

Routes to a Career in Nursing

OPTION 1
Acquire only **nursing prerequisites** at UI

Be accepted to a **Traditional BSN** program

Take and pass the NCLEX-RN to acquire your **RN License**

OPTION 2
Acquire a **bachelor's degree other than nursing** at UI (BA or BS) + nursing prerequisites

Be accepted to an **Accelerated BSN** program or **Traditional BSN** program

Be accepted to a traditional **MSN** nursing program (approx. 2 years)

Be accepted to an **MSN** accelerated/direct-entry nursing program (approx. 3 years). Will gain requirements and take NCLEX-RN and **earn an RN license**, then proceed to your chosen speciality: **MSN Clinical roles:** Advanced practice nursing (ex. Nurse Anesthetist), clinical nurse specialist (ex. Pediatrics). **MSN Non-Clinical Roles:** Informatics Nurse, Clinical Research Coordinator; Nurse Administrator; Clinical Nurse Educator

Take and pass a **national certification exam** by the State Board of Nursing for licensure in your field

TERMINAL/HIGHEST DEGREES GRANTED IN NURSING

Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP)
Prepared for a particular clinical specialty
CLINICAL EXPERT

PhD (Research focused degree)
Nursing Faculty, Nursing Researcher, Health Policy
RESEARCHER/ACADEMIA

