

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), pre-licensure

# Nursing

The Department of Nursing offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The BSN is approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).



After passing the national examination, graduates of the BSN program are eligible to apply for licensure as registered professional nurses in all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

### Nursing students...

- Are taught in theory and clinical courses by experienced faculty with a minimum of a master's degree in nursing; approximately 50% of the faculty possess doctoral degrees.
- Experience clinical practice in every specialty area in nursing, working with faculty and clinical agency staff.
- Enjoy faculty-to-student ratios of 1:8-9 in the first year of nursing courses; 1:10-11 in the second year of nursing.
- Receive a full semester of targeted preparation for the NCLEX, the licensure examination required after graduation. The 8-year first-time passage rate for the program is over 90%.
- Are fully prepared for nursing practice in any area of nursing, and also are eligible to apply to any graduate program in nursing.

### Career Planning

Beginning in the junior year, nursing internships and clinical opportunities give students hands-on experience in major medical centers, primary care centers, schools, home health agencies and long-term care facilities. Cape Girardeau, Mo., is a major medical hub offering a variety of opportunities to nursing students.

On the day of graduation, approximately 70% of nursing students are employed. The remainder report employment by the time they take the licensure examination, six-eight weeks after graduation.

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad. Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

#### Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students

CL001/CL002	First Semester	Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.
CL003	Junior Year	Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.
CL004	Senior Year	Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.

### Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates

- Southeast Health
- St. Francis Medical Center
- Missouri Delta Medical Center
- Perry County Hospital
- Ste. Genevieve Hospital
- Carbondale Memorial Hospital, Illinois
- Barnes Hospital, St. Louis
- Children's Hospital, St. Louis
- SSM System, St. Louis
- Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis
- St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Louis
- Research Medical Center, Kansas City

### Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates

- Southeast
- St. Louis University
- UMSL
- University of Missouri-Columbia

### Admission Requirements

#### Applicants must:

- Have at least 45 credit hours completed.
- Have a minimum cumulative 2.8 GPA.
- Have a grade of "C" or higher in all required courses.
- Be on track to complete 60 hours prior to beginning the first nursing courses.
- Have completed at least three of the four required science courses (Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Chemistry, Microbiology), and be enrolled in the fourth, at the time of application.
- Have completed all four required science courses with a grade of C or higher prior to beginning the nursing program.
- Have completed ALL pre-requisite courses (62 hours) prior to beginning nursing course sequence.
- See *BSN Student Handbook* online at [www.semo.edu/nursing](http://www.semo.edu/nursing) for detailed information, or contact the Department of Nursing.

### Special Requirements with BSN

- Special program fees are required for this program of study; <http://www.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.

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This is a guide based on the 2015-2016 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 DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

## CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Critical Courses are *italicized and bolded*. These courses are indicators of potential for success in the degree program.

## 59 Hour Major – No Minor Required

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

## Required Courses:

- \_\_\_ NC 371 Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical (3)
- \_\_\_ NC 372 Nursing Assessment Clinical (1)
- \_\_\_ NC 387 Adult Health I Clinical (2)
- \_\_\_ NC 388 Maternal-Newborn Nursing Clinical (1)
- \_\_\_ NC 389 Mental Health Nursing Clinical (1)
- \_\_\_ NC 487 Adult Health II Clinical (2)
- \_\_\_ NC 488 Pediatric Nursing Clinical (1)
- \_\_\_ NC 489 Nursing of the Elderly Clinical (1)
- \_\_\_ NC 491 Transitions in Nursing Clinical (2)
- \_\_\_ NC 492 Community Health Nursing Clinical (2)
- \_\_\_ NC 498 Nursing Practicum Clinical (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 371 Fundamentals of Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 372 Nursing Assessment (2)
- \_\_\_ NS 373 Pharmacology (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 374 Pathophysiology (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 381 Nursing Research (2)
- \_\_\_ NS 387 Adult Health I (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 388 Maternal-Newborn Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 389 Mental Health Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 487 Adult Health II (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 488 Pediatric Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 489 Nursing of the Elderly (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 491 Transitions in Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 492 Community Health Nursing (3)
- \_\_\_ NS 498 Nursing Practicum (1)
- \_\_\_ NS 499 NCLEX Prep (2)

## Required Support Courses:

(Some courses may fulfill University Studies 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 (3)**
- \_\_\_ **CH 180 Chemistry in Our World (3)**
- \_\_\_ **FN 235 Nutrition for Health (3)**
- \_\_\_ **MA 155 Statistical Reasoning (3)**
- \_\_\_ **PY 220 Psychological Development Across the Lifespan (3)**
- \_\_\_ UI 412 American Health Care System (3)

## University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Oral Expression, Literary Expression, Logical Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems, and two IU/UI3XXs

## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	First Semester		Second Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	3	<b>BS114/014</b>	4
	EN100	3	Artistic Expressions	3
	<b>BS113/013</b>	4	Oral Expressions	3
	<b>CH180</b>	3	Social Systems	3
			Written Expressions	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	<b>BS240</b>	3	<b>FN235</b>	3
	Economics Systems	3	<b>MA155</b>	3
	Literary Expression	3	<b>PY220</b>	3
	Develop of a Major Civ	3	IU/UI3XX	3
	Political Systems	3	IU/UI3XX	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	
Milestone: Minimum GPA of 2.8, completion of all 59 hours in the first two years. Application & 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
			NS389	3
<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
	UI412	3	NS499	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</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 students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours (121 hours required for BSN), completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAP) at the senior level.

A minimum 2.00 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BSN degree.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements.

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