Nursing (RN-BSN) Online

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, post-licensure (RN-BSN)

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).

Nursing (RN-BSN) students will...
- Receive course credit or competency credit for previous education and professional experience.
- Enjoy flexibility in the scheduling of coursework that is completely online, including University Studies (general education) courses.
- Be able to schedule required field experiences in the student’s geographic area and place of employment.
- Receive individualized advising from academic advisors devoted to RN-BSN students.
- Be required to complete only six nursing courses in addition to any University Studies and pre-requisite courses needed.

Career Planning
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 for admission to any MSN program.

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.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students
If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

Special Options with Nursing
Southeast offers a Master of Science in Nursing.

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:
1. Must be a permanent resident of Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, or Arkansas.
2. Have a minimum Cumulative 2.8 GPA that is indicated on your Southeast Missouri State University Detailed DegreeWorks. To access your DegreeWorks, click the Student SS tab in your MySoutheast portal and then click on DegreeWorks Student.
3. 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.
4. 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 Southeast 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: 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.
This is a guide based on the 2018-2019 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 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/CH 181 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)+s

II. **University Studies Requirements**
- English Composition I
- English Composition II
- Artistic Expression
- Written Expression
- Oral Expression
- Literary Expression
- Behavioral Systems - PY 220
- Living Systems - FN235 or credit granted for experiential learning
- Logical Systems - MA155
- Physical Systems - CH180/CH181
- Development of a Major Civilization
- Economic Systems
- Political Systems
- Social Systems
- UI412 American Health Care Systems

III. **Bridge Nursing Courses – 8 hours**
- 'C' or better is required in NS380 and NS390
  - NS380 Holistic Assessment (4)
  - NS390 Framework for Professional Nursing (4)

IV. **Senior Level Nursing Courses: 18 hours**
- 'C' or better is required in each course
  - NS385 Research for Professional Practice (3)
  - NS386 Professional Practice: Community Health (6)
  - NS480 Professional Practice: Nursing Leadership & Management (6)
  - NS483 Gerontological Nursing and Care of Older Adults (3)

**NOTE:** 34 hours BSN Credit will be granted last semester.

- 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 University Studies requirement

**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**

**Nursing (RN-BSN) Online**
This sample plan does not include required prerequisite coursework; University Studies requirements will be taken as available within course schedule.

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Newly admitted students should contact the online advising office, southeastonline@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 University Studies 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; WP003 - 75 Hour Writing Proficiency Exam with passing score required.

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