Nurses play a vital role in the healthcare system. They are advocates, caregivers, and innovators, and they’re needed now more than ever. In fact, employment of registered nurses is expected to grow by 15 percent through 2026. The prestigious nursing major at Southern is one of the top selected majors. Southern has more than 150 clinical agency partners across the state of Connecticut in areas such as acute-care facilities, rehabilitation settings, hospital settings, home-care agencies, outpatient clinics, and long-term care. Alumni from Southern’s nursing programs are readily recruited by employers, including Yale-New Haven Health System, which has hired Southern alumni as a large percentage of their professional RN staff.

**DEGREE PROGRAMS**

**B.S. Nursing**  |  Designed as an upper-division major, this program requires a strong liberal arts and science base as a prerequisite to nursing courses. Students are prepared to incorporate professional standards to provide safe, evidence-based and compassionate care of the highest quality to diverse populations. Theory courses and hospital- and community-based clinical practice courses provide students with a comprehensive foundation in nursing. Full-time and limited part-time study options are available.

**Nursing, B.S. (for RNs)**  |  RNs who hold an associate’s degree or diploma in nursing receive individualized attention as they proceed through this flexible nursing program. The program takes into account the rich experience of the RN in terms of clinical and classroom settings, building upon their knowledge and experience in the field, and increasing their credentials and skills. Nursing courses are offered online; most courses are offered in an 8 week format.

**Nursing, B.S. — Accelerated Career Entry (ACE)**  |  This intensive, accelerated career entry (ACE) program is designed for students who hold a BS/BA from an accredited college or university and who wish to change careers and enter the nursing profession. Nursing faculty are dedicated to working with this unique population of students, who learn from a curriculum based on Southern’s nationally accredited, traditional nursing program. Students study alongside other highly motivated, adult learners with rich life and work experiences. Coursework can be completed in 12 consecutive months.

For more information on program requirements, visit [Catalog.SouthernCT.edu/undergraduate](http://Catalog.SouthernCT.edu/undergraduate)

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

There are many rewarding careers you can pursue with a degree in Nursing, including:

- Case Manager
- Charge Nurse
- Critical Care Nurse
- Health Educator
- Nurse Manager
- Nurse Navigator
- Pediatric Nurse
- Public Health Nurse
- Quality Coordinator

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