



# Missouri State<sup>™</sup>

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Dear Prospective BSN Student:

The Department of Nursing at Missouri State University is pleased that you are interested in the 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. The program was developed in response to demands from the student body, the community, and the severe nursing shortage in the region, state, and nation. This program addresses the need for professional nurses.

The program can admit up to 51 students each year, and is designed for full-time students only. Admission is based on completion of all admission requirements and on cumulative GPA of all attempted college course work. Some additional preference will be given to current Missouri State University students and to individuals with previous healthcare experience, leadership experience, and/or community service. Additional points will be awarded for the grade received on the first attempt of chemistry, anatomy, and the university math requirement.

The 4-year BSN program will require eight semesters and one summer of study for full-time students. Students will take general education courses and nursing prerequisites for the first two years and apply for admission to the BSN program during the spring semester (by January 31) of their sophomore year. Admitted students will begin the program in the summer of the year they apply. (A sample curriculum of the program for full-time students is enclosed.) Students may enter the nursing program as a student at Missouri State or as a transfer student. A transition process for LPNs is available, as well. Graduates of the BSN program will be eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-RN exam, which is the first step in obtaining licensure to practice as a registered nurse.

All nursing programs offered are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. In addition to the 4-year BSN, the Department offers:

- A BSN completion program for registered nurses who have an associate's degree or diploma in nursing,
- A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program with family nurse practitioner and nurse educator specializations,
- Post-Master's Certificate programs with family nurse practitioner and nurse educator specializations,
- An accelerated RN to MSN option for academically outstanding students.

The Department of Nursing is proud of our nursing programs and our long history of providing nursing education to the region. Graduates of our programs are employed as staff nurses, school nurses, nurse educators, primary care providers, and nurse managers and leaders throughout the region, state, and nation. We look forward to meeting with you and talking about the program.

You may contact the Department of Nursing for an appointment with an academic advisor by phone 1-877-728-0001 (toll free) or 836-5310 (local); e-mail [Nursing@missouristate.edu](mailto:Nursing@missouristate.edu); or by visiting us in the Professional Building, Room 300, at 609 East Cherry.

Regards,

Kathryn L. Hope, PhD, RN  
Head, Department of Nursing

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION FOR 4-YEAR BSN PROGRAM**  
**Department of Nursing**  
**Missouri State University**

**Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program**

Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program (BSN) is competitive and selective and not all who apply can be accommodated. Students will be admitted to the nursing program once a year for full-time study. Applications for admission to the program will be reviewed beginning February 1 in the year prior to summer admission, and continue until the class is full.

Students are encouraged to meet with an advisor in the Department of Nursing prior to or upon entering the University to ensure the proper selection and sequencing of prerequisites for the BSN program. The decision to admit a student to the BSN program will be based on a holistic picture of the completed course work and values that are consistent with the conduct of the profession and the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses (ANA, 2001).

**Admission Policies**

1. Admission to Missouri State University.
2. Completion of Generic BSN Application to the Department of Nursing.
3. Submission of official transcripts of all college course work.
4. Completion of a minimum of 43 credit hours.
5. Completion of the Basic Required Courses for General Education, except Writing II (IDS/UHC 110; CSC/CIS 101 or CSC 111; COM 115; ENG 110; MTH 130 or higher; PED 100).
6. Completion of the specific General Education requirements.
7. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all attempted college course work.
8. Meet technical standards of the program in order to successfully undertake the course of study. These standards are available upon request from the program.
9. Submit evidence of current immunizations (MMR, tetanus, varicella, and a complete Hepatitis B series), and a PPD (or evidence of appropriate medical follow-up for PPD positive individuals).
10. Current American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Providers certification. No online courses are accepted.
11. All students must carry health insurance throughout the entire program. A comprehensive student group health and accident insurance policy is available through Missouri State.
12. Applicants who have previously attended a nursing school or another school in a health-related profession must have a letter submitted from the Dean or Head of that school that includes a statement regarding the student's standing at the previous school. Applicants who have been previously dismissed from a program or were not in good standing at the time of dismissal will not be considered for admission.
13. Applicants must demonstrate academic potential to successfully complete the program.

