RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The RN to BSN program in the College of Nursing at UMSL offers registered nurses the opportunity to advance their educational preparation to the Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The Institute of Medicine’s (IOM) Future of Nursing report (2010) calls for nurses to achieve higher levels of education and training to meet the demands for high-quality care for increasingly complex patients.

The RN to BSN curriculum at UMSL focuses on preparing nurses to care for the increasingly complex needs of patients and populations. Nursing courses explore such concepts as health assessment, population health, nursing research and evidence-based practice, and leadership. The clinical components are flexible, independent community based activities.

Recognizing nurses as busy adult learners, UMSL prides itself with the ability to offer a variety of learning platforms to pursue a BSN, which include:

- 100% online
- Blended (combines online learning with traditional classroom meetings)
- Traditional classroom (classes offered one night per week at select locations in the St. Louis area)

Admission Criteria

Students must meet the following criteria to be admitted:

- Admissible to UMSL
- 2.5 cumulative GPA calculated on at least 30 hrs of transferable undergraduate coursework
- Graduation from a State Board approved and nationally accredited (NLN) associate or diploma nursing program
- Current licensure as a registered nurse or eligibility for licensure in Missouri*

*Students may be provisionally admitted to the program, pending RN licensure before progressing into NURSE4911.

Application Process

There is no application deadline; however, admission is awarded to qualified applicants. Admitted students may begin the program during any term. It is recommended that students apply at least 4-6 weeks prior to term enrollment. All applicants are required to submit the following materials:

- University Application for Undergraduate Admission
- $35 Nonrefundable Application Fee ($40 for international students)
- Official transcripts from which you have earned college-level credit (must be send directly from originating institution)

Spaces are assigned to qualified applicants on a first to enroll basis. It is suggested that applicants submit all materials at least four to six weeks prior to the start of the term for which they are seeking enrollment.

Curriculum, admission criteria, fees and application requirements are subject to change, and deadlines may apply. For details instructions and more information, please call the Office of Student Services at 314-516-6066 or visit nursing.umsl.edu
RN to BSN Sample Plan of Study*

**Term 1**

N3900  Role of Baccalaureate Prepared Nurse (3)
N3910  Nursing Theory for Population Health (3)

**Term 2**

N3920  Health Assessment for the Professional Nurse (3)
General education courses (if needed) (TBD)

**Term 3**

N3930  Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice for the Professional Nurse (3)
N3940  Leadership and Management for Professional Nursing (3)

**Term 4**

N4902  Ethics, Values, and Policy in Population Health (6)

**Term 5**

N4911  Community and Population Health Synthesis (6)

All 3000 level courses-pre-requisite to N4902
N4902-pre-requisite to N4911
Progression through the program may vary from the sample plan to study, which is subject to change.

Degree requirements for all students:
- Minimum of 120 credit hours
- 30 hrs at UMSL to satisfy residency requirement
- Completion of all general education requirements*
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA at UMSL

*Based on individualized transfer course evaluation, additional general education courses may be required and can be taken at any time prior to graduation.

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**General Education Requirements**

General education requirements allow students to acquire a breadth of knowledge necessary in our challenging, technological, and diverse world. The RN-BSN Program recognizes a student’s past transferrable credit and will not require students to repeat any previously taken general education courses. Any missing general education courses can be taken concurrently within the RN-BSN nursing program or prior to BSN degree conferral. Delayed completion of such courses may prolong a student’s progression in the program.

The following general education courses are required for the RN-BSN Degree Program:

- Anatomy & Physiology I and II (6 - 8 credit hours)
- Chemistry (4 credit hours)
- Communications (3 credit hours)
- Contemporary Math or higher (3 credit hours)*
- English Composition (3 credit hours)*
- English Composition - Junior Level (3 credit hours)**
- General Psychology (3 credit hours)
- Humanities (3 courses; 9 credit hours total)
- Microbiology (3 credit hours)
- MO State Requirement (3 credit hours)
- Psychology Elective (3 credit hours)
- Social Science Elective (3 credit hours)
- Statistics (3 credit hours)*

* Grade of C- or higher is required
**Must be taken at UMSL (waived with prior baccalaureate degree from nationally accredited institution)

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