

## International Nursing Bachelor's Degree Program

**Overview:** The International Program in the Cheryl Spencer Department of Nursing seeks to advance nursing practice, theory and research at the individual, community, national and global level. International program courses are in English and target bachelors' and masters' international students. The **baccalaureate program** offers courses that encourage examination of different nursing approaches based on culture and context. We believe that nursing is a profession and our educational process focuses on providing a strong foundation so student nurses develop their ability to integrate evidence-based practice and theory to address patient-level and community-level concerns.

### Classroom Courses include:

- 290.1608 - Israeli and Other World Health Systems (2 credits)
- 290.1606 - Community Interventions (2 credits)
- 290.1605 - Trans-cultural Nursing and Multicultural Health (2 credits)
- 290.1612 - Fundamentals in Critical Thinking for Nursing (2 credits)

These semester-long courses are taught in small classes, usually with fewer than 20 students, and so learning incorporates presentations and discussions. Discussions incorporate the uniqueness of the home countries of our students as well as the uniqueness of Israel. Up to two classroom courses can be taken per semester. All classes are in English-language.

### Clinical Courses include:

- 290.1612 - Clinical Practicum - Community Nursing (2 credits)/ 290.1611- Pediatric Nursing (4 credits)
- 290.1613 - Clinical studies - Medical/Surgical Nursing (6 credits)
- 290.1614 - Clinical studies - Psychiatric Inpatient and Community Nursing (6 credits)

Our semester-long clinical courses will provide a unique international nursing experience as the student rotates to clinical placement at clinics, hospital units or other health delivery sites. Students are supervised and educated by an instructor, a registered nurse certified to provide clinical education and specializing in the clinical area where instruction is provided. The ratio of clinical instructor to students is 1:6 or lower. Experiences include hands-on care as well as observational experiences.

A full semester of clinical instruction is 6 credits, and includes 12 weeks and between 265-300 hours in the clinical area (between 3-4 full days per week). Reflection on one's learning and understanding of transcultural nursing are incorporated into learning nursing clinical practice. All instruction is in English-language.