**Additional Requirements of the Program**

1. Students are expected to purchase uniforms and initial equipment before beginning nursing courses. A list of the items and their prices can be obtained from the Department.
2. Students are expected to provide their own transportation to clinical sites.
3. Students are required to pay course fees for each semester they are enrolled in clinical nursing courses. These fees are used to pay for student liability insurance, student evaluation throughout the program, NCLEX preparation, and laboratory and clinical supplies and equipment.
4. Students will be required to initiate and pay for any security checks and drug screenings required for clinical agencies, for application to take the NCLEX, and for licensure with a State Board of Nursing.
5. Apply for criminal record check and receive response that the applicant has not been convicted of any crime pursuant to Section 660.317 RSMo or other disqualifications that would prohibit licensure as a registered nurse.

## CATALOG DESCRIPTION FOR 4-YEAR BSN PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

### Retention, Progression and Graduation Policies

- A. After admission into the Nursing major, the students must achieve the following for retention in the major.
  1. Achieve a grade of "C" or better in all nursing and supporting courses.
  2. Receive a "pass" in all clinical evaluations.
  3. Maintain a University cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher.
  4. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher in all nursing and supportive courses.
  5. Courses in the nursing major may not be taken more than twice.
  6. Credit for upper division nursing courses taken more than 8 years before the student's date of graduation may be disallowed by the Nursing Department.
  7. Demonstrate acceptable levels of maturity, integrity, and behaviors and attitudes normally expected of professional nurses.
  8. Maintain current CPR certification, immunizations, annual PPD or appropriate medical follow-up for PPD positive individuals, and health insurance requirements.
  9. Maintain ability to meet technical standards for the program.
  10. Once admitted to the nursing major, students must maintain continuous enrollment in nursing courses and progression through the program.
- B. Students who fail to meet the retention criteria may be (a) placed on academic or clinical probation in the nursing major, or (b) dismissed from the nursing program. Students on academic probation must achieve a grade of "B" or higher in the next 9 hours of coursework in nursing or supporting courses attempted. Students on clinical probation must receive a "Pass" in all remaining nursing clinical courses. Students who fail to meet the probationary criteria or are dismissed from the program are not eligible for readmission to the nursing major.
- C. A student's graduation from Missouri State's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program does not guarantee eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam. Eligibility requirements to take the RN licensure exam are determined by each State Board of Nursing. The Department encourages students to contact the Board of Nursing in the state they plan to apply for licensure prior to admission to the nursing program to determine that state's eligibility requirements for licensure. (See Chapter 335 RSMo, regulation 335.066 of the Missouri Nurse Practice Act, available at <http://pr.mo.gov/nursing>.)

### Readmission Policy

Students who have interrupted their progression in the nursing courses for one semester or more must apply for readmission to the Department of Nursing Admission, Promotion and Graduation Committee. Applications for readmission will be reviewed on an individual basis and be based on prior success in the program, and potential for successful graduation from the program.

### Transfer Policy

Transfer students with prior nursing courses will be reviewed on an individual basis by evaluating course content and objectives.

**MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

**GENERIC BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING APPLICATION**

(Incomplete application packets are not considered.  
Please see application checklist for complete list of required documentation.)

**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:**

\_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Maiden)

**PERMANENT ADDRESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

**TEMPORARY (CAMPUS) ADDRESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_

(Street / dorm)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Please Mail letter of Admission Status to \_\_\_\_\_Permanent or \_\_\_\_\_Local Address

**IF YOU HAVE GONE BY ANY NAME OTHER THAN INDICATED ABOVE, PLEASE INDICATE THOSE NAMES HERE:**

**TELEPHONE:** (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

(Other phone numbers to reach you): \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMPLOYER PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

**CLOSEST RELATIVE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RELATIONSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS OF CLOSEST RELATIVE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CLOSEST RELATIVE:** (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION

A. List previous educational preparation in chronological order: (List all schools attended)

Name of School	Address	Length of Time	Date of Graduation	Degree Earned

B. Are you transferring to the BSN nursing program from another nursing program? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Applicants who have previously attended a nursing school or another school of health-related profession must have a letter submitted from the Dean or Head of that school that includes a statement regarding the student's standing at the previous school.

