



Why a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

The BSN offers a broad based education in the liberal arts and sciences. The BSN curriculum offers the conceptual understanding of health, illness and the role of nurses and includes content in the area of nursing leadership, management and community health concepts and experiences. The degree offers its graduates more career and practice options and is often required for entry into many masters or doctoral programs. The BSN from CSUCI will enhance your ability to analyze issues and develop solutions to problems by using scientific reasoning and multiple methodologies, enhance your computer and written and oral communication styles and gives you a broad view of societal issues from multiple perspectives including those of different disciplines, cultures and nationalities. The program will encourage the need for lifelong learning and involvement in the community, your nation and the world.

Role of the Nurse today

The role of nursing has changed and now the role of the professional nurse continues to encompass three broad areas:

Provider of direct and indirect care to individuals, families, group, communities and populations; Designer, manager and coordinator of care; and Member of a profession.

According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) the nurse must perform the following activities:

- Base practice on current knowledge, theory and research
- Assume responsibility and accountability for practice
- Form partnerships with patients and other health care professionals
- Communicate, collaborate and negotiate,
- Practice across a variety of settings with diverse populations
- Assess, assemble and evaluate health information
- Teach patients
- Advocate for patients within the health care delivery system
- Delegate and supervise patient care activities
- Allocate and manage physical, fiscal and human resources
- Evaluate nursing care outcomes
- Participate in research and utilize research findings
- Assume responsibility for life long learning and plan for professional career development
- Participate in political and regulatory processes
- Participate in shaping the health care delivery system

The BSN from CSUCI will encompass all of these competencies in preparing its students for the current health care environment.