BSN in Nursing

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) curriculum encompasses general, foundational, and professional studies within a liberal arts education. The curriculum is driven by the belief that nursing theory has much to offer in the education of professional nurses and in improving the health and well-being of patient populations. Nursing knowledge is developmental in nature; each course is designed to build on knowledge and skills acquired in previous nursing and non-nursing courses.

The BSN program is offered in three formats:

1. **Traditional BSN**: A traditional four-year degree for freshmen and transfer students
2. **Accelerated BSN**: An accelerated program for non-Nursing post-baccalaureate students
3. **RN-BSN**: An online program for graduates of Associate Degree in Nursing programs

### Traditional BSN

The traditional program accepts new students to the Pre-Nursing program in the fall, spring, and summer semesters. These students must formally apply to the clinical major as they are completing 60 credit hours of general education and prerequisite coursework. Admission is based on a competitive, space-available basis through a systematic and holistic review of each applicant.

Upon admission to the clinical major, students must earn 60 additional credit hours to complete the degree. Admission to the clinical major can begin in the fall or spring. A semester plan for students beginning the program in the fall or spring is listed below. The School of Nursing also offers an additional plan which utilizes a summer semester for students seeking to expedite their graduation plan. More information on the summer option can be found on the School of Nursing (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/traditional-bsn/curriculum) website.

### Accelerated BSN

Non-Nursing post-baccalaureate students with a minimum GPA of 3.0 are eligible to apply for this fast-paced fifteen month program. Like the Traditional program, students are admitted on a competitive, space-available basis. Applications are accepted between mid-July and early October. More information and the online application can be found on the School of Nursing (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/accelerated-bsn) website.

### RN to BSN

This online program admits new students throughout the year to start courses in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Minimum admission requirements include a 2.5 GPA, RN licensure or evidence of eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) during the first semester of enrollment. More information on program prerequisites, semester plans, and how to apply can be found on the School of Nursing (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/rn-to-bsn-online) website.

### Research Opportunities

The school offers a diverse range of research projects that provide care to healthy and ill people of all ages. The Essig Clinical Simulation Learning Center in the school is where students practice technical skills and learn to manipulate various equipment in this simulated clinical setting.

### Major Program Requirements

The completion of all requirements for graduation is the responsibility of the student. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is granted to candidates who have satisfactorily completed all of the following requirements:

- Successful completion of all general education, prerequisite, and clinical nursing courses
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- No more than 30 credits through independent study or extension courses
- Minimum of 120 credit hours
- Completion of all University graduation requirements

### Requirements for Traditional BSN

#### Pre-Nursing Requirements

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or H_D_FS 2400W Principles of Human Development - Writing Intensive
NURSE 2200 Foundations of Communication and Professionalism in Nursing
or NURSE 2200H Foundations of Communication and Professionalism in Nursing - Honors
NURSE Elective *Consult Advisor for list of choices
Clinical Nursing Requirements
NURSE 3000 Health Care Resiliency 1
NURSE 3280 Fundamentals of Nursing 5
NURSE 3300 Pharmacology and Nursing Implications 4
NURSE 3370 Health Assessment in Nursing 4
NURSE 3470 Mental Health Nursing 5
NURSE 3670 Nursing of Adults I 6
NURSE 3800 Gerontological Nursing Care 3
NURSE 3900 Introduction to Nursing Science 3
NURSE 4210 Nursing Ethics 3
or NURSE 4210W Nursing Ethics - Writing Intensive 3
NURSE 4270 Nursing of Children 4
NURSE 4300 Nursing Issues/Leadership and Management 3
NURSE 4470 Nursing of the Childbearing Family 4
NURSE 4870 Nursing of Adults II 7
or NURSE 4870H Nursing of Adults II Honors 7
NURSE 4970W Nursing in Communities - Writing Intensive 5
or NURSE 4970HW Nursing in Communities - Honors/Writing Intensive 5
Clinical Nursing Elective *Consult Advisor for list of choices
7 credits required
Requirements for Accelerated BSN
NURSE 3100 Pharmacology for Nursing 3
NURSE 3280 Fundamentals of Nursing 5
NURSE 3370 Health Assessment in Nursing 4
NURSE 3470 Mental Health Nursing 5
NURSE 3670 Nursing of Adults I 6
NURSE 3800 Gerontological Nursing Care 3
NURSE 3900 Introduction to Nursing Science 3
NURSE 4210 Nursing Ethics 3
NURSE 4270 Nursing of Children 4
NURSE 4300 Nursing Issues/Leadership and Management 3
NURSE 4470 Nursing of the Childbearing Family 4
NURSE 4870 Nursing of Adults II 3-7
NURSE 4970W Nursing in Communities - Writing Intensive 5
NURSE 4950W Nursing Theory and Research - Writing Intensive 3
NURSE 4970W Nursing in Communities - Writing Intensive 5
*Credit hour requirements have been modified. Visit School of Nursing (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/rn-to-bsn-online) website for current credit hour requirements.
**Course title change pending. Course number will remain the same.
Semester Plan
Below is a sample plan of study for the Traditional BSN. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available. Semester plans for the RN-BSN (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/rn-to-bsn-online) and Accelerated BSN (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/accelerated-bsn) can be found on the School of Nursing website.
Semester Plan- BSN Traditional
First Year
Fall | CR | CR
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CHEM 1100, 1000, or 1320 | 3 PTH_AS 2201 & PTH_AS 2203 | 5
MICROB 2800 | 4 ENGLSH 1000 or 1000H | 3
HIST 1100, 1100H, 1200, 1200H, or POL_SC 1100 | 3 PSYCH 1000 or 1000H | 3
SOCIOL 1000, 1000H, or RU_SOC 1000 | 3 PHIL 1150 or 2440 | 3
MATH 1050 or 1100 | 3
16 | 14
Second Year
Fall | CR | CR
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MPP 3202 | 5 NURSE 3200 | 4
PSYCH 2410, 2410H, H_D_FS 2400, or H_D_FS 2400W | 3-4 NEP 2380 | 3
NURSE 2200 or 2200H | 3 STAT 1200 or ESC_PS 4170 | 3
Humanities/Fine Art Course | 3 Humanities/Fine Arts Course | 3
Nursing Elective | 3 | 3
14-15 | 16
Third Year
Fall | CR | CR
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NURSE 3280 | 5 NURSE 3470 | 5
NURSE 3300 | 4 NURSE 3670 | 6
NURSE 3370 | 4 NURSE 3800 | 3
Nursing Elective | 1 NURSE 3900 | 3
14 | 17
Fourth Year
Fall | CR | CR
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NURSE 4210 or 4210W | 3 NURSE 4870 or 4870H | 7
NURSE 4270 | 4 NURSE 4970W or 4970H | 5
NURSE 4300 | 3 Nursing Elective | 3
NURSE 4470 | 4 | 4
14 | 15
Total Credits: 120-121
NOTE: Curriculum subject to change.