Applicants who have been previously dismissed from a program or who were not in good standing at the time of dismissal will not be considered for admission.

If you have attended another nursing school or another school of health-related profession, please list that program below:

Name of Nursing School	Address of Nursing School	Dates Attended	Degree/Certificate

Please indicate why you have chosen to apply to the MSU nursing program:

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESUME

\*\*In addition to completing the information below, please also attach your current resume\*\*

**A. LIST PREVIOUS HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER: (High School to present)**

<b>Healthcare Organization</b>	<b>Role/Responsibilities</b>	<b>Total # of Hours</b>	<b>Contact Name/Phone #</b>

**B. LIST PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER: (High School to present)**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Role/Responsibilities</b>	<b>Total # of Hours</b>	<b>Contact Name/Phone #</b>

**C. LIST PREVIOUS LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER: (High School to present)**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title/Role/Responsibilities</b>	<b>Length of Time</b>	<b>Contact Name/Phone #</b>

## DEPARTMENT OF NURSING CLINICAL SECURITY INFORMATION

According to Section 335.066 Missouri Nursing Practice Act (1-16), granting of the Nursing baccalaureate degree does not guarantee eligibility to sit for the licensure examination or guarantee issuance of a license to practice nursing in the state of Missouri. Eligibility requirements to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), as specified in section 335.046-1 of the Missouri Nursing Practice Act, in addition, include that the applicant should:

1) be of good moral character; 2) have completed high school or equivalent; 3) have successfully completed basic professional curriculum in accredited school of nursing. Section 335.066, Missouri Nursing Practice Act (1-2) to (1-16), provides rules for denial, revocation, or suspension of license, and grounds for civil immunity. The Board may refuse to issue any certificate of registration or authority, and permit or license stated in subsection two of this section. More information is available at <http://pr.mo.gov/boards/nursing/rnexam53003.pdf>

Answering "Yes" to any of the following questions could possibly result in ineligibility for licensure upon graduation. Please respond to each answer honestly. Further discussion may be needed between you and the director of the generic BSN program to determine if licensure issues may be of concern.

A. Have you ever been denied a professional license, certification, registration or permit?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

B. Have you ever been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty or pled *nolo contendere* to any crime, whether or not sentence was imposed (excluding traffic violations)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

C. Have you ever been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty or pled *nolo contendere* to any traffic offense resulting from or related to the use of drugs or alcohol, whether or not sentence was imposed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

D. Do you currently, or did you within the past five years, use any prescription drug, controlled substance, illegal chemical substance, or alcohol, to the point where your ability to practice as a registered nurse would be affected?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

## ASSURANCES

- A. I have read, understood, and have met all of the admission requirements to be considered for admission to the generic nursing program.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- B. I understand that application and acceptance to Missouri State University does not guarantee acceptance into the Generic BSN program, which requires a separate application and process.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- C. I have read, understand and can meet the Missouri State University School of Nursing Technical Standards for Nursing Practice.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- D. I currently and will continuously carry health insurance throughout the entire nursing program.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- E. I understand that I am expected to purchase uniforms and initial equipment before beginning nursing courses.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- F. I understand that I am expected to provide my own transportation to clinical sites. (Most clinical sites will be located in community-based settings.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- G. I understand that I am required to pay course fees for each clinical nursing course in which I am enrolled.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- H. I understand admission into the nursing program is pending successful completion of the criminal background check and drug screening.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- I. **Only for students transferring from another nursing program:** I understand that I must include a letter from the Head/Dean/Director from my previous school of nursing or health-related profession that includes a statement regarding my standing at the previous school.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

