

# Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing



Westmont's proposed Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN), operated in partnership with Cottage Health, launched in January 2022. Through the breadth of a liberal arts education and a grounding in the Christian faith, students will grow in all areas of their lives, developing key qualities such as compassion and empathy. Along with technical training in nursing skills, the curriculum will address significant philosophical, ethical and social issues about individual and population health and compassionate care, equip students with qualitative and quantitative research skills, and provide multiple opportunities for cross-cultural engagement and reflection.

## SELECTED COURSES

- Fundamentals of Nursing
- Medical/Surgical/Geriatric Nursing
- Public Health Nursing
- Nursing Leadership
- Nursing Research and Informatics
- Professional Nursing Roles
- Pathophysiology
- Understanding My Neighbor: Society, Culture, and Health
- Nursing for Human Flourishing
- Nursing and the Liberal Arts
- Obstetrics
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatric/Mental Health

## CAREER PATHS

- Intensive Care
- Emergency Department and Trauma Services
- Surgical Service
- Acute Patient Care
- Ambulatory Patient Care
- Home Patient Care
- Public Health Nursing
- Case Management
- Discharge Planning
- Nursing Education
- Nursing Informatics
- Nursing Leadership
- Nursing Research

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



CAROL VELAS, MSN, RN, ED.D.  
FOUNDING DIRECTOR

Leads with confidence, compassion, and belief in student engagement for academic success.



JAMES TAYLOR, PH.D.

Studies epistemology, philosophy of religion, and Christian apologetics.



BLAKE VICTOR KENT, PH.D.

Expertise in quantitative methods of research, specializing in population health, medicine, and religion.

## LOCATED IN THE HEART OF SANTA BARBARA



The Westmont Downtown building, which the college has purchased, will house the program on the specially renovated first and second floors. The convenient location at 26 Anapamu Street, a mile from Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, will provide students with easy access to their clinical rotations throughout the various nursing services at the hospital and ambulatory care settings. The facility features a state-of-the-art simulation lab, a team-based learning environment and progressive healthcare facilities to support a vibrant nursing program.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH COTTAGE

The ABSN allows applicants with a baccalaureate degree to complete the intense education and clinical training to become a registered nurse within 16 months. The college plans to use a cohort-based model with 24 students per cohort, graduating two cohorts each year.

The strategic partnership with Cottage Health, a system of hospitals and clinics serving the Central Coast, will provide state-of-the-art clinical training for Westmont students and a pathway to a career in nursing.



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