



Graduates of the School of Nursing at Salem University are prepared to function as interdisciplinary healthcare professionals who provide holistic care to promote wellness and healing to individuals, families, communities, and populations. Salem nurses are educated and trained to provide the leadership, vision and strategy for the well-being of our patients and societies. The School of Nursing offers the following programs:

- Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program

This 22 month program is offered on our beautiful campus in Salem, WV. Students are prepared to sit for the National Licensure Examination for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) and enter the nursing profession as a registered professional nurse (RN) as part of an interdisciplinary healthcare team member. With 100% pass rates on the NCLEX-RN licensure examination and 100% job placement rates, our student graduates are extremely appealing to prospective employers.

The curriculum comprises 36 credits in core nursing courses. To begin the core nursing courses, students must have earned a 3.0 cumulative GPA in the 10 prerequisite general education courses and any other coursework completed at a post-secondary academic institution. A 2.5 GPA is required for graduation.

RN-BSN Degree Completion Program

All nursing courses in the RN-BSN program are offered via distance education in an asynchronous format. Students have the flexibility and convenience they need to earn their BSN degree while also working as a practicing RN. The core curriculum consists of 30 credits (10 courses that are four-weeks in duration) and can be completed in as few as 10 months.

Enrollment requires a diploma or an associate degree in nursing from an accredited institution recognized by the Department of Education, a current unrestricted RN license to practice nursing in the US, and a 2.5 cumulative GPA. As a Registered Nurse, students are automatically awarded at least 60 transfer credits for their professional experience as an RN. Additional courses may be transferred in, up to a maximum of 90 transfer credits.

- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program

This program is offered via distance education with specializations in nursing administration and nursing education. Experiential learning activities are woven throughout the program and can be accomplished on the job, at the workplace, or in the community. Salem's MSN program can be completed in as few as 10 months. The curriculum consists of 30 credits (10 courses that are four-weeks in duration). Our one-course-per-month delivery allows students to focus on completing their courses without having simultaneous competing course-demands on their time.

Enrollment requires a bachelor of science in nursing degree from an accredited institution recognized by the US Department of Education, a current unrestricted RN license in United States, and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5. Students complete 6 core nursing courses (18 credit hours), then focus on their chosen specialization for the next 4 courses (12 credit hours). A cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for graduation.



## ACCREDITATION AND APPROVALS

### Institutional Accreditation

Salem University has been accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) since 1963. HLC can be contacted at 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604, 800.621.7440 (<http://www.hlcommission.org>). HLC is one of six regional accreditation bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

### Program Accreditation

The Associate of Science in Nursing program is fully accredited by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (“RN Board”). The program conforms to the requirements of West Virginia 19 CSR 1, Policies, Standards and Criteria for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Colleges, Departments and Schools of Nursing.

The RN-BSN Degree Completion Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA), located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20037; phone 202-909-2500.

[http://www.nln.org/newsroom/news-releases/news-release/2017/03/15/nln-commission-for-nursing-education-accreditation-\(nln-cnea\)-grants-nursing-programs-accreditation](http://www.nln.org/newsroom/news-releases/news-release/2017/03/15/nln-commission-for-nursing-education-accreditation-(nln-cnea)-grants-nursing-programs-accreditation)



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Salem is approved by the WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses and therefore meets the state’s educational requirements for professional licensure. At this time, the university has not determined if our curriculum meets the educational requirements for any of the other 49 states for professional licensure. Click here to find professional nursing licensure requirements for any state and jurisdiction.

### CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Salem has a comprehensive Assessment System that is integrated with annual program reviews and institutional effectiveness self-evaluation.

### RN LICENSURE EXAMINATION RESULTS

NCLEX-RN Pass Rates for Program Graduates  
(1/1/2016 – 12/31/2020)

YEAR	TOTAL DELIVERED	PASSED ON INITIAL ATTEMPT	TOTAL FAILED	TOTAL PASS RATE
2016	6	6	0	100%
2017	1	1	0	100%



2018	4	4	0	100%
2019	8	8	0	100%
2020	11	11	0	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100%</b>