I \_\_\_\_\_ verify that the information provided is true & complete. I will comply with the items listed above and realize that any falsification of this application could result in the disqualification of my application for admission.  
(Applicant's name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING  
GENERIC BSN ADMISSION CHECKLIST**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Obtained a copy of the Missouri State Undergraduate Catalog from the Admissions Department and reviewed the criteria for admission to the university.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Submitted application for admission to Missouri State University.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Submitted a completed application to the Generic BSN Program, including a current resume.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Submitted all official transcripts of all college coursework to Missouri State Admissions Office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Completed a minimum of 43 semester credit hours.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Completed, or will have completed at the time of admission, the basic required courses for general education, except Writing II (IDS/UHC 110; CSC/CIS 101 or CSC 111; COM 115; ENG 110; MTH 130 or higher; \*\* PED 100).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Completed, or in progress, nursing prerequisites (or their equivalents):
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*BMS 110 Concepts in the Biomedical Sciences, BIO 102 Principles of Biological Science or BIO 121 General Biology I
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*CHM 105 Fundamentals of Chemistry or CHM 160 General Chemistry 1
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \*Nutrition - BMS 240 Introduction to Nutrition or BMS 130 Essentials of Nutrition
  - \_\_\_\_\_ SOC 150 Introduction to Society
  - \_\_\_\_\_ PSY 121 Introductory Psychology
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Human Anatomy - BMS 307 or PED 250
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Human Physiology - BMS 308 or PED 252
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Microbiology BIO 210
- \*substitute courses will be reviewed on an individual basis.  
\*\*MTH 130 or higher, chemistry, and anatomy will be given additional points if completed by the January 31 application date.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Attached a copy of spring schedule showing classes in progress.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Recommended completion of statistics (must be taken prior to or concurrently with NUR 472)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Have a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all attempted college coursework.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Met technical standards.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Submit evidence of current immunizations:
- \_\_\_\_\_ MMR (2 dates)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Tetanus (not older than 10 years)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Hepatitis B series (3-shots) completed
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Negative PPD (or appropriate medical follow-up for PPD positive individuals) (annual)  
(PPD = TB skin test: with documented return 2 days later for reading of results)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Varicella (*either: a) 2 doses of vaccine, b) lab evidence of positive titer, or c) self-documented history of chicken pox or shingles*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Submitted evidence of American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Providers CPR certification; required to keep current throughout the nursing program. No online courses are accepted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Submitted evidence of current health insurance (required throughout the nursing program).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. If transferring from another nursing program, have included a letter from other nursing school (or health-related profession) that demonstrates student was in good standing at the time of departure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Demonstrated academic potential to successfully complete the program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Submitted signed Letter of Understanding of Application Procedures (orange sheet).
- The Department of Nursing at Missouri State will review all applicants to the Generic BSN program who have met the admission criteria and notify students of their admission status (acceptance or rejection)
  - Upon admission, you will be assigned a faculty advisor from the Department of Nursing. Contact your advisor to arrange a time to complete your academic plan and the Application to a Degree Program.

**Missouri State University  
Department of Nursing**

**Department of Nursing Technical Standards for Nursing Practice**

For admission and progression, an applicant to the BSN Program must have abilities and skills according to the technical standards listed below. Reasonable accommodations will be made on an individual basis; however, the applicant must be able to perform in an independent manner. Examples provided below do not comprise an exhaustive list.

**COMPETENCY**

**MENTAL/EMOTIONAL:**

Possesses the mental and emotional stability to adapt to the environment, function in everyday activities, and cope with stressors.

**SENSORY:**

Possesses the ability to assess and/or evaluate patient responses and to perform nursing interventions safely and accurately.

A. Visual

1. Has normal or corrected vision within the range of 20/20 - 20/80.
2. Distinguishes color shades and/or changes.

B. Auditory

1. Has normal or corrected hearing ability within the 0-45 decibel range.

C. Tactile

1. Possesses in at least one hand the ability to perceive temperature changes and pulsations and to differentiate different structures and textures.

**MOTOR:**

- A. Possesses four (4) functional limbs (normal or artificial) that allow the student to perform sufficiently to move from room to room and maneuver in small places, and possesses gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.

