

# NURSING

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

This is a guide based on the 2025-2026 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

*"Critical Courses" are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.*

#### 64 hour major – no minor required

(A grade of 'C' or better is required in all courses within the major.)

#### Required Courses:

- \_\_\_ NC371 Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical (3)
- \_\_\_ NC372 Nursing Assessment Clinical (1)
- \_\_\_ NC387 Adult Health I Clinical (2)
- \_\_\_ NC388 Maternal-Newborn Nursing Clinical (1)
- \_\_\_ NC389 Mental Health Nursing Clinical (1)
- \_\_\_ NC487 Adult Health II Clinical (2)
- \_\_\_ NC488 Pediatric Nursing Clinical (1)
- \_\_\_ NC489 Nursing of the Elderly Clinical (1)
- \_\_\_ NC491 Transitions in Nursing Clinical (2)
- \_\_\_ NC492 Community Health Nursing Clinical (2)
- \_\_\_ NC497 Introduction to Critical Care Nursing Clinical (0.5)
- \_\_\_ NC498 Nursing Practicum Clinical (3)
- \_\_\_ NS271 Introduction to Nursing Concepts (3)
- \_\_\_ NS371 Fundamentals of Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS372 Nursing Assessment (2)
- \_\_\_ NS373 Pharmacology (3)
- \_\_\_ NS374 Pathophysiology (3)
- \_\_\_ NS381 Nursing Research (2)
- \_\_\_ NS387 Adult Health I (3)
- \_\_\_ NS388 Maternal-Newborn Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS389 Mental Health Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS487 Adult Health II (3)
- \_\_\_ NS488 Pediatric Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS489 Nursing of the Elderly (3)
- \_\_\_ NS491 Transitions in Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS492 Community Health Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS497 Introduction to Critical Care Nursing (1.5)
- \_\_\_ NS498 Nursing Practicum (1)
- \_\_\_ NS499 NCLEX Prep (2)

#### Required Support Courses:

(Some courses may fulfill General Education requirements.

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

- \_\_\_ **BS113 Anatomy & Physiology I (4)**
- \_\_\_ **BS114 Anatomy & Physiology II (4)**
- \_\_\_ **BS240 Microorganisms and the Human Hosts (4)**
- \_\_\_ **CH181/184 Basic Principles of Chemistry + Lab (4)**
- \_\_\_ **FN235 Nutrition for Health (3)**
- \_\_\_ **MA155 Statistical Reasoning (3)**
- \_\_\_ **PY220 Psychological Development Across the Lifespan (3)**
- \_\_\_ UI412 American Health Care System (3)

**General Education Requirements** – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- 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

### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	1	<b>BS114/014</b>	<b>4</b>
	EN100	3	<b>CH181/184</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>BS113/013</b>	<b>4</b>	General Education	3
	<b>MA155</b>	<b>3</b>	General Education	3
	General Education	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	

<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	<b>BS240/040</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>FN235</b>	<b>3</b>
	General Education	3	NS271	3
	General Education	3	<b>PY220</b>	<b>3</b>
	General Education	3	UI412	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	

Milestone: Minimum GPA of 2.8, completion of all 59 hours in the first two years. Application and admission required in second semester of year two.

<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	NC371	3	NS381	2
	NS371	3	NC387	2
	NC372	1	NS387	3
	NS372	2	NC388	1
	NS373	3	NS388	3
	NS374	3	NC389	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	

<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>	NC487	2	NC491	2
	NS487	3	NS491	3
	NC488	1	NC492	2
	NS488	3	NS492	3
	NC489	1	NC498	3
	NS489	3	NS498	1
	NC497	0.5	NS499	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

Degree requirements for all BSN students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BSN degree.



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### ADMISSION TO NURSING PROGRAM

Students seeking a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing should select "pre-nursing" as their area of interest and begin taking the courses and/or general education categories listed below. Their assigned advisor will assist in selecting the best sequencing of these courses. The academic advisor will also furnish deadlines for admission materials to be submitted to the Department of Nursing. Applicants will be required to have completed all 45 prerequisite hours or to be enrolled in any of the still remaining courses at the time of application. All prerequisites and general education requirements must be met before beginning the first semester of nursing courses. Students offered provisional admission or placed on the reserve list will be required to enroll in and successfully complete Introduction to Nursing Concepts (NS271) in the same semester as when they applied to the nursing program. This course must be completed prior to beginning any other nursing lecture (NS prefix) or clinical course (NC prefix).

Students must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.80, and a "C" or higher in required courses listed below.

The Missouri Board of Nursing limits the number of students admitted each semester; therefore, admission is competitive and is based on meeting all admission requirements, including completion of all prerequisites, achievement of minimum GPA, and completion of the HESI A-2 pre-admission exam.

