BSN graduates must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours. A Bachelor of Science (BSN) degree is awarded at graduation, and the graduate may be eligible to take the licensing examination to become a registered nurse (RN).

### Accelerated BSN Option

The Accelerated BSN Option is a 15-month program designed for individuals who have completed a non-Nursing bachelor's degree. Like the clinical nursing major, admission is on a competitive and space-available basis. Students are evaluated for admission to the Accelerated BSN based on the following criteria:

- A baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 (4.0 grading scale)
- Two letters of reference from individuals that can attest to the student's motivation and ability to complete a course of intensive study
- Personal statement
- Professional resume
- Completion of prerequisite courses with a minimum of a C or better
- Evidence of potential and motivation for nursing
- Evidence of prior work success and/or ability to handle a fast-paced academic program

Transfer students must apply for admission through the MU Admissions Office. An additional, required application for non-MU and MU students is available on the School of Nursing (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/accelerated-bsn/) website from mid-July to early October. Clinical course work begins the following summer and requires consecutive enrollment in the fall, spring, and a second summer to complete the degree.

A Bachelor of Science (BSN) degree is awarded at graduation, and the graduate may be eligible to take the licensing examination to become a registered nurse (RN).

### RN to BSN Option

The RN to BSN is for registered nurses who have earned a diploma or associate degree in nursing, with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 of higher. All RN to BSN courses are offered online.

RN to BSN registered nurse applicants must be currently licensed to practice nursing (or eligible for licensure) in Missouri or another state. The RN to BSN major requires completion of a minimum of 120 credit hours, which includes completed credit hours from other institutions. The length of the program varies, depending on previously completed equivalent prerequisite courses and the student's choice of part-time or full-time enrollment. More details about the program, including program prerequisites, can be found on the School of Nursing (https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/rn-to-bsn-online/) website.
Transfer Students
Students transferring to MU from another accredited institution of higher education or other schools and colleges within the University are subject to the regulations established by the MU Faculty Council concerning transfer of credit.

For more information regarding the transfer guidelines for the School of Nursing, call (573) 882-0277. Prior to admission, transfer students must have the following:

- Minimum 3.25 GPA
- Approval from the Nursing Student Affairs office

Transfer students must apply for admission through the MU Admissions Office.

International Students
In addition to the admission criteria described above, international students must meet the following criteria:

- Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) composite score of 84, with speaking sub-score of 26
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall score of 6.5, with a speaking band score of 8

Advising
The academic advising office is in S235 of the School of Nursing Building, (573) 882-0277. Students are assigned an academic advisor upon enrollment at MU. In addition, each clinical nursing major can work with faculty advisors who are available for consultation about academic and professional matters.

Health Care
Nursing students participate in a variety of on- and off-campus educational experiences. The School of Nursing does not assume responsibility for health-care expenses incurred in either setting. Students assume responsibility for all health care for illness and injury, including emergency treatment. Student Health is located at University Physicians Medical Building, 1101 Hospital Drive, (573) 882-7481. For additional information, visit their web site at https://studenthealth.missouri.edu/.

Graduate
Nursing Graduate Programs
Masters of Science (Nursing) and Masters of Science

The Master of Science degree programs prepares nurses with post baccalaureate or post graduate degrees for roles as nurse educators, nurse leaders, and care managers. Graduates of the Masters of Science program proceed to prepare future nurses, promote health, provide care management, and nursing leadership to meet the healthcare needs of its citizens of Missouri and beyond.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Doctor of Nursing Practice

The DNP program prepares nurses to develop clinical programs based on the latest evidence. The student will choose an area of study (Adult CNS, FNP, PNP, or FMHNP) on which to focus their clinical practice.