- B. Possesses the ability to exert 20-50 lbs. of force occasionally; 10-25 lbs. of force frequently; and negligible to 10 lbs. of force constantly to move objects.

**INTERPERSONAL/COMMUNICATION:**

- A. Possesses communication abilities sufficient for appropriate and effective interaction with others in both oral and written form.

- B. Possesses interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact appropriately and effectively with individuals, families, and groups from a diverse background.

**CRITICAL THINKING:**

- A. Possesses critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.

- B. Applies principals of logical or scientific thinking to define problems, collect data establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Interprets and implements a variety of technical instructions. Deals with several abstract and concrete variables.

**EXAMPLES**

demonstrates behaviors appropriate to the situation, uses appropriate coping strategies

observes patient responses, the appearance of wounds; recognizes changes in skin color or color of body fluids, medications, etc., distinguishes gradations on syringes when drawing up medications, etc.

hears alarms, emergency signals, cries for help, auscultatory sounds

performs functions of physical assessment and/or functions related to therapeutic interventions, e.g. insertion of catheters or IV's

moves among patient rooms and treatment areas, moves physical patients, performs CPR, calibrates and uses equipment, dons personal protective equipment (PPE)

positions and moves patients and equipment

explains treatment procedures and/or initiates health teachings, documents nursing actions and patient responses

establishes rapport with patients and colleagues

identifies cause and effect relationships; develops and evaluates plan of care and appropriately evaluates situations and promotes patient safety.

practical application of fractions, percentages, ratio and proportion measurements, and other relevant scientific principles, mathematical calculation

Adapted from: Georgia Southern University, School of Nursing & Core Performance Standards for Nursing, Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nurses.

## COSTS OF 4-YEAR BSN PROGRAM Effective Summer 2009

Tuition/fees for 4-year, full-time student completing all course requirements at Missouri State University	Cost
In-state tuition	*\$23,250
Out-of-state tuition	*\$45,250
Fees	\$3,183
Nursing Course Fees	\$545
<b>Total in-State (4 Years):</b>	<b>*\$26,978</b>
<b>Total out-of-State (4 Years):</b>	<b>*\$48,978</b>
Tuition/fees - Missouri State nursing courses only	Cost
In-state Tuition	\$11,904
Out-of-state Tuition	\$23,168
Fees	\$1,740
Nursing Course Fees	**\$545
<b>Total in-state (5 semesters):</b>	<b>\$14,189</b>
<b>Total out-of-state (5 semesters):</b>	<b>\$25,453</b>
<b>Estimated cost of books</b> (First semester estimated books - \$650)	<b>(per semester): \$300-\$650</b>
Estimated Cost of Uniforms	
Acute Care Uniform (per set)	\$50
Community Uniform (per set)	\$50
Lab Coat (each)	\$40
Name Badge (each)	\$6
Shoes	\$60
Watch	\$25
<b>Total estimated cost of uniforms:</b>	<b>\$231</b>
Estimated costs of personal equipment	
Course kits for Technology I and II for practice	\$107
Stethoscope	\$50-\$95
Pen Light	\$5
<b>Total estimated costs for personal equipment:</b>	<b>\$162-\$207</b>
Miscellaneous Costs	
CPR: must be current throughout program	\$100
Background check (cost depends on requirements)	\$35.50
Drug Screen Test	\$24
NCLEX Fee	\$200
Nursing Pin	\$25
Personal Health Insurance - Missouri State students' group insurance \$784 annually (or carrier of choice - cost varies)	\$784
PPD/TB test: Required annually (\$12 for students)	\$24
Missouri State Board of Nursing fee	\$45
Transportation and lodging to clinical sites (5 semesters) We are a community-based nursing program and travel is required.	\$3,000
<b>Total estimated miscellaneous costs:</b>	<b>\$4,237.50</b>

**Note:** The nursing course fees listed above include the cost of:

- Professional Liability Insurance
- Standardized exams given after each nursing course, and at the end of the program to assess your mastery of content. These will give you information on specific areas in which you are academically strong or need further development. Students will be responsible for any costs for remediation and retesting.
- Most disposable lab supplies
- NCLEX-RN review course

\*Tuition and fees subject to change based on university tuition and fees.

