Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Nursing RN Baccalaureate Completion Program Part Time Timeline

Please contact the Program Coordinator to discuss a full time or part time timeline that will work for you.

Semester One
Complete general education or other university requirements
NURS 402 (3) Psychosocial Nursing for RNs
NURS 342 (3) Gerontological Nursing for RNs

Semester Two
NURS 362 (3) Family Nursing for RNs
NURS 320 (5) Nursing Theory and Research

Semester Three
NURS 382 (5) Provider of Care I
NURS 412 (5) Management and Principles of Care

Semester Four
NURS 473 (5) Provider of Care II
NURS 473 (4) Provider of Care II Clinical

There are two types of coursework: support nursing courses and core nursing courses. Students must take three out of five support nursing courses and all of the core nursing courses to meet the requirements of the program. Once admitted to the SON, students can take core nursing courses.

Note: Course numbers are based on those used at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Please refer to the University Undergraduate Bulletin for the most current information each academic year.

Course Descriptions

Nursing Support Courses

NURS 342 (3) Gerontological Nursing for RNs
Examines the nurse’s role in the promotion of physiological and psychosocial adaptation of the older adult client.

NURS 352 (3) Altered Human Functioning for RNs
Explains pathophysiology concepts to enhance the RN student’s understanding of illness and health. Identifies rational for clinical judgment and therapeutic intervention in disease conditions. Analyzes psychosocial and family concepts that emerge with pathophysiologic alterations.

NURS 362 (3) Family Nursing for RNs
This course examines family level approaches that promote family health while exploring concepts of family as client, family health experience, and nurserelationships. Nursing strategies to enhance family level care during acute, chronic and critical illnesses are analyzed.

NURS 402 (3) Psychosocial Nursing for RNs
Utilizing the nursing process framework the course emphasizes psychodynamic theories, assessment and therapeutic communication. Historical landmarks in the care of the mentally ill are addressed as is the importance of the client’s culture. Nursing interventions for specific disorders are discussed.

NURS 352 (3) Advanced Health Assessment for RNs
This course offers theoretical and simulated clinical practice to develop advanced skills in health and physical assessment throughout the life span. Students complete a client data base and identify nursing problems necessary in making clinical judgments and planning and caring for the health care needs of individual clients.

Nursing Core Courses

NURS 320 (5) Nursing Theory and Research
Introduction to being a member of a profession with emphasis on understanding the relationship between nursing theory and practice, the research process and ethical decision making in nursing practice.

NURS 382 (5) Provider of Care I
Explores the nurse’s role in interacting with and providing care to families of diverse religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds across the lifespan. Examines spirituality and the integration of complementary and alternative therapies with conventional practices to provide holistic care.

NURS 412 (5) Management and Principles of Care
Current theories derived from organizational psychology, business, and educational leadership are explored and applied to the role of nurse manager within the complex changing health care system. Management of human resources, patient care, and operational skills in interaction is emphasized.

NURS 472 (5) Provider of Care II
This capstone course focuses on the community as the client and integrates previously learned theory and principles of nursing.

NURS 473 (6) Provider of Care II Clinical
Health promotion, disease prevention, and health education are operationalized as principal interventions within the context of community health.

For Further Information

Contact:
RN Baccalaureate Completion Program Coordinator
School of Nursing
Minnesota State University, Mankato
360 Wissink Hall
Mankato, MN 56001
507-389-6022 (V)
800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY)

To learn about additional opportunities for people who are already Baccalaureate graduates contact the School of Nursing.

Minnesota State Mankato is a comprehensive university within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System. Further information on requirements and procedures for admission can be obtained from:
Office of Admissions
Minnesota State University, Mankato
122 Taylor Center
Mankato, MN 56001
507-389-1822 (V)
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Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Nursing

Minnesota State University, Mankato invites you to consider completing a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing at one of the nation’s most respected Schools of Nursing (SON). Minnesota State Mankato’s nursing program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). For information on the accreditation process contact: CCNE, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036 Phone: (202) 887-6971.

