Online Nursing Degree & Certificate Programs
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About Carson-Newman Online

Founded in 1851, Carson-Newman is a nationally ranked liberal arts university. An online, yet personal, learning environment connects you with fellow students, faculty and staff for a learning experience like no other. Faith and learning are combined to create evidence-based MSN-FNP, RN-MSN-FNP, Post-Master’s FNP Certificate and RN-BSN nursing programs designed to transform you into an advanced practice nursing professional. Through its online program and student-centric curriculum, Carson-Newman provides a life-changing education where students come first.

Why Carson-Newman Online?

- Rich and engaging history dating back to 1851
- #26 in Best Value Schools – U.S. News & World Report, 2018
- #76 in Regional Universities South – U.S. News & World Report, 2019

Carson-Newman prepares students for lifelong careers with an education rooted in a strong liberal arts tradition. The online, yet personal, learning experience connects you with other students, faculty and staff. You’ll grow professionally while becoming a servant-leader. The Carson-Newman online MSN-FNP, RN-MSN-FNP, Post-Master’s FNP Certificate and RN-BSN programs allow you to earn your degree on a schedule that fits your busy lifestyle. Materials are available 24/7 and faculty members are extremely responsive in providing support and real-time feedback to students.

In addition, a dedicated Student Success Advisor provides guidance and acts as a resource to round out a supportive learning experience.
Vision

We will be the Christian liberal arts-based university of choice in the Southeast for education and service.

Mission

Our mission as Christian educators is to help our students reach their full potential as educated citizens and worldwide servant-leaders.

History

In the early 1840s, a number of Baptist leaders in East Tennessee sought to provide better-prepared ministers to area congregations. The East Tennessee Baptist Educational Society, which was comprised of two groups with a common interest, applied in 1850 for a charter to establish an institution of higher learning. Afforded the use of a local church building, Mossy Creek Missionary Baptist Seminary opened to students in the fall of 1851. The Tennessee Legislature granted the school’s charter in December of that year.

As noted in their original documents, the founders possessed a twofold intent: “to promote education in general, and among the ministry in particular.” Over time, that ideal has become the institution’s DNA of Christian service as evidenced in student volunteers as well as in the lives of alumni. The institution produced its first graduate, Richard Scruggs, in 1855. Manifesting the ideal of “education in general,” Scruggs went on to become a physician. The following year, the second graduating class reaffirmed the school’s mission by producing a lawyer and a minister, in that order.

The 1889 merger of men’s and women’s institutions made Carson-Newman an early entrant in coeducation in the region. Throughout its history, the institution has instilled a deep commitment to service in its students. The fruits of its labor, its alumni, have filled schoolrooms, courthouses, hospitals, boardrooms, pulpits, and mission fields in spreading the lessons of Carson-Newman’s motto of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness.
Letter from the President

Prospective Student,

A frequent observation I hear about Carson-Newman University is that it is different. The only argument I have with that idea is that Carson-Newman is not an “it.” Rather, Carson-Newman is actually a “we,” a collection of people called by God to be here at a time and a place for the purpose of teaching in a caring, Christian community so that you can improve your life and the lives of others.

Our RN-BSN, RN-MSN-FNP, MSN-FNP and Post-Master’s FNP Certificate programs provide the necessary educational challenges for personal and professional growth. Our Christian mission fits hand-in-glove with the call to compassionate care that equips nurses to look beyond patient folders and a doctor’s orders. That is why we offer a broader degree with the RN-BSN, RN-MSN-FNP, MSN-FNP and Post-Master’s FNP Certificate programs and not just a technical degree. You will study nursing and, along with it, you will read and write about other subjects. And those subjects will give you organizational and creative thinking skills that will be vital to how you interact with and take care of people throughout the rest of your career.

Choosing either Carson-Newman’s RN-BSN, RN-MSN-FNP, MSN-FNP or Post-Master’s FNP Certificate program means that you are not entering a transactional relationship where you are just a customer paying to earn a degree. Instead, you will discover a series of transformational relationships with professors and mentors that will serve you for the rest of your life.

I am delighted to know you are interested in our school. And that collective “we” I mentioned are pleased to offer our Carson-Newman RN-BSN, RN-MSN-FNP, MSN-FNP and Post-Master’s FNP Certificate programs in a way that fits your life’s schedule.

