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.

Becoming Career Ready...

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.

Grades of the nursing program work in various healthcare and hospital settings, in schools, and state and government areas. Examples of job titles include nurse, nurse case manager, school nurse, and nurse educator.

Students experience clinical practice in every specialty area in nursing, working with faculty and clinical agency staff.

Nursing majors enjoy faculty-to-student ratios of 1:8-9 in the first year of nursing courses and 1:10-11 in the second year of nursing.

During the final semester, students receive 8 weeks of targeted preparation for the NCLEX, the licensure examination required after graduation. The 15+ year first-time passage rate for the program is over 90%.

Grades are fully prepared for nursing practice in any area of nursing, and also are eligible to apply to any graduate program in nursing.

100% of Southeast programs offer real-world experience. Beginning in the junior year, nursing clinical opportunities give students hands-on experience in medical centers, primary care centers, schools, home health agencies, and long-term care facilities. Cape Girardeau, Missouri is a major medical hub offering a variety of opportunities to nursing students.

On the day of graduation, approximately 80% of nursing students are employed. The remainder report employment by the time they take the licensure examination, six-eight weeks after graduation.

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.

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
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 44 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 59 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.
- Complete Southeast’s custom HESI A-2 Admission Exam and submit scores.
- Have completed ALL pre-requisite courses prior to beginning nursing course sequence.
- See BSN Student Handbook online at 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.
This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 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. These courses are indicators of potential for success in the degree program.

**62.5 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 497 Introduction to Critical Care Nursing Clinical (0.5)
- NC 498 Nursing Practicum Clinical (3)
- NS 271 Introduction to Nursing Concepts (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 (2)
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- NS 489 Nursing of the Elderly (3)
- NS 491 Transitions in Nursing (3)
- NS 492 Community Health Nursing (3)
- NS 497 Introduction to Critical Care Nursing (1)
- NS 498 Nursing Practicum (1)
- NS 499 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.)

- BS 113 Anatomy & Physiology I (4)
- BS 114 Anatomy & Physiology II (4)
- BS 240 Microorganisms and the Human Hosts (4)
- CH 181 Basic Principles of Chemistry (5)
- 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)

**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**

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Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours (123.5 hours required for the BSN), 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 2.00 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BSN degree.