



COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
School of Nursing and Health Professions



# NURSING

And he sent them out to proclaim  
the kingdom of God and to heal.  
– Luke 9:2 (ESV)

# DEGREE QUICK FACTS

DEGREES AND PROGRAMS	CAREER OPPORTUNITIES	TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE	CREDITS REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN AT CCU	100% THEORY ONLINE*	IN-SEAT THEORY CLASSES
<b>Pre-Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)</b>	Acute Care Hospital Settings Public or Community-Based Care Ambulatory Care Nursing	<b>120</b> credit hours	<b>(60)</b> major <b>(12)</b> biblical studies		✓
<b>RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)</b>	Acute Care Hospital Settings Management or Nurse Manager	<b>120</b> credit hours	<b>(24)</b> major <b>(6)</b> biblical studies	✓	
<b>Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)</b>	Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult and Geriatrics, Academic Educator Staff Development Educator, Leader in Health Systems	<b>39</b> credit hours	<b>(39)</b> major	✓	
<b>Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)</b>	Director of Nursing CNO Leader in APRN Practice Health Policy	<b>30</b> credit hours	<b>(30)</b> major	✓	

\* Program is offered 100% theory online. Clinical is completed in the area of student's residence.

## SAVE TIME AND MONEY BY TRANSFERRING CREDITS.

### TRANSFER CREDIT FROM ANOTHER COLLEGE

If you started a degree at another regionally or nationally accredited college or university, you may be able to transfer credits toward your CCU degree. You can also earn credit through CCU's partnership with Straighterline.

**Pre-Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing: up to 48 credits**

**RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing: up to 90 credits**

### TESTING FOR CREDIT

Take advantage of low-cost CLEP, DSST, and UExcel testing options that allow you to earn college credit at a fraction of the cost and time involved in taking a specific elective course.

**Pre-Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing: up to 30 credits**

**RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing: up to 52 credits**

Accepted transfer credits vary by degree program. Check with your CCU enrollment counselor about transfer credit options for master's degree programs.



## PRE-NURSING TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

The Pre-Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing option is a state-wide, nationally accredited program designed for nursing students who are seeking licensure as a registered nurse. The curriculum will provide you with an intensive, state-of-the-art educational experience that combines theory, laboratory (skills and simulation), and clinical learning. Courses are delivered in a combination of primarily in-seat theory with laboratory and simulation experiences.

Grounded in not only liberal arts and sciences but also in biblical truth, the BSN curriculum will prepare you to be a highly competent, compassionate, and moral nurse leader, you will be challenged to impact both your profession and your world. At CCU, nursing is not simply a profession, but a ministry; it's an opportunity to serve others with compassion and excellence as if serving the Lord.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) is a nationally accredited program designed for nurses with a bachelor's degree in nursing who are ready to assume greater leadership roles in healthcare and education. Recent healthcare reforms and the ongoing shortage of nurse educators have increased the demand for nurses with master's degrees who can help fill the gap in meeting the needs of a growing patient population.

This program will offer you a unique and distinctive online format for theory/didactic learning, with clinical hours completed in the student's own geographic location. Our vision is to empower nurses to practice nursing as ministry. The CCU nursing mission is to prepare competent, compassionate, moral leaders who excel as servants, shepherds, stewards, and scholars to impact the profession and the world.

The Master of Science in Nursing program offers two tracks: Clinical Care Management of Adults and Geriatrics or Nursing Education.



The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, the master's degree program in nursing, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Colorado Christian University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.  
<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>

## RN TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

The RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing option is a nationally accredited degree completion program designed for RNs who are seeking a BSN degree. Clinical practice experiences assist the student to transition RN competencies to the baccalaureate level of proficiency, including organization/systems understanding, leadership development, evidence-based practice, information management and integration of technology into practice, interprofessional collaboration, clinical prevention and population health, and comprehensive assessment and quality improvement strategies. Integration of biblical themes assists the student to reflect on practice as ministry and grow as a competent nurse and moral leader who will help transform healthcare. The RN to BSN degree option is specially planned for working RNs looking to advance their careers.

In this program, you will join other nurses in a cohort and take classes together. You will take one course at a time in five-week blocks in an online format. Small class sizes, application-based practice clinical experiences in your place of residence, and colleague relationships encourage learning communities and networking. You will also have direct access to national faculty expert leaders in healthcare.

CCU's RN to MSN degree option allows students to accelerate their education and earn both the BSN and the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. Upon acceptance into the MSN program, students can apply up to three graduate-level courses (9 credit hours) from the RN-BSN toward the MSN program, providing a head start in the MSN program.

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice in Visionary Leadership at CCU is designed for nurse practitioners, nurse administrators and healthcare leaders, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse educators who already have an MSN.

The DNP is a practice-focused doctorate offered in an online format for theory/didactic learning, with clinical hours done in the student's own geographic location. This degree will prepare experts in specialized advanced nursing practice. Graduates will be able to apply credible research and translate evidence-based practice into improved health outcomes. The doctoral program provides development of advanced competencies for increasingly complex practice and enhanced leadership to strengthen healthcare delivery.

The DNP equips graduates for career advancement in professional nursing including: chief nursing officer (CNO), director of nursing, leader in APRN practice, health policy, quality outcomes management, and nursing entrepreneurship.

CCU's DNP can be completed in two years of full-time study. The program includes 525 hours of clinical experience beyond the MSN.



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