

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. 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 pathways:

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 with RN licensure

Traditional BSN

Pre-Nursing

The traditional program accepts new students to the Pre-Nursing program in the fall and spring semesters. As students approach completion of the Pre-Nursing coursework, they must formally apply to the clinical major. Admission is based on a competitive, space-available basis through a systematic and holistic review of each applicant. Admission to the clinical major may occur in the fall or spring. More information about the clinical application process can be found on the School of Nursing website. (<https://nursing.missouri.edu/academic-programs/bachelor-of-science-in-nursing-bsn/overview-of-program/how-to-apply/>)

Clinical Nursing

Upon admission to the clinical major, students must earn 60 additional credit hours to complete the degree. A semester plan for students beginning in a fall semester is listed below. The curriculum includes instructional learning in the classroom, simulation center, and clinical sites.

Accelerated BSN

Non-Nursing post-baccalaureate students with a minimum GPA of 3.0 are eligible to apply for this fast-paced seventeen month program. The curriculum includes instructional learning in the classroom, simulation center, and clinical sites. Like the Traditional program, students are admitted on a competitive, space-available basis. The online program application includes the following:

- To start clinical in the spring: Apply by September 15th
- To start clinical in the fall: Apply by January 31st

More information about the application, prerequisites and curriculum 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 and an unencumbered 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 and Simulation Opportunities

The school offers a diverse range of research projects that provide care to healthy and ill people of all ages. The Simulation Center is where students practice technical skills and learn technical skills in a 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 (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/universityrequirements/>), including University general education requirements (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/general-education-requirements/>)

Requirements for Traditional BSN

Pre-Nursing Requirements

CHEM 1100	Atoms and Molecules with Lab	2-4
or CHEM 1000	Introductory Chemistry	
or CHEM 1400	College Chemistry I	
& CHEM 1401	and College Chemistry I Laboratory	
MICROB 2800	Microbiology for Nursing and Health Professions	4
or MICROB 3200	Medical Microbiology and Immunology	
MATH 1050	Quantitative Reasoning	3
or MATH 1100	College Algebra	
STAT 1200	Introductory Statistical Reasoning (MP)	3
or ESC_PS 4170	Introduction to Applied Statistics	
HIST 1100	Survey of American History to 1865	3
or HIST 1100H	Survey of American History to 1865 - Honors	
or HIST 1200	Survey of American History Since 1865	
or HIST 1200H	Survey of American History Since 1865 - Honors	
or HIST 1400	American History	
or POL_SC 1100	American Government	
ENGLISH 1000	Writing and Rhetoric	3
PSYCH 1000	General Psychology	3
SOCIOL 1000	Introduction to Sociology	3
PHIL 1150	Introductory Bioethics	3
or PHIL 2440	Medical Ethics	
Humanities/Fine Arts		6
PTH_AS 2201	Human Anatomy Lecture	5
& PTH_AS 2203	and Human Anatomy Laboratory	
MPP 3202	Elements of Physiology	5
NURSE 3200	Pathophysiology	4
or NURSE 3200H	Pathophysiology - Honors	

