



EXCELSIOR COLLEGE

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM FOR NURSES

Get a Head Start on Your Bachelor's in Nursing



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THE FUTURE OF NURSING, A LEADING REPORT ON THE PROFESSION, INDICATES THAT 80 PERCENT OF NURSES WILL NEED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE BY 2020. A COLLABORATION BETWEEN YOUR SCHOOL AND EXCELSIOR COLLEGE CAN HELP YOU MEET THAT RECOMMENDATION.

The **Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) for Nursing** is a collaborative effort between select partners and Excelsior College that allows you to minimize the time it takes to complete your degree—and save on the cost. This program allows qualified students to earn an associate degree in nursing at a partner school while completing defined degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science in nursing at Excelsior College.

How It Works

Excelsior College and your school will guide you through the process.

- 1 Complete **associate degree requirements** (Written English, Anatomy & Physiology, and Microbiology).
- 2 Obtain acceptance into associate degree nursing program.
- 3 Talk to an **Excelsior representative** to complete a concurrent enrollment program application.
- 4 Begin working on **general education requirements** for Excelsior College's BS in nursing program—up to 30 credits—at **Excelsior College or your community college**.
- 5 Complete the **first year (two semesters) of an associate degree nursing program** and you are eligible to take up to three Phase I nursing courses in the BS program at Excelsior: two required courses and one elective.
- 6 Complete associate degree in nursing and obtain RN license.
- 7 Finish remaining **bachelor's-level nursing courses via online courses with Excelsior**. You may only need 25–30 credits to finish. This lets you complete your bachelor's degree in as little as 12–18 months.



WAYS TO EARN CREDIT

There are many ways to earn credit at Excelsior: online courses, exams, portfolio assessment, and prior learning assessments. To discuss all of your options, contact an admissions counselor.



FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available. Call an admissions counselor to discuss your options at 844-843-9296.

Course Guide Example

This program plan outlines how students can transfer credits from an associate degree nursing program to Excelsior College's BS in nursing program. Upon completion of the associate degree, credit shown below will apply to the bachelor's degree in nursing.

CREDITS EARNED AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
Associate Degree General Education Component	Semester Hours
English Composition I & II	6
Anatomy & Physiology I & II	8
Microbiology	4
Sociology	3
Introduction to Psychology	3
Developmental Psychology	3
Social Sciences Elective	3
Total	30
Bachelor's Degree General Education Component	Semester Hours
Student can complete General Education requirements through Excelsior College via online courses or credit by exam, or they can take them at a regionally accredited two- or four-year institution.	
INL 102 Information Literacy*	1
Statistics Core	3
Ethics Core	3
Humanities Elective	9
Social Sciences Elective	3
Natural Sciences Elective	0
Arts & Sciences Elective	12
Total	31

CREDITS EARNED DURING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT	
Pre-Licensure Bachelor's Degree Nursing Core Component	Semester Hours
While completing an associate degree at a community college and pre-licensure, students can take up to three Phase I courses in Excelsior's bachelor's program. Completion of the first year of associate degree nursing core requirements and enrollment in Excelsior's concurrent enrollment program are required.	
Pre-Licensure Bachelor's-Level Nursing Courses	8
Total	8
Post-Licensure Bachelor's Degree Nursing Core Component	Semester Hours
Upon completion of associate degree and receipt of RN license, students are eligible to begin work on post-licensure courses.	
30 semester hours of lower-level nursing credit granted for prior learning validated by nursing education and successful completion of the NCLEX-RN	30
Post-Licensure Bachelor's-Level Nursing Courses	22
Total	52


*Information Literacy is a requirement if it hasn't already been fulfilled through previous community college coursework. This requirement is equal to 1 credit.

*Students are required to take a minimum of 12 Excelsior online course credits to qualify for partner pricing.

NOTE: Excelsior College reviews every student's experience individually, and this guide is just a sample scenario. Actual requirements will be dependent on the credit a student transfers to Excelsior.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT CREDIT BREAKDOWN

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 61 & + & 30 & + & 30 & = & 121 \\
 \text{COMMUNITY} & & \text{PRIOR LEARNING AND} & & \text{EXCELSIOR COLLEGE} & & \text{TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED} \\
 \text{COLLEGE CREDITS} & & \text{LICENSURE CREDITS} & & \text{CREDITS} & & \text{FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREE}
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“Concurrent enrollment programs save nursing students both time and money and put them in position to attain a credential that may have otherwise eluded them.”

BARBARA PIEPER, PhD, RN

Associate Dean of School of Health Sciences
Former Associate Dean of School of Nursing

TO LEARN MORE:

Visit: cep.excelsior.edu

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Call an admissions counselor: **844-843-9296**



Excelsior College is a regionally accredited, nonprofit distance learning institution founded in 1971 focused on providing educational opportunity to adult learners.