

Parallel Planning PATHWAYS IN NURSING

You want to become a nurse.

You can obtain a:

Associate of Science Degree in Nursing

OR

Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

OR

Entry Level Masters Degree in Nursing

These programs are offered at community colleges and provide an efficient, economical pathway to becoming an RN. Graduates are prepared with the clinical competence & technical proficiency needed to practice in multiple settings. However, today's employers often prefer the bachelor's prepared RN, & many require the degree to secure long term employment.

These programs prepare graduates to practice across all health care settings & assume the widest variety of RN roles. These programs combine the clinical and technical skills of nursing with coursework in the physical & social sciences, research, public & community health, management & the humanities. A Bachelor's Degree in Nursing is the preferred qualification.

These programs offer the quickest route to the RN licensure for students who already hold a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field of study. These programs are rigorous and time intensive. Most require between 18-24 months of full-time study to complete. This may not include pre-requisite coursework.

Pass the NCLEX-RN Exam
(National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses)

Start working as an RN!

After passing the NCLEX-RN Exam, Associate Degree RNs may complete their Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing by enrolling in a RN Completion Program. MNSU offers this flexible 100% online program in only 30 additional credits. Enrolled students usually work part-time or full-time as RN professionals.

Program Details Every Student Should Learn

- Visit the state board of nursing website for a list of professional programs.
- Determine program accreditation by either CCNE or ACEN.
- Study the application criteria to the nursing program.
- Review pre-requisite courses. Determine what is complete & remaining. Confirm.
- Learn what GPA is used for application and admission to the nursing program.
- Examine application process: exam, essay, interview, references, experiential hours?
- Check for application deadlines and total length of program.
- Learn how many students apply vs. how many are accepted each admission cycle.
- Understand what information is used to determine selective admission.
- Discover the admitted student profile-average GPA, points, test scores etc...
- Determine how you can become one of the selected applicants.

