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# Bachelor of Science in Nursing USC Lancaster

## Program Overview

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### College of Nursing Mission

Integrate education, research, and service to develop competent and caring nurse leaders who will shape health and health care delivery with new knowledge, evidence-based practice, partnerships, and policy to facilitate optimal health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.

- Through a partnership with the College of Nursing at the University of South Carolina's main campus in Columbia, USC Lancaster, and area hospitals, students have the opportunity to complete all four years of the nursing program at USC Lancaster. Coursework is administered through a variety of live and distance learning modalities and supported with clinical practice. USCL students enjoy the advantages of a small class size and the ability to remain close to home.
- The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree is a four-year undergraduate program. The BSN program is approved by the South Carolina Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Students admitted to USCL enter the lower division and apply for admission into the upper division. Upper division consists of 2 years of clinical practice supported by concurrent classroom study. Upon successful completion of the BSN program, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

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## USC Lancaster Admissions Requirements

Freshman applicants must have either a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED) prior to enrolling. Accepted applicants must have senior grades and a verification of graduation sent as soon as they are available. Applicants who did not graduate from high school must send transcripts of all available work and a copy of a GED certificate or satisfactory GED test scores.

### Freshman applicants must submit:

- [Completed paper or online application](#)
- Specified non-refundable application fee
- Official high school record complete up to the time of application
- Official entrance examination scores (either SAT or ACT)
- Prospective students must have adequate preparation for the curriculum in which they plan to enroll
- Acceptance into the BSN major does not guarantee progression into the upper division

### Transfer students:

Transfer students must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA in all college work with at least 30 semester hours completed. Students' performance on science and nursing courses taken at other schools must be reviewed upon admission by a nursing advisor.

### Progression Requirements

Enrollment in upper division is competitive and limited. The following criteria are used for admission to the upper division nursing course sequence through a competitive selection process:

- GPA of 3.0 or higher in designated (\*) courses required for the BSN degree.
- No more than 1 science course or pre-nursing lower division nursing course with a grade below C.
- Completion of designated (\*) courses in required general education and pre-nursing courses prior to the semester in which the application is submitted.
- A grade of "C" or better is required in all designated (\*) courses.
- When all designated (\*) courses are complete, the student may apply to the Upper Division of the College of Nursing

See the following link for a sample BSN curriculum checklist:

- [BSN Sample Plan and Degree Checklist](#)
- [College of Nursing Academic Programs](#)

[USC College of Nursing Undergraduate Handbook](#)

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