

NURSING

“I got to work hands-on alongside my med-surg professor. Having my professor right beside me not only pushed me to do my best, it also made me realize our professors are not just teachers in the classroom, but are also great nurses.”

- Betsy from Lexington, Kentucky



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). In keeping with the aims and commitment of Berea College, the mission of the Nursing Program is to prepare students with great promise and limited economic resources for the practice of professional nursing in a variety of health care settings, and to provide a foundation for graduate study in nursing.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- Berea's BSN program was recently ranked as Number 5 among the 50 Best Residential BSN Programs in the nation.
- Recent nursing students have interned with programs like the Care Partners Rehabilitation Hospital in North Carolina, VALOR (VA Learning Opportunities Residency) in Chicago, and the University of Missouri Healthcare Center for Education and Development.
- The Health Promotion in Ghana course offers students the opportunity for international travel working as part of an interprofessional healthcare team.
- Learning opportunities outside of the classroom include community partnerships with regional public health departments,

the Madison County school system, and outreach programs like the Senior Renewal Center.

- The Berea College Association of Student Nurses offers a Peer Support Program that allows nursing students to pair with a more senior peer as a go-to person to answer questions, suggest helpful resources, and share the memorable experiences of being a nursing student.
- Professional development opportunities outside the classroom include Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the Kentucky Association of Nursing Students, and the Alumni-Nursing Student Mentorship Program: Achieving Excellence in Appalachia and Beyond.

CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Berea graduates are distinguished by the practical experience they gain in the work study program. Berea Nursing graduates find employment in a wide variety of health care systems and higher education paths, including:

- Johns Hopkins Medical Center
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- University of Missouri Medical Center
- University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital



WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies