

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN to BSN completion program is designed to prepare the associate degree licensed registered nurse (RN) for professional practice by providing an educational climate that builds on the student's acquired knowledge and experience. Through an evidence-based curriculum framework, students learn essential competencies necessary to provide professional nursing care and leadership within diverse healthcare settings. A synthesis of nursing and liberal arts knowledge provides a foundation for integration of concepts across disciplines along with the ability to relate principles of healthcare to current societal and professional issues.

### Eligibility

Eligible applicants must have an associate's degree in nursing and an active, unrestricted RN license. The degree must be granted by an approved institution as described in the Transfer of Credit section of the GU/MSB catalog, and have programmatic accreditation from a recognized nursing education commission. The applicant must have successfully completed 60 specialization/technical quarter-hour credits and 30 general education quarter-hour credits (or semester-hour credit equivalencies) with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater documented by official transcripts. Eligible applicants should carefully review all admissions requirements, academic information and policies for satisfactory academic progress for the RN to BSN completion program listed in the current catalog / addenda.

As of the date of publication of this catalog, the college and nursing department have informed the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) of the addition of the RN to BSN Completion Program as a new degree track for the accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The information is currently under review by the CCNE Executive Committee. The four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One DuPont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 887-6791.

The goal of this program is to prepare graduates who are able to:

1. Collaborate with patients, health care providers and other members of the interdisciplinary team to assess, plan, implement and evaluate patient focused outcomes
2. Advocate for the patients and consumers of health care within health care delivery systems
3. Use knowledge of health promotion, risk reduction and disease prevention in providing holistic care to individuals, families, groups and communities
4. Use knowledge of human diversity, global health care and information technology to promote the health care of individuals across the lifespan
5. Apply research-based knowledge from nursing and the sciences as a foundation for evidence-based practice in maintaining, restoring and optimizing health
6. Demonstrate values and ethical behaviors reflective of professional nursing practice
7. Incorporate leadership skills into the practice of professional nursing and demonstrate self-awareness in identifying goals for life-long professional development
8. Demonstrate appropriate written and verbal communication skills
9. Evaluate the quality of multiple viewpoints, arguments, and evidence and distinguish between fact and opinion
10. Exhibit social responsibility and examine the diverse cultures and value systems of our global community

### CORE REQUIREMENTS

Class #	Class Name	Credits
PD250	Career Development	1
RN303	Family Health in Nursing	3
RN304	Healthcare Issues Across the Lifespan	3
RN308	The Art of Holistic Nursing	4
RN309	Holistic Health Assessment for the Experienced Nurse <sup>1</sup>	4
RN311	Baccalaureate Nursing Practice	4
RN312	Health Promotion in Individuals, Families and Populations <sup>2</sup>	6
RN316	High Acuity Nursing	4
RN402	Community Health Nursing <sup>2</sup>	7
RN403	Nursing Research and Evidence-based Practice	3
RN404	Holistic End of Life Care <sup>2</sup>	4
RN405	Leadership and Management in Nursing <sup>2</sup>	7
RN406	Nursing within a Global Community	3
RN411	Care Technologies and Information Management	3
RN412	Care of the Aging Adult <sup>2</sup>	5
RN416	Capstone Project <sup>2</sup>	5

**Total GU/MSB Core Minimum Credit Requirement** 66

**Total specialization/technical transfer credits from an approved associate's degree program (See Eligibility)** 60

### Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Lab sessions for these courses will be held in the skills lab located at the Richfield campus.

<sup>2</sup>These courses include practicum (experiential learning) components and are held at an external site.

All RN core requirement course are upper division

Students are responsible for providing their own reliable transportation when attending coursework at clinical sites.

All applications submitted will be reviewed by the dean of nursing and a committee for consideration for acceptance to the program. The nursing department reserves the right to select those with the best qualifications from applicants who meet the minimum requirements. Applicants will not be accepted to the nursing program without approval by the dean of nursing. Refer to nursing program entrance requirements.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

A student pursuing a bachelor's degree is required to earn a minimum of 54 credits from the general education courses listed below, demonstrating a solid grounding in the liberal arts. A minimum of six credits must be earned in each of the following disciplines: communications, humanities, natural science and mathematics and social science.

Class#	Class Name	Credits
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
CM111	Speech Communications	4
CM121	Composition	4
CM200	Intercultural Communications	4
CM210	Creative Writing	4
CM220	Art of Persuasion	4
CM230	Mass Communication	4
CM320	Writing and Research (required)	4
<b>HUMANITIES</b>		
HU100	Introduction to Humanities	4
HU121	Film in Society	4
HU130	Spanish I	4
HU150	Introduction to Literature	4
HU200	Art in the Modern World	4
HU230	Spanish II	4
HU310	The Novel	4
HU315	World Literature	4
<b>NATURAL SCIENCE and MATHEMATICS</b>		
NS105	Biology	4
NS111	Environmental Issues	4
NS112	Topics in Mathematical Reasoning	4
NS116	College Algebra I	4
NS121	Earth Science	4
NS126	Chemistry Today*	4
NS135	Microbiology	4
NS140	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
NS150	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
NS216	College Algebra II	4
NS305	Statistics I (required)	4
NS320	Introduction to Decision Systems	4
NS351	Statistics II	4
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>		
SS103	Global Citizenship (required)	2
SS116	Introduction to Psychology	4
SS130	Law in Society	4
SS140	Interpersonal Relations	4
SS145	Introduction to Macroeconomics	4
SS200	Introduction to Microeconomics	4
SS205	Sociology (required)	4
SS210	Developmental Psychology (required)	4
SS230	Psychology of Personality	4
SS311	Human Behavior	4
SS331	International Economics	4
SS360	Abnormal Psychology	4
<b>Total General Education Minimum Credit Requirement</b>		<b>54</b>

**Total Program Minimum Credit Requirement**

**180**

**Notes:**

Students are required to complete 30% of the program at the 300/400 level; this percentage includes both the specialization and general education total credit requirements.

\* Offered only at the Richfield, MN campus