

# Nursing RN-BSN (Online)

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The Department of Nursing offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Within the BSN program there is a baccalaureate completion (RN-BSN) option for registered nurses desiring a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The RN-BSN option is offered as an entirely online program.



The RN-BSN program is approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

### Becoming Career Ready...

/ Nursing students are taught in theory and clinical courses by experienced faculty possessing a minimum of a master's degree in nursing or doctoral degrees.

/ Graduates of the nursing program work in private practice healthcare, and hospital settings, in schools, and state and government areas. Examples of job titles include nurse, nurse case manager, insurance firm nurse, school nurse, and nurse educator.

/ Graduates are fully prepared for nursing practice in their preferred area of nursing.

/ Nursing (RN-BSN) students may continue to function in their current area of employment upon graduation and will be eligible to apply for leadership and/or management positions. Graduates will also be eligible to apply to any MSN program.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests, and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

### About Our Online Programs

At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.

*This program could lead to licensure or certification. However, Southeast's program either does not meet, or we cannot determine if it meets, the licensure or certification requirement in all states. Please consult our State Authorization page, Licensure tab, to determine information specific to your state: <https://semo.edu/online/student-resources/stateauth.html>.*



### Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates

- Southeast Health
- St. Francis Medical Center
- Missouri Delta Medical Center
- Perry County Hospital
- Ste. Genevieve Hospital
- Barnes Hospital, St. Louis
- Children's Hospital, St. Louis
- SSM System, St. Louis

### Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates

- Southeast Missouri State University
- St. Louis University
- University of Missouri- St. Louis
- University of Missouri

### Admission Requirements

#### Applicants must:

- Must be a permanent resident of Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, or Arkansas.
- Have a minimum Cumulative 2.5 GPA.
- Have a valid nursing license in the state in which you practice and have successfully completed the following: Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Microbiology, English Composition II, Chemistry and the majority of the non-nursing courses.
- Meet all requirements of a background check verified by CastleBranch. A code will be given to you to subscribe to this service once the Director of the RN-BSN program and the online program specialist have verified that all criteria listed above is met.

### Special Requirements with Nursing RN-BSN (Online)

- Special program fees are required for this program of study; [semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.htm](https://semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.htm).
- Any student wishing to declare nursing as a major, whose native language is not English, is required to take the TOEFL. The TOEFL score cannot be more than two years old. Minimum scores for admission to the Department of Nursing at Southeast Missouri State University are: 100 cumulative score and no less than 20 on individual scores for speaking, writing, reading and listening.

### Special Options with Nursing

Southeast offers a Master of Science in Nursing.

### Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at [semo.edu/transfercredit](https://semo.edu/transfercredit).

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

## CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

## By Transfer/Competency Credit/Course Completion:

## I. Required Support Courses

(Some courses may fulfill General Education requirements.

A grade of 'C' or better is required in each support course.)

- \_\_\_ BS 113 Anatomy & Physiology I (4)
- \_\_\_ BS 114 Anatomy & Physiology II (4)
- \_\_\_ BS 240 Microorganisms and the Human Hosts (4)
- \_\_\_ CH 180/CH181 Chemistry in Our World/Basic Principles of Chemistry (3-5)+s
- \_\_\_ FN 235 Nutrition for Health (3)+
- \_\_\_ MA 155 Statistical Reasoning (3)+s
- \_\_\_ PY 220 Psychological Development Across the Lifespan (3)+
- \_\_\_ UI 412 American Health Care System (3)+ ssw

## II. General Education Requirements

- \_\_\_ Social and Behavioral Sciences - 6 hours
- \_\_\_ Constitution requirement - 3 hours
- \_\_\_ Written Communication - 6 hours
- \_\_\_ Oral Communication - 3 hours
- \_\_\_ Natural Sciences - 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- \_\_\_ Mathematics - 3 hours
- \_\_\_ Humanities & Fine Arts - 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- \_\_\_ Additional requirements - 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- \_\_\_ Civics examination

## III. Bridge Nursing Courses

'C' or better is required in NS380 and NS390

- \_\_\_ NS011 RN-BSN Education Assessment (0)
- \_\_\_ NS380 Holistic Assessment (4) <sup>8</sup>
- \_\_\_ NS390 Framework for Professional Nursing (4) <sup>8</sup>

## IV. Senior Level Nursing Courses

'C' or better is required in each course

- \_\_\_ NS385 Research for Professional Practice (3) <sup>8</sup>
- \_\_\_ NS386 Professional Practice: Community Health (6)
- \_\_\_ NS480 Professional Practice: Nursing Leadership & Management (6)
- \_\_\_ NS483 Gerontological Nursing and Care of Older Adults (3) <sup>8</sup>

NOTE: 37 hours of BSN Credit will be granted upon completion of the NS011 RN-BSN assessment.

8 - These courses are typically offered in an eight-week format in the spring or fall semesters

S - These courses are typically offered in a summer session.

W - These courses are typically offered over the wintersession (listed as part of the spring semester). Students are restricted to one wintersession course per semester.

+ - Fulfills General Education requirement

\*\*Both part-time and full-time study are available.

## Personalized Pathways:

At Southeast, we offer online courses in a traditional 16-week fall and spring semester with eight-week sessions in the first and last half of both. In addition, we offer a wintersession between fall and spring and at least six different 4, 6, and 8 week sessions over summer. (Nursing specific (NS) courses are only offered in the fall and spring semester.) Talk with an advisor to see how you can utilize these different sessions to expedite your degree completion.

## SAMPLE PLAN

This sample plan does not include required prerequisite coursework. General education requirements will be taken as available within course schedule.

	First Semester	Second Semester
	Course # Hrs	Course # Hrs
1ST YEAR	NS385 (2nd 8 wks) (part-time & full-time) 3	NS380 (1st 8 wks) (part-time & full-time) 4
	NS390 (1st 8 wks) (part-time & full-time) 4	NS386 (full-time only) 6
	NS480 (full-time only) 6	NS483 (2nd 8 wks) (part-time & full-time) 3
SUMMER	MA155 (part-time & full-time) 3	
	UI412 (part-time & full-time) 3	
	Full-time students complete nursing sequence in summer	
2ND YEAR	NS480 (part-time only) 6 OR NS386 (part-time only) 6	NS386 (part-time only) 6 OR NS480 (part-time only) 6
		NS011 0

Newly admitted students should contact the online advising office, [onlineadvising1@semo.edu](mailto:onlineadvising1@semo.edu), for detailed information and for assistance in arranging a plan of study.

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours; completion of/transfer credit for General Education program courses; residency at Southeast - at least 30 hours from Southeast; 39 senior division hours required; current residency at Southeast - 12 of your final 18 hours must be taken with Southeast; grade point average at Southeast: 2.0 minimum required; grade point average cumulative: 2.0 minimum required. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements.