



**SHENANDOAH**  
UNIVERSITY

Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing

# ***SCHOOL OF NURSING***



*2025 Transfer & Accelerated BSN Tracks*



# REPUTATION FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE

**Shenandoah University enjoys a** strong reputation locally, regionally and nationally. Our nursing graduates are recognized within the health care community as knowledgeable, capable and able to excel in the workplace. In addition, many return after graduation to pursue master's degrees, post-master's certificates and doctoral degrees.

**NURSING IS AN ESSENTIAL** profession in the delivery of health care, with tremendous possibilities and options for career growth. Registered nurses make up the largest part of the health care profession. Nurses are critical members of health care teams and they have provided essential care to millions during the coronavirus pandemic. A student with a strong academic background in math and science, and the ability to recognize and address problems, will find nursing a rewarding, lifelong profession. Our nurses demonstrate skills in professional nursing care delivery, management and leadership as well as values consistent with holistic and ethical delivery.

## NCLEX Pass Rates

SU's BSN graduates continue to shine on the NCLEX, posting a perfect first-time pass rate for the second half of 2023. Overall in 2023, SU's first-time test takers posted a pass rate of 98.25%. NCLEX first-time pass rates are updated every quarter and are consistently above the national average. Find our most recent pass rates at [su.edu/nursing](https://su.edu/nursing).

*The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Shenandoah University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, D.C., 20001, 202-887-6791. Approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing.*





# **HANDS-ON LEARNING**

## **Simulation Technology**

Shenandoah University uses high- and low-fidelity simulation equipment in laboratories that enhance student learning. Simulation technology, in the form of human models/manikins, allows faculty members to design specific events or scenarios that simulate actual clinical situations and events. This technology provides an interactive, educational approach to teaching theory, assessment, technology skills, pharmacology and decision-making in a safe environment that allows you to apply and integrate knowledge, skills and critical thinking.

## **Outstanding Clinical Preceptors**

We enjoy collaborative relationships with many regional hospitals and, in addition to our full-time faculty, our clinical preceptors are some of the finest practitioners in the region. Nursing students study with clinical preceptors at:

- Valley Health System
- Inova Health System
- Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- Hospital Corporation of America
- And an additional 250 affiliated clinical locations

## **Interprofessional Experience**

The Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing fosters interdisciplinary learning and practice through collaboration with our other health care programs, including pharmacy, physician assistant studies, physical and occupational therapy, athletic training, public health and music therapy.

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING <sup>★</sup> <sup>★</sup>

## Transfer BSN

The transfer BSN track is designed for students who want to transfer credits from other colleges and universities into our BSN program. Applicants for the transfer track are strongly encouraged to apply early to work with the Office of Admissions to complete all prerequisite and general education requirements. We will work closely with you to make sure you are taking the right courses to fulfill the prerequisite requirements. Additionally, applicants must successfully pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam. These requirements must be completed and fulfilled before an applicant can be considered for admission.

## Campus Locations

The transfer BSN track is offered at the Winchester main campus, Fall Term (August) start only.

## ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Undergraduate nursing student applicants, with the exception of the ASD students, must complete the TEAS, a nationally standardized test. The TEAS exam is produced by Assessment Technologies Incorporated (ATI) and assesses the following areas of content: English and language usage, math, science and reading.

# Accelerated Second Degree (ABS N)

We offer a 15-month (4 consecutive semesters), full-time, rigorous, fast track for the individual who has earned a bachelor's degree in another field. The ABSN provides you with the necessary skills and knowledge for entry-level nursing positions in a variety of settings. Because of the intensity of the program, it is strongly recommended that you study full time and not work while enrolled in this accelerated program of study. Prior to full acceptance, you must complete all prerequisite and general education requirements.

## Campus Locations

The ABSN track is offered at:

- Our Loudoun location in Leesburg, Virginia, Fall Term (August) and Spring Term (January) starts.
- Our Winchester main campus, Fall Term (August) start only.

**“I chose to do the accelerated program because of the quick track to your BSN so I could make my nursing dreams become a reality. Though it is a jam-packed 15 months, it is so worth it every step of the way!”**

*– Maeve Mulvanerty '21, BSN, RN  
INOVA Health System*







# ***ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS***

Applicants must meet all general Shenandoah University admission requirements and specific requirements for the Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing, including prerequisite courses in the sciences, mathematics and humanities. Students are selected using a variety of measures, including an evaluation of college/university transcripts, test scores and other indicators of ability to be successful in the program.

- Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible and can be reviewed for admissions with 75% of prerequisite courses completed.
- Applicants need a minimum GPA of 3.0 in required prerequisite courses and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in required science courses.
- A maximum of two different science courses may be reattempted one time each to achieve the required GPA. An attempt is defined as any enrollment in a course that results in completion, withdrawal, or an incomplete.