Courses/Categories requiring a minimum grade of 'C':

- Anatomy & Physiology I & II
- Chemistry\* (CH181)\*
- Microbiology
- Nutrition (FN235)\*
- Psychological Development Across the Lifespan (PY220)\*
- Statistical Reasoning (MA155)\*
- Written Communication (EN140)\*

\*fulfills a general education requirement

Students may access the department web site at <http://www.semo.edu/nursing/> for complete information or contact the Department of Nursing directly.

Students who wish to qualify for admission and progression in the nursing program must meet performance requirements, as well as academic requirements. Performance requirements include cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor competencies. A student must, with or without reasonable accommodations, satisfy these requirements. Potential students may access these performance requirements via the BSN Student Handbook on the Department of Nursing web site and review "Other Specific Nursing Program Policies."

A nursing student who drops an NC or NS prefix course must also drop the course with the corresponding course number. (For example, if a student drops NC 387, s/he must also drop NS 387; if the student drops NS 387, s/he must also drop NC 387.)

A student who receives a grade below a "C" in an NS prefix course or a non-credit grade in an NC prefix course may not continue in the nursing program. However, he/she may apply for readmission. Students desiring readmission must address a letter/email of petition to the Department of Nursing Student Affairs Committee prior to the requested date of enrollment which includes plans for success in the failed course, must meet all current criteria for admission, and must have completed requirements and prerequisites for the requested level of entry. Readmission is dependent on record review, program space, and evidence that successful progress can be made toward degree completion. Readmission is not considered if more than two years have lapsed since the last nursing courses were completed at SEMO. Any student seeking admission after two years must complete the full admission process and if admitted will be required to complete all NC and NS prefix courses including those previously passed and failed. See the BSN Handbook for details or contact the Department of Nursing directly.

Students receiving a non-credit grade in any NC (clinical) prefix course must repeat and pass that course prior to enrolling any other nursing course and must simultaneously audit the corresponding NS (theory) prefix course, even if a passing grade was received in the NS prefix course. If a student fails a second NC or NS prefix course, including a repeat of the previously failed course, he/she cannot continue in the nursing program and will not be eligible for re-admission at any time thereafter.

**Transfer Students.** Admission of transfer students is on a competitive basis. Students who seek to be admitted by transfer must meet all University and department requirements, have completed all prerequisite courses, and must supply transcripts and course descriptions of previous coursework in nursing. Transfer students who have one failure of a nursing course elsewhere must meet additional specific criteria. See the BSN Handbook for details or contact the Department of Nursing directly.

**Licensure.** To complete the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) the applicant "shall be of good moral character and have completed at least the high school course of study, or the equivalent thereof as determined by the state board of education and have successfully completed the basic professional curriculum in an accredited school of nursing" (Section 335.046 - State of Missouri Nursing Practice Act).

Completion of the nursing education program does not guarantee eligibility to complete the NCLEX. (Section 335.066, Missouri Nursing Practice Act) The full text of this section may be found on the Department of Nursing website and in the BSN Student Handbook online. The Missouri State Board of Nursing requires fingerprinting and a criminal background check for every applicant three months prior to graduation.

**Legal Limitations for Licensure.** The Missouri State Board of Nursing, based on the Missouri Nursing Practice Act, Section 335.066 may refuse to issue a license based on a criminal prosecution prior to admission or during the curricular sequence for the nursing program. Students found to be convicted of serious crimes (felonies or substance abuse) will be reviewed by the Student Affairs Committee and may be suspended from or denied admission to the nursing program.

### Non-English-Speaking Student Policy

Non-English-speaking students applying to the nursing program are required to demonstrate English-language proficiency. English proficiency scores used for admission into the university can be used or scores within two years of the admission application. The following tests administered in a professional test center are acceptable:

1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a passing score of 540 on the paper examination or passing score of 83 and speaking score of 26 for the internet-based examination;
2. Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) with a passing score of 725 in the listening and reading modules;
3. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with an overall passing score in the academic module of 6.5 and speaking score of 7.

Applicants are English exempt if they were educated in Australia, Barbados, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, South Africa, Trinidad/Tobago, United Kingdom, or United State (Puerto Rico). Students with less than this required score are encouraged to obtain information about remediation with the Office of International Education and Services at (573)986-6863. Students, whose native language is not English, who wish to transfer from another academic institution must show evidence of the required scores or take the TOEFL prior to making application to the Department of Nursing for admission.

The student whose native language is not English is required to meet all other admission requirements of other students applying for admission to the nursing program.

**RN-BSN Students.** Registered nurses who graduated from an associate degree or diploma nursing program may apply to the RN-BSN Online Program. Registered nurse students should contact Southeast Online at (573) 651-2766 or access <https://semo.edu/nursing/rn-bsnonline/index.html> for more information.

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