NEP 2380	Diet Therapy for Health Professionals	3
PSYCH 2410	Developmental Psychology	3
or PSYCH 2410H	Developmental Psychology - Honors	
or H_D_FS 2400	Principles of Human Development	
or H_D_FS 2400H	Principles of Human Development - Honors	
or H_D_FS 2400HW	Principles of Human Development - Honors/Writing Intensive	
or H_D_FS 2400W	Principles of Human Development - Writing Intensive	
NURSE 2200	Foundations of Communication and Professionalism in Nursing	3
or NURSE 2200H	Foundations of Communication and Professionalism in Nursing - Honors	
Electives	If needed to reach 60 credit requirement for clinical program application	0-3
Clinical Nursing Requirements		
NURSE 3220	Holistic Health Promotion and Wellness	3
or NURSE 3220H	Holistic Health Promotion and Wellness - Honors	
NURSE 3300	Pharmacology and Nursing Implications I	4
NURSE 3400	Nursing Fundamentals and Assessment	8
NURSE 3320	Pharmacology and Nursing Implications II	2
NURSE 3470	Mental Health Nursing	4
or NURSE 3470H	Mental Health Nursing - Honors	
NURSE 3670	Adult Nursing: Common Health Conditions	6
NURSE 3920	Introduction to Nursing Science and Informatics	4
or NURSE 3920H	Introduction to Nursing Science and Informatics - Honors	
NURSE 4070	Adult Nursing: Geriatrics and Chronic Health Conditions	4
NURSE 4270	Pediatric Nursing	4
or NURSE 4270H	Nursing of Children - Honors	
NURSE 4420	Nursing Ethics and Leadership	4
or NURSE 4420W	Nursing Ethics and Leadership - Writing Intensive	
or NURSE 4420H	Nursing Ethics and Leadership - Honors	
or NURSE 4420HW	Nursing Ethics and Leadership - Honors/Writing Intensive	
NURSE 4470	Reproductive and Neonatal Nursing	4
NURSE 4770	Community & Public Health Nursing Clinical	1
NURSE 4790W	Community and Public Health Nursing - Writing Intensive	3
or NURSE 4790HW	Community and Public Health Nursing - Honors/Writing Intensive	
NURSE 4920	Transition to Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 4990	Adult Nursing: Complex Health Conditions	3-7
or NURSE 4990H	Adult Nursing: Complex Health Conditions	

Requirements for Accelerated BSN

NURSE 3220	Holistic Health Promotion and Wellness	3
NURSE 3300	Pharmacology and Nursing Implications I	4
NURSE 3400	Nursing Fundamentals and Assessment	8
NURSE 3320	Pharmacology and Nursing Implications II	2
NURSE 3470	Mental Health Nursing	4
NURSE 3670	Adult Nursing: Common Health Conditions	6

NURSE 3920	Introduction to Nursing Science and Informatics	4
NURSE 4070	Adult Nursing: Geriatrics and Chronic Health Conditions	4
NURSE 4270	Pediatric Nursing	4
NURSE 4420	Nursing Ethics and Leadership	4
NURSE 4470	Reproductive and Neonatal Nursing	4
NURSE 4770	Community & Public Health Nursing Clinical	1
NURSE 4790W	Community and Public Health Nursing - Writing Intensive	3
NURSE 4920	Transition to Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 4990	Adult Nursing: Complex Health Conditions	3-7

Requirements for RN to BSN

NURSE 3080	Introduction to Nursing Informatics	3
NURSE 4110	Role Transitions	3
NURSE 4200	Nursing Ethics and Law	3
NURSE 4400	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NURSE 4500	Interprofessional Healthcare Collaboration and Care Management	3
NURSE 4930W	Evidence-Based Nursing Practice and Quality Improvement - Writing Intensive	4
NURSE 4950W	Nursing Theory and Research - Writing Intensive	3
NURSE 4970	Nursing in Communities	4

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	Spring	CR
CHEM 1100 or 1400		4 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 or 1000H		3 PHIL 1150 or 2440	3
MATH 1050 or 1100		3	
		17	14
Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
MPP 3202		5 NURSE 3200 or 3200H	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
		Elective ^{If needed to reach 60 credits}	3
		14-15	16

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
NURSE 3300		4 NURSE 3470	5
NURSE 3400		8 NURSE 3670	6
NURSE 3220 or 3220H		3 NURSE 3800	3
		NURSE 3900	3
	15		17
Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
NURSE 4210 or 4210W		3 NURSE 4770	2
NURSE 4270		4 NURSE 4870 or NURSE 4870H	7
NURSE 4300		3 NURSE 4980	3
NURSE 4470		4 Elective <small>If needed to reach 120 credit degree requirement</small>	3
	14		15

Total Credits: 122-123

NOTE: Curriculum subject to change.