## Transfer Applicant Admission Cycles

- **SPRING 2025**

Priority deadline for the Spring 2025 term by October 1, 2024. Courses begin January 25, 2025.

- **FALL 2025**

Priority deadline for the Fall 2025 term by February 15, 2025. Courses begin September 2, 2025.

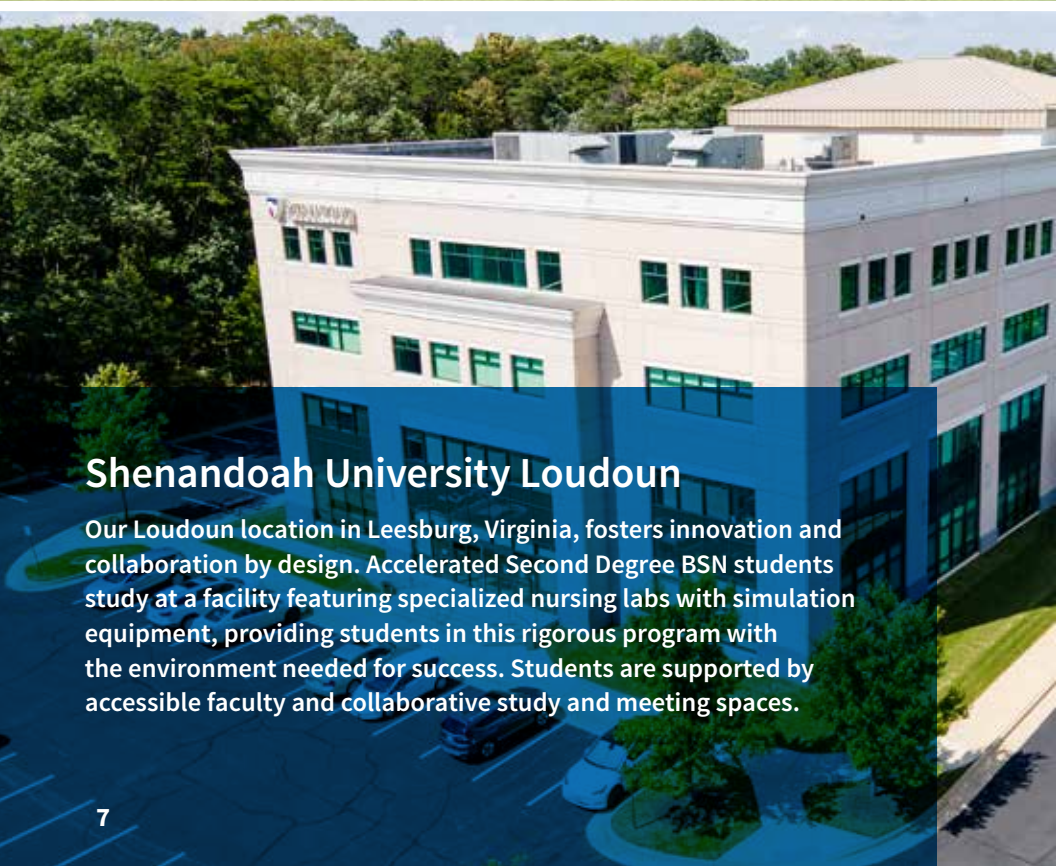
- **SPRING 2026**

Priority deadline for the Spring 2026 term by October 1, 2025. Courses begin January 24, 2026.

Once enrolled in the program, all students are required to undergo a criminal background check and random urine drug screenings, as well as maintain current, required immunizations.

“My Shenandoah nursing education prepared me to be a caring healer in my career by exposing me to people from many different environments so I know that it’s about treating the patient and not the disease. Each individual is unique and needs personalized care so that they can get the proper care they need.”

– Benjamin Crowder '20, BSN, RN  
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota



## Shenandoah University Loudoun

Our Loudoun location in Leesburg, Virginia, fosters innovation and collaboration by design. Accelerated Second Degree BSN students study at a facility featuring specialized nursing labs with simulation equipment, providing students in this rigorous program with the environment needed for success. Students are supported by accessible faculty and collaborative study and meeting spaces.





## Cecil Pruitt, Jr. Health & Life Sciences Building

Come study in our state-of-the-art, 71,000-square-foot science facility. Pruitt HLSB offers premier academic classrooms and specialized nursing labs. Our many specialized skills labs are where students practice and hone their skills prior to starting clinical rotations, enabling them to learn the most from their clinical preceptors. It's also where students, faculty and staff – as well as community members – come to meet and learn together in study rooms or faculty offices, as well as in the Halpin Rotunda, which is used for special events and to showcase student and faculty research.



