In 2010, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) issued a landmark report and evidence-based recommendations on the important role nursing will play in our nation’s health care transformation. To meet growing health care demands and challenges and to serve patients better, we need to change how nurses are educated, trained, and practice.

Now is a great time to go back to school! Advancing your education can further your professional development and enhance the care you provide to your patients. Nurses are at the forefront of many of the changes that are taking place in health care. Be ready to lead!

**Why Consider a BSN Degree?**

- You will advance your clinical skills and have more opportunities to become a stronger leader and manager.

- An increasing number of employers require nurses to have a BSN degree to be considered for promotion beyond the entry level.

- A BSN will advance your critical thinking, decision-making, and communications skills so you can help find solutions to our health care challenges.

- Earning your BSN degree will ensure you are prepared to lead in our evolving health care environment.

The OVOP Future of Nursing Action Coalition has formed regional teams to address seamless progressin from ADN to BSN education.

**Our Goal:** Increase proportion of South Carolina nurses with baccalaureate degrees or higher to 50% by 2020.
Some Questions to Consider When Choosing a BSN Program

• How many courses will I need to earn my BSN?
• How much academic credit can I transfer from previous coursework or degree?
• What is the minimum grade and time limit for transfers?
• Will my manager provide support and flexibility?
• Does the school provide access to financial counseling and resources?
• Does my employer offer tuition reimbursement?

BSN = Value for Employers

A more educated and diversified nursing workforce positively impacts patient outcomes and provides life-saving and lifesustaining services.

A better-educated nursing workforce plays an important role in advancing South Carolina’s reputation as a worldwide leader in health care.

Research has shown that higher levels of BSN-prepared nurses in a hospital are associated with decreased rates of fatality and failure-to-rescue.

Academic Progression Pathways

3 Models — find your bridge to the future

• RN —> BSN
  New or experienced nurses

• LPN —> BSN
  Move along a career ladder

• Bachelor’s —> BSN
  A new career in nursing

BSN and BEYOND!

Invest in your future by advancing your nursing education and skills. Learn about the academic pathways to earning your BSN or beyond – and what schools offer programs at the SC Commission on Higher Education Transfer Guide for Undergraduate Nursing Programs at Public Colleges and Universities on SC at


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http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/nursing/centers_institutes/center_nursing_leadership/sc_one-voice_oneplan/index.php

IOM

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