



NURSING

ASN | BSN | MSN | CERTIFICATES

Engaging Minds. Embracing the World.



La Roche
COLLEGE



THE SKILLS YOU NEED TO SUCCEED

At La Roche College, we prepare you for the demands of a changing, growing health care industry.

With an education that's both hands-on and skills-driven, you'll gain the practical experience that you need to work as a professional nurse in a variety of settings - from hospitals and home health, to education and public health.

Whether you're new to the field or you're a seasoned professional, our convenient programs are designed to fit your needs:

- **ASN Degree**
- **Online RN-BSN with RN-MSN Option**
- **Online MSN (Specializations in Nursing Administration and Nursing Education)**
- **Certificate Programs (School Nurse and Forensic Nurse)**

WHY LA ROCHE?

Real-world experience in the health care industry, including clinical rotations and the opportunity to provide client care at our affiliating agencies.

Expert and experienced faculty who offer personalized attention and practical instruction.

High-quality programs approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.

A job placement rate of 100 percent for nursing graduates.

A liberal arts education providing the high-level skills that you need in a challenging work environment, such as analyzing, problem solving and collaborating.

A residential campus located just 15 minutes north of downtown Pittsburgh.

Small class sizes with a 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio.

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ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program provides a pathway for you to become a registered nurse. The curriculum combines theory and practical knowledge to prepare you for work in hospitals, clinics and community health care sites.

Offered on campus, **the program can be completed in five semesters**. Upon completion, you'll be able to:

- Sit for the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX).
- Demonstrate skills and techniques required for safe, competent nursing practice.
- Function within the ANA scope and standards of practice, Code of Ethics, legal and regulatory requirements.
- Employ appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication and documentation when collaborating with clients, families, groups and health care team members.
- Utilize critical thinking in the nursing process to promote and restore health, prevent illness, and care for individuals across the lifespan, including the dying.
- Manage care for multiple clients using principles of prioritization and delegation.
- Recognize the importance of continuing professional growth and lifelong learning.



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ONLINE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH RN-TO-MSN OPTION

Once you've earned your ASN degree and work as a registered nurse, you may want to continue your education. Investing in an advanced degree is an advantage for both you and your employer. Experience, coupled with education, enriches your nursing practice and increases your career opportunities.

We offer two convenient online programs for you to achieve your professional goals:

18-month Accelerated Program: In as little as three full-time semesters, you can complete the required courses for a BSN.

RN-to-MSN Option: By waiving six nursing elective credit hours, you can earn both degrees (BSN and MSN) in only seven semesters.

La Roche operates on a rolling admissions system, which means you can join our BSN programs at any time.

RN-TO-MSN OPTION

Designed especially for registered nurses with busy lifestyles, the RN-to-MSN Program is entirely online. This gives you the flexibility you need to complete your coursework within your own schedule.



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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The Master of Science in Nursing builds on the knowledge that you learned in the bachelor's program, helping you develop into a critical thinker and scholarly leader. Offered in an online format, the program provides an added measure of convenience for working nurses.

You may choose between two specialties:

Nursing Administration

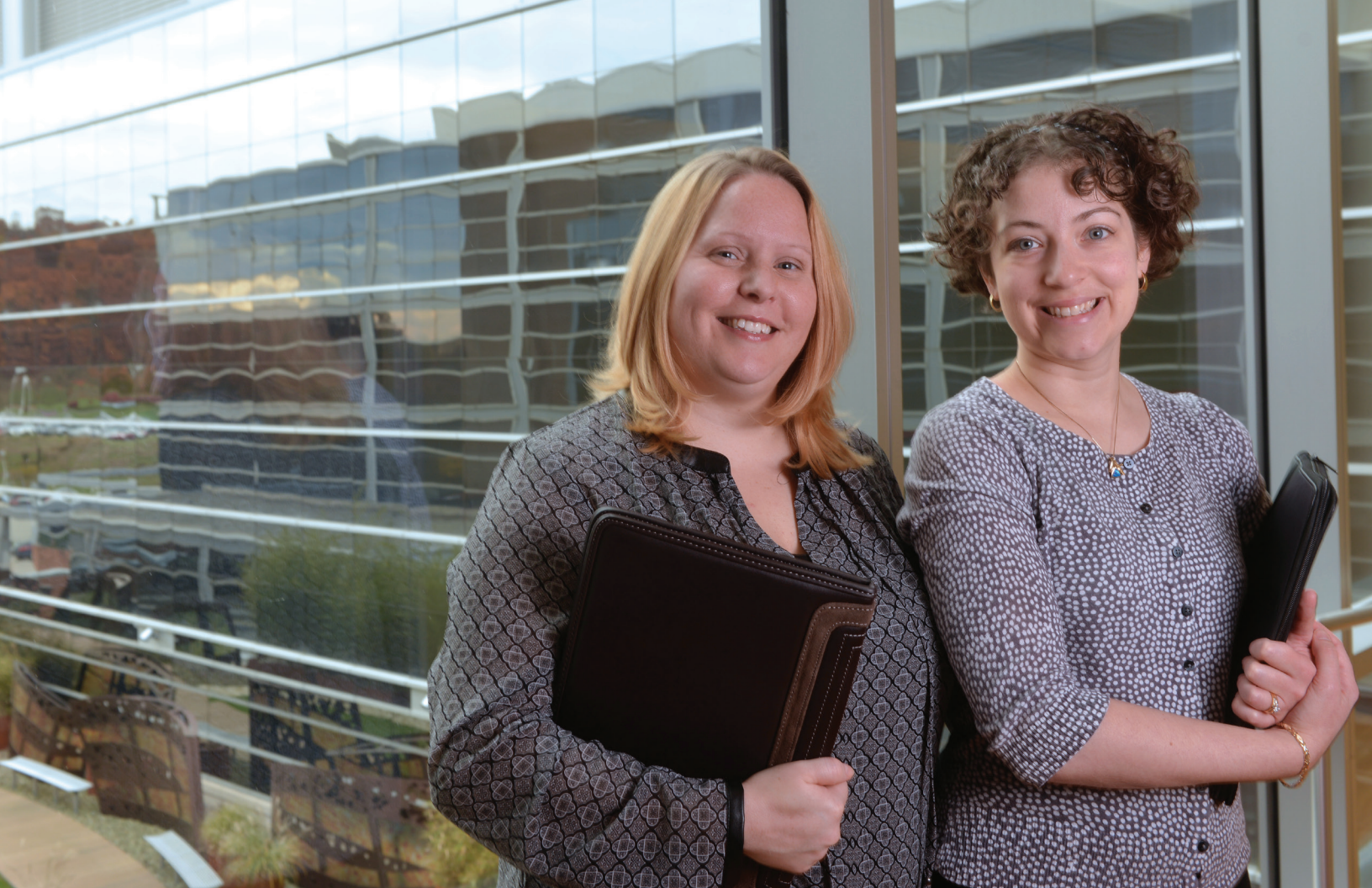
This 12-course online program prepares you for a leadership role in a variety of settings. You'll gain the specialized leadership skills to become a successful nurse administrator. The curriculum prepares students to sit for the Nurse Executive Advanced Certificate Exam offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Nursing Education

This 11-course online program provides the foundation for you to enter educational positions in health care, academic settings and health-related environments. Upon completion, you'll develop the knowledge and skills essential to the role of a nurse educator and be prepared to sit for the Nurse Educator Certification Exam offered by the National League for Nursing.



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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Forensic Nurse

Forensic nurses practice in various settings: hospitals, ER and trauma units, community clinics, law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities. At La Roche, you'll learn to apply your nursing skills to criminal investigations and the identification and treatment for crime victims.

The Departments of Nursing and Justice, Law and Security offer this program as an accelerated package, which means you can complete your coursework in just two semesters.

Courses include: Criminology online, Foundations of Forensic Nursing online, Crime Scene Processing on campus and 30 hours of practicum.

School Nurse: Child Health in an Inclusive Setting

This well-established certificate program allows you to expand your professional nursing career into the school systems. The program is ideal for registered nurses who have earned their BSN, as well as students who are currently enrolled in La Roche's BSN Degree Completion program and have completed all required courses.

Courses include: Child Health for the School Nurse, Theory and 100-hour practicum.



ADMISSION MATERIALS

ASN:

- Application
- \$50 application fee
- Official high school and college school transcripts
- Two letters of reference
- QPA of 3.0 or above
- Essay explaining your interest in entering the ASN Program
- Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

BSN:

- Current nursing license
- Application
- \$50 application fee
- All official transcripts
- Two letters of reference
- Current resume or CV
- QPA of 2.5 or above
- Essay of professional & academic goals

MSN:

- Current nursing license
- BSN from accredited program
- \$50 application fee
- All official transcripts
- Current resume or CV
- Essay of professional & academic goals
- Two letters of reference
- QPA of 3.0 or above

Forensic Nurse Certificate:

- Current nursing license
- Application
- \$50 application fee
- All official transcripts
- QPA of 3.0 or above
- CPR certification
- Professional liability insurance
- Current resume or CV
- Two letters of reference
- Essay of professional & academic goals

School Nurse Certificate:

- BSN or MSN from an accredited program
- Current nursing license
- Application
- \$50 application fee
- All official transcripts
- QPA of 3.0 or above
- Current resume or CV
- Two letters of reference
- Essay of professional & academic goals
- Completed health form (including Hepatitis B immunization)
- CPR certification
- Professional liability insurance
- 1-2 years pediatric maternal-child or trauma ER nursing experience preferred
- Criminal background and child abuse clearances (Act 33 and 34)

Note: All materials should be submitted to the College at the same time as the application. Official transcripts are transcripts received by La Roche College in a sealed, unopened envelope from the school in question.

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MISSION

La Roche College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, founded and sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence, fosters global citizenship and creates a community of scholars from the region, the nation and around the world. The College integrates liberal arts and professional education in creative ways, empowering all members of our community to become lifelong learners, achieve success in their chosen careers and promote justice and peace in a constantly changing global society.