**“SHENANDOAH GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND WITH TEACHING AND WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND MATERIAL GIVEN TO YOU.”**

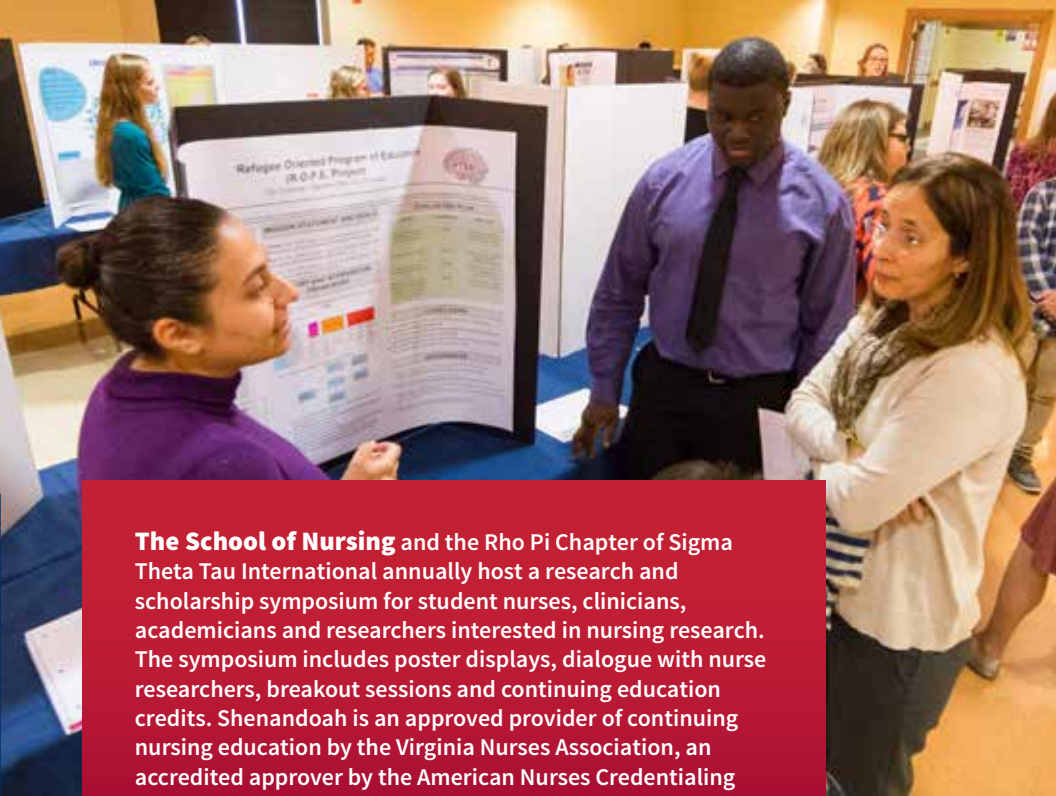
*– Nicole Kunkel '20, BSN, RN  
Inova Health System  
Loudoun County, Virginia*



“I had just finished the fifth week of the first semester of the ABSN nursing program when I got an unexpected call from my brother that my mom had suddenly passed away. One of my professors, who was teaching the nursing psych class I was in, helped me process through the different options of returning right away, coming back one semester later, or waiting indefinitely to begin again. She helped me with some counseling referrals. The ABSN program is VERY intense. I don’t think I could have been successful at restarting this type of program without the added support I received from SU.”



– Amy Eckrote '23, BSN, RN  
INOVA Fairfax Medical Campus in Fairfax, VA



**The School of Nursing** and the Rho Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International annually host a research and scholarship symposium for student nurses, clinicians, academicians and researchers interested in nursing research. The symposium includes poster displays, dialogue with nurse researchers, breakout sessions and continuing education credits. Shenandoah is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Virginia Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

# PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Several organizations support the academic and professional development of nursing students as well as facilitate volunteer activities and community service.

**Student Nurses Association (SNA)** and **National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)** are pre-professional organizations open to all nursing students.

**Rho Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)** is Shenandoah University's chapter of the distinguished national honor society with a focus on leadership recognition and scholarship.

**Nurses Christian Fellowship (NCF)** is a student-run, faith-based nursing organization.


Our **Nursing Peer Mentors program** provides peer support that facilitates nursing student connectedness, progress, retention and successful completion.

# ***SHENANDOAH NURSING FACTS***

- Nursing students participate in varied clinical experiences both in in-patient hospital and community-based settings, highlighted by a senior preceptorship experience in their last semester.
- Nursing students are actively engaged in community service projects, including a community wellness fair, Relay For Life and food drives.
- Many nursing students study abroad and travel internationally on experiential learning and mission trips. Recent trips have taken students to Spain, Haiti, Brazil and the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.



## **Contact the Office of Admissions**

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