

History

Villanova University first responded to society's need for baccalaureate-prepared nurses in 1932 when it offered a program of study leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education. This commitment was expanded in 1953 to create a College of Nursing that now offers a 4 year BSN program, a BSN program for second degree students, an MSN program, a PhD program, a Doctor of Nursing Practice program and a Continuing Education Program.

Baccalaureate nursing education prepares individuals for professional nursing practice in a variety of health-care settings and for continuous personal and educational growth, including entrance into graduate education in nursing. A liberal education is integrated with the ideals, knowledge, and skills of professional nursing practice under the direction of well-qualified faculty.

The M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing is approved by the State Board of Nursing of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Upon completion of the undergraduate program, graduates are eligible to take the licensing examination (NCLEX-RN) for professional registered nurses. This license is transferable within the United States nationally by state. The BSN, MSN, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The Nurse Anesthesia Doctor of Nursing Practice is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. The Continuing Education Program is accredited as a provider of Continuing Education in Nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, Commission on Accreditation.

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