

COLLEGE OF NURSING

While all nursing programs offer a standard curriculum to meet accreditation requirements, URI adds much more! You benefit from innovative, high-tech teaching methods, including an on-campus, state-of-the-art intensive care unit, simulated patients (Sim-man, Sim-toddler, and Sim-baby), and remote-controlled self-exams that allow you to assess your own strengths and weaknesses. You'll also use technology to simulate the most advanced nursing environments in the "real world." For example, all College of Nursing students use a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) to access health care information quickly while caring for patients in various clinical settings.

With our strong clinical focus, you'll gain hands-on experience before ever leaving the classroom. When it is time for your clinical rotations, our program provides a wealth of placements, in hospitals, community clinics, schools, and industry. We strive to stay on the cutting edge, following trends in the profession such as the emerging field of international nursing—we now have a Danish exchange program and are working to develop others.

Qualified nurses are in high demand, and there will continue to be an enormous need for professional nurses to care for tomorrow's patients. The talented faculty at URI can prepare you for nursing in the 21st century!



Elisabeth Gilbert, a nursing major and Centennial Scholar, mentors younger nursing students and has completed clinical rotations at Butler and Women and Infants hospitals.



Major
Nursing, B.S.

Bachelor of Science

A typical first semester for a freshman includes:

- 3 credits in introductory chemistry
- 3 credits in English communication
- 4 credits in human anatomy
- 3 credits in general sociology

URI's nursing program is approved by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the R.I. Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education. Our student population is more than 25 percent multicultural and 12 percent male, making it a very diverse environment for learning. Because we offer both master's and doctoral programs (a unique distinction), you'll also benefit from the presence of advanced nursing students.

After successful completion of foundation courses, you can apply for transfer from University College to begin your clinical experience (Nursing 203). A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for consideration. Once accepted to the nursing program, you are assigned a faculty advisor who helps you plan your course work and investigate career options. Upon graduation with a B.S. in Nursing, you are prepared for the national examination for licensure as a registered nurse (NCLEX-RN exam). Find out more about the college at uri.edu/nursing.

Nursing Programs

Registered Nurses with an Associate's Degree or Nursing Diploma

If you're a registered nurse who has completed a diploma or associate's degree program in nursing, you can apply as a transfer student to our bachelor's degree program. You can transfer a maximum of 32 credits for prior nursing course work. In addition, you can earn credit for General Education courses through successful completion of CLEP exams. The R.N.-B.S. program offers adult learners individualized advisement and nursing courses (18 credits) designed to prepare them for professional career options and advancement.

Navy Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program

If you have previous undergraduate credit and are currently enlisted in the U.S. Navy, you can apply to this program to complete your bachelor's degree in nursing in 36 months.

Outstanding Alumni

Esther Emard, M.S. '82, chief operating officer, National Committee for Quality Assurance

Mary Beth Esposito-Herr, Ph.D. '98, chief nursing officer, University of Maryland Medical Center

Joyce Stamp Lilly '75, civil trial attorney, personal injury law