Get to know us. Talk to our counselors and you’ll learn how our RN-BSN, RN-MSN-FNP, MSN-FNP and Post-Master’s FNP Certificate programs can serve you, both as a person and as a nurse, and help you improve the community you serve.

With great expectation for you,

Dr. Paul Percy
Interim President,
Carson-Newman University
Online Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner

- Cost per credit hour: $650
- Length of courses: 15 weeks
- Total degree requirement: 45 credits
Online MSN-FNP Program

PROGRAM DETAILS
Carson-Newman’s MSN-FNP program is 100% online (not including clinicals, practicum or residency), which allows you to earn your MSN on a schedule that supports work-life balance. The program consists of 45 credit hours of nursing courses taught by experienced FNP and DNP faculty who are active nurse practitioners in their communities. Graduates of the Carson-Newman online MSN-FNP program are prepared with the skills necessary to define their own future as a holistic and confident advanced practice nurse. The program can be completed in as few as 32 months.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
To be admitted to the online MSN-FNP program, you must have the following:

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited and NLN- or CCNE-accredited program
- 3.0 minimum GPA
- Two to three letters of recommendation
- Active RN license
- Letter of personal goals and aspirations

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
One three-day required on-campus residency provides you the opportunity you to meet and connect with your peers and program faculty.

- Residency Course: NURS 507: Advance Health Assessment
- Residency Semester: Course NURS 507 is taken during the third or fourth semester of the program.

During the campus residency, students will come to campus for hands-on skills practice and to complete an advanced assessment physical exam.

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS
Clinical practicum is the required clinical education component of the program and works in tandem with the coursework to prepare students for their futures as FNPs. MSN-FNP students are required to complete 690 clinical hours as part of the program. Stress-free clinical placements and preceptors are provided.

Prior to beginning your clinicals, all students are required to complete:

- Drug screening
- Background check
- Recommended vaccinations

INSPIRE POSITIVE OUTCOMES AS A FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
The Carson-Newman online Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP) degree program prepares registered nurses to thrive as autonomous primary caregivers who care for patients across the lifespan. Online MSN-FNP students use evidence-based practice to connect advanced nursing theory, research and clinical practice to become a holistic caregiver.

By earning an MSN-FNP degree and becoming a nurse practitioner, graduates will help fulfill a need for primary care providers. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) predicts a shortage of more than 20,000 primary care physicians by 2020. The National Governors Association predicts that by 2019, the number of visits to primary care providers will increase by 15-25 million visits per year. As a result, there is increasing demand for primary care practitioners. Family nurse practitioners are answering the call and filling the gap left by the physician shortage.
Online MSN-FNP Program

Carson-Newman MSN-FNP graduates are autonomous primary care providers who use evidence-based practices to improve patient outcomes. Graduates possess the functional skills necessary to assess their patient, a family or a community from a holistic perspective. Carson-Newman MSN-FNP graduates consider the whole person when determining treatment options, based on all the evidence available. Whether you plan to work as a solo family nurse practitioner in your own practice or as an advanced nurse practitioner in a clinic, hospital system or elsewhere in the broader healthcare landscape, as a C-N graduate, you are equipped to use your experience and insight to intervene on behalf of the patient, provide advanced primary care that positively impacts patient outcomes, and analyze ethical issues that intersect with personal values to improve nursing practice.

THE MSN-FNP PROGRAM PREPARES GRADUATES TO:

- Build advanced proficiency in pathophysiology, pharmacology, assessment and research methods
- Learn to provide advanced primary nursing care to individual patients across the lifespan, as well as to families and entire communities
- Solve complex problems, make confident decisions based on evidence and understand patients at a deeper level
- Understand the connection between theory, research, clinical expertise and the individual needs of patients
- Develop an improved command of theories related to evidence-based practice and research
- Analyze ethical issues that arise in practice, research, education and administration and their intersection with personal values
- Explore the biological, social, emotional and physiological components of various health problems
Online MSN-FNP Curriculum

NURS 501
Advanced Pathophysiology
3 hours
Presentation and in-depth analysis of normal physiologic and pathologic mechanisms of disease as related to the provision and management of client care at the advanced level.

NURS 503
Advanced Pharmacology
3 hours
Advanced pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of commonly used drug categories are analyzed in-depth with consideration to safe, high-quality, cost-effective drug therapy for client care.

