CAREER OUTCOMES FROM 2016-20
Based on information from 100% of graduates

100% Secured Employment
97% NCLEX Pass Rate

POSSIBLE DESTINATIONS OF GRADUATES
Augustana’s broad-based curriculum prepares you for diverse occupations and rapidly changing labor markets.

POPULAR CAREERS
Our nursing graduates are leaders who work in many different practice settings and roles including providing patient care as educators or administrators in community health agencies, hospitals, nursing homes and schools of nursing across the country. Others have served in the military, Peace Corps, Indian Health Services and as missionaries.

Augustana graduates are prepared to address issues in a complex 21st century health care environment in areas that may include, but are not limited to: medical, surgical, obstetrics, cardiac, pulmonary, pediatrics, trauma, oncology, renal and public health. A significant number also pursue further study at the master’s, Ph.D, Ed.D., DNP and M.D. levels.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Clinical Opportunities
  - Avera McKennan Hospital
  - Sanford Health
  - Avera Behavioral Health
  - Avera Heart Hospital
  - Various community sites including: Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, Union Gospel Mission, Dougherty Hospice House

- Example Research Topics
  - Effects of a Serene Break Area on Nurses’ Well-Being
  - Effect of Lavender Aromatherapy on Sleep Quality
  - Effectiveness of Massage Therapy in Treating Cancer Pain
  - Is Bed Rest Best Practice for a DVT?

- Study Away
  - AU Faculty-Led: Nursing 451: Transition to Leadership I in Norway or Ecuador
  - AU Faculty-Led: The Greek Connection: Culture, Health and Wellbeing
  - Semester: University of New South Wales
  - Semester: American University of Rome

WHY STUDY NURSING?
The mission of the Department of Nursing at Augustana is to prepare transformational leaders who practice in interprofessional environments. Graduates are poised to collaboratively address complex issues in an evolving health care environment through experiences that cultivate their personal, intellectual and professional growth. The nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Graduates are eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX) for licensure as registered nurses. They are prepared for entry-level positions anywhere in the health care system, and they have a strong foundation for graduate study.
# B.S. Nursing | Major Map

**EXCEL ACADEMICALLY**

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in BIOL 110/120 and 150, SOC 110, CHEM 116 and 145 and PSYC 210.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from alumni in your chosen field and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Explore minors or elective credits that interest you.
- Complete remaining pre-requisite courses: HLTH 222, HLTH 289, BIOL 225, MATH 140 and BIOL 250.
- Enroll in NURS 200: Foundations of Nursing Practice I (fall/interim of second year) and NURS 228: Pathophysiology.
- Work with your faculty advisor to submit a paper application to the nursing program if you did not receive pre-admittance.

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1 and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar’s Office.
- Engage in research in NURS 450 and present your work at the annual research symposium.
- Top 10% of the class will be asked to join the Zeta Zeta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society.
- Apply to be a senior nursing mentor.
- During interim, complete preceptorship hours in Sioux Falls or join a faculty-led trip to Norway, Ecuador or Eagle Butte.

**ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING**

- Access your Viking Central account.
- Participate in campus activities such as Augustana Nursing Student Association, Institute of Healthcare Improvement or Augiethon.
- Explore study-away opportunities in Studio Abroad.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.
- Find opportunities to build health care experience.
- Explore volunteer opportunities at Avera and Sanford Health.

- Attend the Experience Expo.
- Go to the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment, such as a patient care tech or CNA.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds, ASA transportation funds or other experiential scholarships.

- Register for the NCLEX exam to be taken following graduation.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry and Government) Job Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

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**CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!**

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