the ACEN, with an anticipated completion date of spring 2021.

CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Registered Nurse (RN) credential has historically been the entry level of training required for a nurse to seek employment in a hospital. However, over the past 25 years, the Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) has become a more attractive credential, as more US hospitals seek the “Magnet status” award from the American Nurses’ Credentialing Center (ANCC). The ANCC Magnet Recognition Program® is a way for hospitals to demonstrate the strength and quality of their nursing workforce. In order to achieve this status, hospitals must validate that 100% of their nurse leaders and managers have earned a minimum of a BSN. The educational level of the general nursing staff is also considered, with a goal of 80% of employed nurses having earned the BSN.

A nurse with a BSN from Grove City College will have stronger professional skills in communication, leadership, and professional integration with a multidisciplinary team, and be able to participate in nursing research. These skills will open the door to a high likelihood of employment immediately upon graduation in a wide range of clinical practice specialties. The BSN also enables a nurse to pursue advanced nursing education at the level of Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN), the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), and the PhD in Nursing. MSNs, DNPs, and PhDs are leaders in the field of nursing, with specialties including midwifery, nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nurse educator, and clinical specialist.

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