NURS 507
Advanced Health Assessment
3 hours
Comprehensive health assessment of the client with advanced application and synthesis of physiologic, psychological and sociocultural concepts as applied to comprehensive health appraisal of individuals, families and community groups. (60 Clinical Hours)
Prerequisites: NURS 501, NURS 503

NURS 510
Advanced Statistics
3 hours
Statistical procedures and informative skills applied to the interpretation of quantitative data for improved client care. Prerequisite: Undergraduate Statistics or instructor approval.

NURS 513
Theories of Nursing
3 hours
Exploration and application of theoretical basis for advanced nursing practice.

NURS 516
Research Methods and Design in Nursing
3 hours
Exploration of quantitative and qualitative methods and research designs useful in clinical investigation for health-related trends in healthcare delivery.
Prerequisites: NURS 510, NURS 513

NURS 518
Teaching Methods and Strategies
3 hours
Analysis of creative teaching and learning approaches. A portion of this course will be conducted as an online classroom.

NURS 531
Advanced Primary Nursing Care for Women
6 hours
Exploration and application of advanced nursing theory in the provision of a wide range of health promotion and care services for women, including reproductive health. (180 Clinical Hours)
Prerequisites: NURS 501, NURS 503, NURS 507

NURS 535
Advanced Primary Nursing Care for Children and Adolescents
6 hours
Exploration and application of advanced nursing theory in the provision of a wide range of health promotion and nursing care services for children and adolescents. (180 Clinical Hours)
Prerequisites: NURS 501, NURS 503, NURS 507

NURS 537
Advanced Primary Nursing Care for Adults
7 hours
Exploration and application of advanced nursing theory in the provision of a wide range of health promotion and care services for adults, including the elderly population. (240 Clinical Hours)
Prerequisites: NURS 501, NURS 503, NURS 507, NURS 513
CAPSTONE
Your culminating capstone experience will include course NURS 540, and the option to select either course NURS 600 Advanced Practice Project or NURS 660 Master's Thesis.

NURS 540
Accountability for Advanced Nursing Practice
3 hours
Synthesis course with emphasis on roles, responsibilities and relationships for advanced practice nursing, including legal, ethical and religious dimensions; analysis of current and developing healthcare policies and healthcare delivery systems.
Prerequisites: NURS 531, NURS 535

NURS 600
Advanced Practice Project
2 hours
The student demonstrates application and synthesis of advanced practice nursing through a comprehensive, practice-focused project. In addition, the student completes an additional 30 hours of clinical at a site that is congruent with the topic choice. A scholarly article for publication and a scholarly presentation is required prior to a grade assignment. (30 Clinical Hours)
Prerequisites: NURS 510, NURS 513, NURS 516

OR

NURS 660
Master's Thesis
2 hours
A written research project related to program of study that meets institutional requirements for a thesis. In addition to a completed and bound thesis, a scholarly presentation must be completed prior to a grade assignment.
Prerequisites: NURS 510, NURS 513, NURS 516
Online Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner

- Cost per credit hour: $330 for BSN-level courses
  $650 for MSN-FNP-level courses
- Length of courses: 7-week BSN-level courses
  15-week MSN-level courses
- Total degree requirement: as few as 76 credits, based on transcript evaluation
Online RN-MSN-FNP Program

PROGRAM DETAILS
Carson-Newman’s Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner program (RN-MSN-FNP) is designed for working nurses with an Associate’s degree in Nursing degree or Nursing diploma. Students graduate with both BSN and MSN-FNP degrees in just over four years in this streamlined program. Time to completion may vary based on transfer evaluation. This affordable online RN-MSN-FNP program enables you to confidently move from a bedside nursing role in a hospital setting to a Family Nurse Practitioner role in an outpatient setting.

The flexible program is 100% online (not including clinical practicum or residency) with no mandatory login times, allowing you to continue working full-time and log in whenever it’s convenient for you. Students receive stress-free clinical placement support for MSN-level courses, and are provided with a preceptor and pre-approved clinical site. Students also benefit from a dedicated Student Success Advisor who provides one-on-one guidance and student support.