Minnesota State Mankato has offered the RN Baccalaureate Completion program since 1974. The redesign included three main components: 1) Self-identified felt need by the RN student to choose three out of five support nursing courses; 2) Faculty identified five core content courses all RN students must take; and 3) Course delivery was changed from face-to-face to an expanded online distance education format.

Program Goals

- Provide nursing care in a variety of settings.
- Focus on prevention of illness and promotion of health.
- Care for individuals and families with complex problems.
- Provide health teaching and counseling.
- Assume leadership roles.
- Participate in nursing research.
- Demonstrate a caring commitment to people.

Curriculum

Students who are licensed registered nurses with an associate degree are able to earn their Baccalaureate degree through this program. A total of 128 semester credits are necessary for the baccalaureate degree in nursing. The nursing major consists of 63 credits. Associate degree nursing graduates transfer in 30 semester nursing credits and take 33 semester nursing credits. A total of 40 upper division credits must be earned through a four-year college. Minnesota State Mankato has developed consortium agreements to allow distance students to take course work at 4-year colleges and universities closer to their home.

Students are strongly encouraged to complete all general education and required courses prior to enrollment in core nursing courses. Students must communicate with the RN Baccalaureate Completion Coordinator prior to applying for admission to the SON.

The length of time necessary to complete the Bachelor of Science degree in nursing will vary depending on the number of non-nursing credits earned prior to entering Minnesota State Mankato and the nursing plan selected by the student. Courses include general education and electives in addition to courses in the nursing major. The RN Baccalaureate Completion Coordinator assists each student in planning a program of study to meet his/her needs. Students must communicate with the RN Baccalaureate Completion Coordinator prior to applying for the SON.

The nursing curriculum is designed to provide opportunities for the student to develop a sound theoretical and clinical foundation for the practice of professional nursing. The graduate is prepared for a variety of roles in the community, including the responsibility for health promotion, prevention of disease, and caring for the sick in the community, the hospital and the home, and are qualified for Public Health Nursing Certification. An understanding of people and how they adapt to the environment is essential to the provision of these healthcare services.

Admission Requirements

Application for admission to the School of Nursing (SON) is a separate process in addition to being admitted to the University. Admission to the University must be completed prior to applying for admission to the SON. After admission to the University and successful completion (grade of C or above) of the prerequisite Chemistry course, an application may be submitted to the SON. Application deadlines are October 15, March 15, and June 15.

Requirements for application to the RN Baccalaureate Completion Nursing major are:

1. Completion of at least 30 college semester credits
2. Minimum career grade point average (GPA) of a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
3. Minimum grade of C in all required prerequisite and support courses and previous nursing courses.
4. One college chemistry course
5. All prerequisite and support courses must be taken for a letter grade; P/N is not acceptable.
6. Proof of active unrestricted RN Minnesota license
7. Letter of reference

Completion of necessary requirements for clinical experiences per SON are:

1. Current unrestricted RN licensure
2. CPR certification
3. Student health form
4. Health Insurance coverage
5. Liability Insurance coverage

Application Procedure

Admission to Minnesota State University, Mankato must be completed prior to applying for admission to the SON. Apply online as a transfer student at www.mnsu.edu or request a student application from:

Office of Admissions
Minnesota State University, Mankato
122 Taylor Center
Mankato, MN 56001
507-389-1822 (V)
800-627-3529 of 711 (MRS/TTY)

Please have official transcripts from all prior college/Universities attended sent to:

Office of Admissions
Minnesota State University, Mankato
122 Taylor Center
Mankato, MN 56001

Inform the Registrar’s office that you are applying to the RN Baccalaureate Completion program. Please have transcripts sent early, as the Office of the Registrar receives many requests and needs at least three weeks to complete a credit evaluation. After this is completed the Registrar’s office will send you a Transfer Course Conversion Form. After you receive your Transfer Course Conversion form, please contact Norma Krumwiede, the RN Baccalaureate Completion Coordinator:

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