\*\*Fees are subject to change.

**MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERIC BSN CURRICULUM**

<b>FRESHMAN Semester 1: Fall</b>		
<b>COURSE</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
IDS/UHC 110	Introduction to University Life	1
ENG 110	Writing I	3
BMS 110 (recommended) or BIO 102, or 121	Concepts in the Biomedical Sciences or Principles of Biological Science	4
	Humanities	3
MTH 130 or higher	Mathematics (Recommend 100 level)	3
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>FRESHMAN Semester 2: Spring</b>		
COM 115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
CSC 111 or CSC/CIS 101	Computers for Learning	2
SOC 150	Introduction to Sociology	3
CHEM 105 or 160	General Chemistry	4-5
	Humanities	3
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>15 – 16</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE Semester 3: Fall</b>		
BMS 307 or PED 250	Human Anatomy	3 – 4
PLS 101	American Democracy and Citizenship	3
PSY 121	Introduction to Psychology	3
BMS 240 or BMS 130	Introduction to Nutrition	3
BIO 210	Microbiology	3
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>15 – 16</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE Semester 4: Spring</b>		
BMS 308 OR PED 252	Human Physiology	3 – 4
PED 100	Fitness for Living	2
	Statistics	3
NUR 472 / or Humanities	Writing II Research Methods & Technologies / or Humanities	3
HST 121 / 122	History	3
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>14 – 15</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE Semester 5: Summer</b>		
NUR 302	Concepts in Nursing	4
NUR 303	Art & Science of Nursing I	3
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>JUNIOR Semester 6: Fall</b>		
NUR 565	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NUR 304	Art & Science of Nursing II	5
NUR 342	Health Assessment Through the Life Span	4
NUR 360	Introduction to Pharmacology	3
NUR 311	Introduction to Family Health Nursing	2
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>

<b>GENERIC BSN CURRICULUM (continued)</b>		
<b>JUNIOR Semester 7: Spring</b>		
NUR 472 / or Humanities	Writing II Research Methods & Technologies / or Humanities	3
NUR 331	Nursing: The Mental Health Client	4
NUR 312	Nursing: The Adult Client	6
NUR 416	Nursing: The Older Adult Client	2
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>OPTIONAL SUMMER</b>		
NUR 475	Nursing Internship	3-6
<b>SENIOR Semester 8: Fall</b>		
NUR 322	Nursing: The Childbearing Family	4
NUR 323	Nursing: The Pediatric Client & Family	4
NUR 442	Nursing: Community Health	6
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SENIOR Semester 9: Spring</b>		
NUR 482	Nursing: Leadership & Management	6
NUR 478	Nursing: Senior Seminar	2
	Nursing or HCM Elective	3
	Other undergraduate requirement or elective	3
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

**Total Credit hours of the program - 125 – 128 credit hours**

**Total clinical hours – 576 contact hours**

**Total Nursing Credits – 64**

**Didactic credit hours – 52 Clinical credit hours – 12**

- Clinical contact hours are calculated on a 1 credit hour to 3 contact hour ratio for every week in the semester.
- Lab contact hours are calculated on a 1 credit hour to 2 contact hour ratio for every week in the semester.

**Courses in bold are prerequisites to the nursing program and MUST be taken before starting the nursing courses.**

**NUR 565 Advanced Pathophysiology, NUR 472 Writing II, and Nursing or HCM elective may be taken before entering the nursing program if the course prerequisites are met.**

The following courses will satisfy the HCM/NUR Elective requirement of 3 credit hours (choose one class):

HCM 301 Health Care Organizations  
 HCM 303 Health Care Legal Issues  
 HCM 504 Health Care Economics  
 MGT 341 Adv. Org. Behavior/Dev.  
 SPN 297 Medical Spanish

NUR 503 Transcultural Health Care  
 NUR 515 Healthcare Informatics  
 NUR 501 Gerontology Health Issues  
 NUR 502 Rural Health Issues  
 NUR 490 Emergency Care