The RN-MSN-FNP program consists of as few as 76 total program credits and is led by a caring faculty of expert nurse educators who are active practitioners in their own communities. Students graduate prepared to take the national Family Nurse Practitioner Certification exam.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
To be admitted to the online RN-MSN-FNP program, you must have the following:

- Active unencumbered RN license
- Associate’s degree in Nursing or Diploma in Nursing
- 3.0 minimum GPA
- Two to three letters of recommendation
- Letter of personal goals and aspirations
- Official transcripts

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
One three-day required on-campus residency provides you the opportunity to meet and connect with your peers and program faculty.

- Residency Course: NURS 507: Advance Health Assessment

During the campus residency, students will come to campus for hands-on skills practice and to complete an advanced assessment physical exam.

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS
Clinical practicum is the required clinical education component of the program and works in tandem with the coursework to prepare students for their futures as FNP. RN-MSN-FNP students are required to complete at least 180 clinical hours at the bachelor’s level and at least 660 clinical hours at the master’s level. Stress-free clinical placement support is provided for master’s-level courses.

Prior to beginning your clinicals, all students are required to complete:

- Drug screening
- Background check
- Recommended vaccinations
Online RN-MSN-FNP Program

REALIZE YOUR POTENTIAL AS AN AUTONOMOUS FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Carson-Newman’s online Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (RN-MSN-FNP) program is designed for nurses with a Nursing diploma or an Associate’s degree in Nursing. Our RN-MSN-FNP program helps you develop the advanced nursing expertise you need to help you thrive as an independent and autonomous Family Nurse Practitioner. By focusing on a holistic approach to nursing, you will provide primary care to individuals, families and entire communities throughout the lifespan.

Shifting to a high-demand family nurse practitioner position could not be pursued at a more opportune time. Family Nurse Practitioners are the future of primary care. Many families and communities across the U.S. already rely on Family Nurse Practitioners as their primary source of health care. Nurse practitioner annual wages are approximately $37,000 more, or 65% higher, than RN annual wages. The American Association of Nurse Practitioners states that the average total annual income for a nurse practitioner was $109,021 in 2018, as compared to the median annual wage of $70,000 for a registered nurse. FNPs also enjoy greater job security and a low unemployment rate of 0.7% (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Carson-Newman RN-MSN-FNP graduates use evidence-based practices to provide advanced primary care and develop clinical expertise with children and adolescents, adults, women and the elderly. As a graduate, you will possess the holistic skills necessary to promote health and wellness, prevent disease, manage primary care and provide wellness education for individuals, families and at-risk populations.

Gain a competitive edge by fast-tracking your Family Nurse Practitioner advanced nursing education. Prepare to earn your FNP licensure and earn your BSN and MSN along the way. You will also be supported by a dedicated Student Success Advisor who is available to provide one-on-one guidance in a supportive learning environment.
Online RN-MSN-FNP Program

JOIN AN IN-DEMAND PROFESSION IN A SATISFYING CAREER

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the creation of more than 56,000 new nurse practitioner positions by 2026, an estimated 36% job growth that is much faster than average. The growing number of FNPs will help close the gap in primary care associated with the growing physician shortage in the United States. Family Nurse Practitioners also enjoy a high rate of job satisfaction. FNP is ranked as No. 5 of the Best Healthcare Jobs and No. 7 of the 100 Best Jobs overall, according to U.S. News & World Report, 2019.

THE RN-MSN-FNP PROGRAM PREPARES GRADUATES TO:

- Learn to provide advanced primary nursing care to individual patients and families across the lifespan
- Solve complex problems, make confident decisions based on evidence and understand patients at a deeper level
- Understand the connection between theory, research, clinical expertise and the individual needs of patients
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Online RN-MSN-FNP Curriculum

BSN CORE

NURS 332 Health Assessment for the Registered Nurse
4 hours
This online course is designed for RN-BSN students and provides the opportunity to build on their assessment skill and decision-making competencies related to individual patient care throughout the lifespan. This course also provides the practicing nurse with theory and skills needed to successfully conduct a comprehensive health history and physical exam on adult and elderly clients with outcomes that lead to developing a prioritized plan for client-directed care. Course is taught through the utilization of web learning activities, case studies and written assignments. Focus is placed on advanced assessment; comparing and contrasting of normal and abnormal findings; development of nursing plans of action to address specific health care scenarios.

NURS 352 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice
4 hours
Research methods are studied and published research findings are critiqued for use in nursing practice. Students will devise a research proposal that is appropriate to their evidence-based practice project.

