The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program offered at the University of Tennessee is the cornerstone of a great career in nursing.

UT’s College of Nursing is a supportive academic community dedicated to helping students every step of the way. Students have the opportunity to learn from highly qualified faculty who are experienced teachers, researchers, and leaders. Technology-enhanced classrooms, simulation labs, and service-learning opportunities allow students to learn through hands-on experience in diverse settings. Clinical opportunities are available in major hospitals, community clinics, health departments, schools, and other facilities throughout the region.

The College of Nursing Values

Valuing All: We value diversity and inclusiveness.
Originality: We value innovative solutions to complex health issues.
Leading with Integrity: We value exceptional leadership.
Seeking Knowledge: We value a spirit of inquiry.
PROGRAM OPTIONS
Because people come into the field with varying backgrounds, we have two distinct ways to earn a BSN—a traditional four-year program and an accelerated program for those who already have a bachelor’s degree in another field.

Traditional Program
• Direct freshman admission
  No additional application process is required for incoming nursing students.
• Change-of-major admission
  On a space-available basis, for students coming from other programs at UT or from other institutions.

Accelerated Program
• Twelve-month BSN program divided into three full-time semesters.
• Direct transfer of bachelor’s degree credits.
• Minimum prerequisite course requirements.
UT also offers an online RN to BSN program. See the College of Nursing website for details.

APPLICATION & ADMISSION
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Pulse Living and Learning Community
If you enter as a freshman, you can attend classes and share a residence hall floor with a supportive community in your first year of nursing study.

Student Nurses Association
UT's chapter provides opportunities for connections, leadership skills, and community involvement from your first day on campus. The chapter's Precious Prints Project, which provides memorial fingerprint pendants to families that have lost a child, has gained national recognition.

Simulation Labs
Simulations are part of each clinical course, giving you a chance to practice new skills and responses under faculty guidance. UT's simulation labs include everything from exam rooms to an obstetric delivery room, equipped with communications technology, telehealth carts, and robots that allow distance learners to take part.

Study Abroad
Nursing trips can take you to places like Belize, Scotland, and Spain to study comparative health care and gain experience working with diverse groups of people. Additional opportunities are available through university-wide programs.

Nursing Honors
Nursing Honors students participate in original research under the mentorship of a faculty member. Students in the Haslam Scholars and Chancellor’s Honors Programs are automatically admitted; other qualifying students are invited to apply during their sophomore year.

Service-Learning
A variety of service-learning courses provide opportunities for hands-on learning as students engage in service with a community partner and reflect on their experiences.

FRESHMAN
APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15
Space is limited, so you are encouraged to apply as early as possible after August for admission in the following fall.

TRANSFER AND CHANGE-OF-MAJOR APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MID-JANUARY
For fall admission to upper-division nursing
ACCELERATED BSN APPLICATION DEADLINE:
LATE NOVEMBER*
For summer admission
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Deadlines may vary. Check the College of Nursing website for specific dates.

All students must complete prerequisite coursework and other requirements before beginning upper-division nursing study.

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