### Routes to a Career in Nursing

#### OPTION 1
Acquire only nursing prerequisites at UI

- Be accepted to a Traditional BSN program
- Take and pass the NCLEX-RN to acquire your RN License

#### OPTION 2
Acquire a bachelor's degree other than nursing at UI (BA or BS) + nursing prerequisites

- Be accepted to an Accelerated BSN program or Traditional BSN program
- Take and pass a national certification exam by the State Board of Nursing for licensure in your field

#### TERMINAL/HIGHEST DEGREES GRANTED IN NURSING

- Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP)
  - Prepared for a particular clinical specialty
  - CLINICAL EXPERT
- PhD (Research focused degree)
  - Nursing Faculty, Nursing Researcher, Health Policy RESEARCHER/ACADEMIA
- MSN
  - Accelerated/direct-entry nursing program (approx. 3 years). Will gain requirements and take NCLEX-RN and earn an RN license, then proceed to your chosen speciality: MSN Clinical roles: Advanced practice nursing (ex. Nurse Anesthetist), clinical nurse specialist (ex. Pediatrics).
  - MSN Non-Clinical Roles: Informatics Nurse, Clinical Research Coordinator; Nurse Administrator; Clinical Nurse Educator

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