NURS 354 Altered Health States
4 hours
A conceptual approach and analysis of pathophysiological phenomena and human responses to altered health states in the adult and elderly client.

NURS 420 Leadership and Management for the Registered Nurse
6 hours
This online course is the RN-BSN capstone course that is designed for the RN-BSN student who is licensed as a registered nurse and is currently practicing nursing or has practice experience as a registered nurse. This course examines and provides a broad overview of managerial/leadership concepts, issues, roles and functions as applied to the role of the practicing/experienced registered nurse. The course also includes a synthesis of knowledge, theories and clinical experiences from coursework throughout the nursing major and prior clinical practice. Students develop learning contracts incorporating the roles of provider of care, designer/manager/coordinator of care, and member of the profession through a directed practice; the students will demonstrate achievement of selected AACN essentials. (90 Clinical hours) $10 fee.

NURS 421 Dimensions of Professional Nursing for the Registered Nurse
4 hours
A synthesis of current and emerging trends in professional nursing practice, education and research with attention given to legal, ethical and legislative issues. The implications for a professional will be explored. Also included is an introduction of online learning for nursing and C-N liberal arts. $10 fee.

NURS 430 Pharmacology for the Registered Nurse
4 hours
This online course is designed for the RN-BSN student who is licensed as a registered nurse and is currently practicing nursing or has practice experience as a registered nurse. This course provides a broad overview of the principles of pharmacology and medications used in the treatment of illness across the lifespan with a focus on adult and elderly clients. Current issues in the practice of nursing related to pharmacology will be included such as complementary/alternative therapies, pharmacogenomics, error reduction and emerging infections.
Online RN-MSN-FNP Curriculum | Continued

NURS 451 Community/Public Health Nursing
5 hours
Application of nursing’s metaparadigm with a variety of populations, individuals, families, groups and communities. Development of nursing strategies to assist multicultural clients throughout the lifespan. The clinical focus is the role of the community health nurse. (90 Clinical hours) $10 fee.

MSN-FNP CORE

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NURS 507 Advanced Health Assessment
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Online Post-Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate

- Cost per credit hour: $650
- Length of courses: 15 weeks
- Credit hours: up to 31 credits
Online Post-Master’s FNP Certificate

PROGRAM DETAILS
Carson-Newman’s Post-Master’s FNP Certificate program is designed for working nurses and can be completed in two years or less. The flexible PMC-FNP program is 100% online (not including clinicals, practicum or residency) with no mandatory login times, allowing you to continue working full-time and log in whenever it’s convenient for you. Students receive stress-free clinical site placement support, and are matched with a pre-approved clinical site. The FNP Certificate program consists of up to 31 credit hours of nursing courses taught by a faculty of expert nurse educators who are active practitioners in their communities. Students of the Carson-Newman online Post-Master’s FNP Certificate program graduate ready to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner Certification exam.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
To be admitted to the online Post-Master’s FNP Certificate Program, you must have the following:
- Master’s degree from a regionally accredited and NLN- or CCNE-accredited program
- 3.0 minimum GPA
- Three letters of recommendation
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- Background check
- Recommended vaccinations

COMPLETE YOUR NURSING CALLING AS A FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
Carson-Newman’s online Post-Master’s FNP Certificate Program is designed to help you achieve your full nursing potential. In just two years or less years, you will develop the advanced nursing expertise you need to help you strive as an autonomous and highly-skilled Family Nurse Practitioner. By focusing on a holistic approach to nursing, you will acquire the ability to influence and improve the health of individuals, families and entire communities.

Family Nurse Practitioners are the future of primary care. Many families and communities across the U.S. already rely on Family Nurse Practitioners as their primary source of health care. Carson-Newman Post-Master’s FNP graduates use evidence-based practices to improve patient outcomes. Their practices are focused on primary health care using the added insight and knowledge about the latest in health care policy, technology and research. As a graduate, you will possess the holistic skills necessary to promote health and wellness, prevent disease, manage primary care and provide wellness education for individuals, families and at-risk populations.

