Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Designed to meet growing demand for baccalaureate-prepared nurses, Merrimack is pleased to introduce the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program. Developed on evidence-based nursing practices, in combination with theoretical and clinical coursework, the program’s rigorous curriculum is designed to help you develop a strong foundation of nursing knowledge and become a safe, compassionate caregiver and future nurse leader.

In collaboration with dedicated faculty members who are passionate about helping others, you’ll leverage state-of-the-art technology to explore anatomy and physiology while developing your communication, teamwork, and leadership skills. Your coursework will be complemented by partnerships with local health care organizations, where you’ll gain the hands-on experience you need to deliver safe, personalized, and effective care.

NURSING APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Common Application or Merrimack Application (no fee to apply)
- Official secondary school transcripts
- Secondary School Report
- Letter of recommendation from school counselor
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher (preferably a science or math teacher)
- SAT or ACT test scores

Admission decisions for nursing applicants will begin in February 2019. View application requirements and deadlines at merrimack.edu/nursing.

Merrimack College was granted Prerequisite Approval status through the Massachusetts State Board of Nursing for the operation of its proposed Baccalaureate Degree Registered Nurse Program. Initial approval status is a prerequisite to the admission of students and is anticipated in late 2018. Admission into the program is contingent upon necessary approval.
Our Innovative Learning Environment
You’ll have the opportunity to apply your knowledge and enhance your skills using innovative technology in Merrimack’s modern labs. Highlights include:

• **SimMan**: An emergency patient simulator that displays neurological and physiological symptoms to help you develop health care treatment, time management, decision making, and communication skills.

• **Anatomage Tables**: 3D medical imaging tables in the anatomy and physiology classrooms that are used for virtual dissections.

• **3D Virtual Reality Anatomy Atlas and BodyViz**: An immersive experience into the human body in 3D space, which enables you to examine, dissect, and replace structures from all angles. The handsets can be used to mimic human motion with animations of joints and bones.

Degree Requirements
- Intro to Professional Nursing
- Nursing Fundamentals and Health Assessment
- Mental Health Nursing
- Gerontological Nursing
- Medical-Surgical Nursing
- Pathopharmacology I and II
- Pediatric Nursing
- Nursing Theory and Research
- Obstetrical and Newborn Nursing
- Community/Public Health Nursing
- Mental Health Practicum
- Critical Care Nursing
- Role Transition
- Capstone Preceptorship (one-on-one with an RN for 208 hours)
- Capstone Synthesis

Nursing Mission
The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program carries out the College’s mission by educating and preparing competent nursing graduates to provide evidence-based, safe, quality nursing care in a diverse and dynamic global health care environment.

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN
In Merrimack’s nursing program, you will learn to:

• Think critically in fast-paced health care environments and provide safe, patient-centered care.
• Adapt to emerging and rapidly changing health care settings using cutting-edge technology.
• Promote and provide compassionate inter-professional health care to diverse individuals, families, and communities at the local, national, and/or global levels.
• Communicate effectively with patients, families, and the inter-professional team.
• Demonstrate emerging leadership qualities in multiple settings.
MEET THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Lynne Sheppard, RN, DNP
Executive Director of Nursing, School of Health Sciences

A dedicated educator and nursing professional, Dr. Sheppard brings high-level experience to her role as executive director of nursing. Prior to joining Merrimack, she was a full-time faculty member at St. Anselm College, where she taught in the school’s BSN and RN-BSN programs.

Dr. Sheppard’s research focuses on simulation instruction and the management and effectiveness of standardized patient simulation scenarios. Dr. Sheppard will apply this expertise to help design Merrimack’s new nursing education facilities.