



READING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES NURSING PROGRAM



About Reading Hospital



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The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) grants Reading Hospital with Magnet® recognition, giving Reading Hospital status as a Magnet-recognized organization. ANCC's Magnet Recognition Program® honors healthcare organizations that are dedicated to nursing excellence, professionalism, and patient-focused care. Research shows that hospitals honored with the ANCC Magnet Recognition achieve a high level of patient satisfaction and patient safety; foster a collaborative work environment; and attract and retain top talent because nurses and physicians want to work in a healthy and engaging environment.

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Program Overview

The Nursing Program offers a Registered Nurse Diploma. Our three-year program prepares students to become competent and accountable professional nurses capable of providing compassionate, high-quality, cost-effective nursing care. Additionally, our program offers a Dual Enrollment Program in collaboration with Alvernia University. With Dual Enrollment Admission, students will be simultaneously enrolled in the hospital-based Nursing Program offered at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences and Alvernia University's Associate of Science degree.

Dual Enrollment is structured to provide a seamless career mobility pathway while providing our graduates with the knowledge, skills, and credentials to sit for national licensure examination. Qualified graduates will be eligible to receive the following credentials:

- Diploma in Nursing
- Associate of Science Degree in Applied Health from Alvernia University

The three-year Dual Enrollment Program is designed to provide theoretical knowledge and hands-on application through the human life span. Classes and clinical experiences are held Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Evening clinical preparation may be required throughout the course of study. The liberal arts courses are taught by Alvernia University faculty. These courses provide students with a well-rounded background as well as meet the requirements for the Associate of Science degree from Alvernia University.

RN to BSN

Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences fosters the understanding of the importance of a lifelong commitment to continuing education, clinical skills, and professionalism. We strongly encourage our graduates to pursue advanced degrees which serve to support career mobility in the profession of nursing. Employers today are requiring advanced degrees, and there is no time better than the present to start earning your advanced degree.

To that end, we are excited to provide a seamless transition to Alvernia University's RN to BSN Program after completing our three-year program. Alvernia University offers blended and online course formats which provide our graduates with an opportunity to earn a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) within one year after completing the dual enrollment program at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.

Complete Credit Breakdown

50	Nursing credits – Dual Enrollment level
39	Liberal Arts Core credits – Dual Enrollment level
22	Nursing credits – BSN level
12	Liberal Arts Core credits – BSN level
BSN total: 123 credits	

Credit Hours

Credit assigned to nursing courses does not constitute "college credit" and does not imply nursing courses earn the equivalent of college credit. The term "credit" assigned to nursing courses is for grading and/or financial aid purposes only; only an authorized degree-granting institution in which a student enrolls may determine whether the completed nursing course may be accepted for "college credit." It does not refer to academic credits or to the awarding of college credit and degrees.

The Nursing Program defines a credit hour as a unit of measure that places a value to the level of instruction and time requirements for a nursing course and is responsible for determining the credit hours awarded for the nursing courses offered in the program of study.

Accreditations and Approvals:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

The diploma nursing program at Reading Hospital at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences located in Reading, PA, is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326
Phone: 404-975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the diploma nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) welcomes comments from interested individuals from the nursing community, students, and graduates, as well as the public-at-large. The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) provides information on program type and accreditation of nursing programs at www.acenursing.org.

Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing

The diploma nursing program at Reading Hospital at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing PO Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Phone: 717-783-7142; Fax: 717-783-0822. Email: ST-NURSE@pa.gov
www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing

Location

The Nursing Program is located in Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences. The School is adjacent to Reading Hospital in West Reading, Pennsylvania. Clinical experiences are scheduled within Reading Hospital as well as several satellite locations.

Financial Aid

Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences participates in a variety of Federal and State financial aid programs. Financial aid is available to those who qualify. The following resources are also offered: experienced financial aid staff, student financial planning and budgeting, and payment plan options.

All students who wish to be considered for financial aid must complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 484-628-0106 or 484-628-0105. For information on current tuition and fees, please go to reading.towerhealth.org/academics/health-sciences/financial-information.

NCLEX-RN and Employment Success Rates

The current NCLEX success rate is 84.38% percent for the graduates from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021.

Application and Admission

Successful applicants have above average grades in all required high school and/or college coursework, favorable references, and satisfactory pre-admission test scores. Applicants must document a minimum GPA of 2.5. The most recent college or high school GPA is used in the decision process. For additional details about the admissions process, please refer to the School's webpage for the Selective Admissions Policy at reading.towerhealth.org/academics/health-sciences/school-policies.

All qualified applicants must complete a pre-admission examination. Testing will continue until the cohort is filled.

The Nursing Program admits new classes every August. For August enrollment, the deadline for completed applications is February 1 or when the admission class is filled. Materials received after the deadline may be processed for a wait-list process or the next admission cycle. To start the application process, go to reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/admissions/application-process/online/.

Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Nursing Program operates without distinction to age, race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or economic means.

Visit Us

We welcome visits through formal events and personal appointments. To register for an event or to schedule an appointment with an admissions representative, please call 484-628-0100 or email: RHSHS@towerhealth.org. Directions to our School are located at www.RHSchoolofHealthSciences.org.

Questions

For additional information, please call us at 484-628-0100. We look forward to helping you reach your educational goals.



To Learn More, Go To:

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