We provide stress-free clinical placement support so you can focus on learning. Students will be provided a pre-approved site in your local community. As you build on your existing education and experience, you will also be supported by a dedicated Student Success Advisor who is available to provide one-on-one guidance in a supportive learning environment. In as little as two years, you will graduate from the online FNP Certificate program ready for success and be ready to take the Family Nurse Practitioner Certification exam.
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THE POST-MASTER’S FNP CERTIFICATE PREPARES GRADUATES TO:

- Build clinical expertise and advanced proficiency in pathophysiology, pharmacology, assessment and research methods
- Learn to provide advanced primary nursing care to individual patients and families across the lifespan
- Solve complex problems, make confident decisions based on evidence and understand patients at a deeper level
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Your culminating capstone experience will consist of course NURS 540.

NURS 540
Accountability for Advanced Nursing Practice
3 hours
Synthesis course with emphasis on roles, responsibilities and relationships for advanced practice nursing, including legal, ethical and religious dimensions; analysis of current and developing healthcare policies and healthcare delivery systems.
Prerequisites: NURS 531, NURS 535

CLINICAL HOURS
Post-masters FNP certificate students can expect to have 500-660 clinical hours in their program. Clinical hour requirements are determined following the transcript evaluation.
Online Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- Cost per credit hour: $330
- Length of courses: 7 weeks on average
- Total degree requirement: 120 credits
Online RN-BSN Program

PROGRAM DETAILS
Carson-Newman’s RN-BSN program is 100% online (not including clinicals), which allows you to earn your BSN on a schedule that works for your busy lifestyle. Licensed RNs can receive up to 30 hours of credit for knowledge gained in the basic nursing program. The program consists of 33 credit hours of nursing courses and will build upon licensed RNs’ existing professional knowledge as well as provide them with a strong liberal arts education. The program can be completed in as few as 14 months, based on transfer evaluation.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
To be admitted to the RN-BSN program, you must have the following:

- Unencumbered RN license
- Associate’s degree in Nursing or Diploma in Nursing
- Minimum 2.75 Cumulative GPA
- Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities

CLINICAL PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS
Prior to beginning the clinical practicum, all students are required to complete:

- Drug screening
- Background check
- Recommended vaccinations

REACH YOUR POTENTIAL AS An RN-BSN PREPARED NURSE
The Carson-Newman online Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) degree program prepares registered nurses to become more complete and autonomous caregivers. Online RN-BSN students learn to employ evidence-based practices, critical thinking, ethics, advocacy, and the principles of servant leadership to improve patient outcomes, community health, and their nursing practice.

The online RN-BSN prepares registered nurses for the next step in their practice and allows most RNs to qualify for advancement opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable at the Associate’s Degree in Nursing level. Today, the RN-BSN degree means a more prepared and engaged nursing professional who provides more than the basics of clinical care, being able to accurately assess patients, make decisions, and communicate effectively.

That’s why many hospitals and healthcare providers now insist on the BSN as the minimum credential for employment or advancement.

THE RN-BSN COURSE PREPARES GRADUATES TO:

- Conduct detailed patient assessments
- Identify key issues and treatment options
- Establish and communicate priorities
- Conduct necessary interventions
- Determine outcomes and evaluate results
- Utilize knowledge of pathophysiology and pharmacology

Carson-Newman RN-BSN graduates are proactive, highly competent, and able to use evidence-based practices to solve problems and make decisions about patient care. The result is a complete RN who can improve overall patient outcomes by asking the right questions and treating the person, not just the symptoms. It’s a holistic approach that has the power to change lives as well as your nursing career.
Online RN-BSN Curriculum

STATISTICS REQUIREMENT
(Prerequisite to NUR352)
NURS 351
Statistics for the Health Care Professional
4 hours
This online course examines the application of statistics for the professional nurse. Students will understand basic statistical concepts and practices and be able to select appropriate statistical techniques for research.

RELIGION REQUIREMENT
REL 367
The New Testament and Leadership
4 hours
This course introduces the New Testament and provides an understanding of the context of the New Testament writings, their content and the application of this understanding. In addition, particular emphasis will be given to the various aspects of leadership exhibited throughout the New Testament, particularly in the life of Christ.

REL 368
Leadership in the Old Testament
4 hours
A course addressing the background, growth and relevance of the Old Testament. The student will be introduced to the literature and language of the Old Testament as well as the historical and theological developments in Old Testament studies. The student will also be exposed to the leadership themes present throughout the text of the Old Testament.

NURSING CURRICULUM
NURS 332
Health Assessment for the Registered Nurse
4 hours
This online course is designed for RN-BSN students and provides the opportunity to build on their assessment skill and decision-making competencies related to individual patient care throughout the lifespan. This course also provides the practicing nurse with theory and skills needed to successfully conduct a comprehensive health history and physical exam on adult and elderly clients with outcomes that lead to developing a prioritized plan for client directed care. Course is taught through the utilization of web learning activities, case studies, and written assignments. Focus is placed on advanced assessment; comparing and contrasting of normal and abnormal findings; development of nursing plans of action to address specific health care scenarios.

NURS 352
Nursing Research and Evidenced Based Practice
4 hours
Research methods are studied and published research findings are critiqued for use in nursing practice. Students will devise a research proposal that is appropriate to their Evidence Based Practice Project.
Online RN-BSN Curriculum | Continued

NURS 354
Altered Health States
4 hours
A conceptual approach and analysis of pathophysiological phenomena and human responses to altered health states in the adult and elderly client.

NURS 420
Leadership and Management for the Registered Nurse
6 hours
This online course is the RN-BSN capstone course that is designed for the RN-BSN student who is licensed as a registered nurse and is currently practicing nursing or has practice experience as a registered nurse. This course examines and provides a broad overview of managerial/leadership concepts, issues, roles, and functions as applied to the role of the practicing/experiencing registered nurse. The course also includes a synthesis of knowledge, theories, and clinical experiences from course work throughout the nursing major and prior clinical practice. Students develop learning contracts incorporating the roles of provider of care, designer/manager/coordinator of care, and member of the profession through a directed practice, the students will demonstrate achievement of selected AACN essentials. $10 fee.

NURS 421
Dimensions of Professional Nursing for the Registered Nurse
4 hours
A synthesis of current and emerging trends in professional nursing practice, education, and research with attention given to legal, ethical, and legislative issues. The implications for a professional will be explored. Also included is an introduction of online learning for nursing and C-N liberal arts. $90 fee.

NURS 430
Pharmacology for the Registered Nurse
4 hours
This online course is designed for the RN-BSN student who is licensed as a registered nurse and is currently practicing nursing or has practice experience as a registered nurse. This course provides a broad overview of the principles of pharmacology and medications used in the treatment of illness across the lifespan with a focus in adult and elderly clients. Current issues in the practice of nursing related to pharmacology will be included such as complimentary/alternative therapies, pharmacogenomics, error reduction, and emerging infections.

NURS 451
Community/Public Health Nursing
5 hours (3 lecture, 6 clinical)
Application of nursing’s metaparadigm with a variety of populations, individuals, families, groups, and communities. Development of nursing strategies to assist multi-cultural clients throughout the lifespan. The clinical focus is the role of the community health nurse. $10 fee.

NURS ELECTIVES - CHOOSE FROM:

NURS 209
Wellness for the 21st Century
2 hours
Trends and issues in wellness will be studied. Students will develop and implement a self-wellness plan. Laboratory experiences will involve service, research or teaching activities. Appropriate for non-nursing majors. No prerequisites. Open to any student at Carson-Newman University.

BIOL 305
Medical Terminology I
2 hours
Introduction to medical terminology through the study of prefixes, suffixes and root words of commonly used medical terms. Terminology of clinical procedures, laboratory tests and pathologies presented as well. Course is taught in an independent study format.
NURS 330
Elder Care Clinical Intensive
2 hours (1.5 clinical, .5 class)
This clinical intensive experience is designed to promote the proficiency of nursing skills utilized when caring for the elderly population. The experience will also provide the nursing student with additional insight into the management issues related to elder care. Practicum experiences will take place at a variety of agencies that provide elder care services. Prerequisite: Completion of sophomore-level nursing courses.

NURS 331
Nursing Informatics
2 hours
This online course integrates nursing science with computer technology and information science to identify, collect, process and manage information. Emphasis is on technology-based health applications that support administrative, clinical, research and educational decision making. Prerequisite: Completion of sophomore-level courses or admission to the RN-BSN online program.

NURS 410
Nursing Care of the High-Risk Neonate
2 hours
Focuses on the nursing management of the neonate at risk. Prerequisite: NURS 307 or NURS 413.

NURS 418
Health Care Ethics
2 hours
Integration of health care decisions in light of core ethical principles/terms as well as exploration of the ethical code of conduct and standards for nurses and other health care professionals.