

Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing

Mission

The Montana State University Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing enhances the health of the people of Montana, our nation, and the global community through education, creation of knowledge, and service.

Vision

The Montana State University Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing transforms lives and communities in the people's interest.

Core Values

- **Excellence:** we pursue exceptional outcomes.
- **Integrity:** we commit to honesty, ethical behavior, and accountability.
- **Inclusion:** we create a civil, supportive, and respectful environment where difference and diversity are sources of strength.
- **Collaboration:** we believe that working together produces better outcomes.
- **Curiosity:** we expect inquiry, exploration, creativity, and innovation.
- **Stewardship:** we care for and conserve the human, economic, physical, and environmental resources.

Undergraduate Programs

The undergraduate professional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is approved by the Montana State Board of Nursing and is nationally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The Traditional BSN Program (https://www.montana.edu/nursing/undergraduate_degrees/traditional-bsn-program.html) is designed for college students pursuing their first undergraduate degree. The curriculum is composed of two blocks: pre-nursing courses and nursing courses. Students are required to apply for acceptance into the last two years of the MSU state-wide nursing program. Once accepted into the BSN program, MSU nursing students are placed at one of the five College of Nursing state-wide campuses located in Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Kalispell, and Missoula. It is also possible for a student to complete all of the required pre-nursing coursework at institutions other than Montana State University and apply to the MSU BSN program.

The Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing at Montana State University offers an Accelerated BSN (ABSN) Program (https://www.montana.edu/nursing/undergraduate_degrees/accelerated-bsn-program.html) for students with a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing to earn a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Students are required to have completed the same prerequisite courses. Once admitted to the nursing major, students complete the BSN degree in an accelerated 12 month schedule. Once accepted into the ABSN program, MSU nursing students are placed at one of the five College of Nursing state-wide campuses located in Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Kalispell, and Missoula. It is also possible for a student to complete all of the required pre-nursing coursework at institutions other than Montana State University and apply to the MSU Accelerated BSN program.

Accreditation

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Montana State University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate

Nursing Education, (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org> (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org/>)).

Application to the Traditional BSN Program

All students must apply for placement into the Traditional BSN program. The number of available placements are regulated to provide the best utilization of financial, clinical, and faculty resources. Students graduating from a Montana high school may be eligible for the Montana Nursing Direct Entry Program (<https://www.montana.edu/nursing/prospective/MontanaHighSchoolProspective.html>). Applications to the Traditional BSN Program are open twice a year, with corresponding admissions in both the Fall and Spring semesters. Application timelines and requirements can be found on our Traditional BSN Application website (https://www.montana.edu/nursing/undergraduate_degrees/placement.html).

Application to the Accelerated BSN Program

All students must apply for placement into the Accelerated BSN Program. The number of available placements are regulated to provide the best utilization of financial, clinical, and faculty resources. Applications to the Accelerated BSN Program open once a year, with admissions in the Fall semester. Application timelines and requirements can be found on our Accelerated BSN Application website (https://www.montana.edu/nursing/undergraduate_degrees/acceleratedbsnapp.html).

Transfer Students

The above criteria and procedures for application and progression through the nursing curriculum apply to transfer students as well as MSU-Bozeman students. Students who have been enrolled as nursing students at any other institution (have nursing courses on their transcripts) must provide a letter from their Dean or Director that addresses the student's standing in the program at the time of exit and eligibility for readmission or reinstatement. They also must apply through NursingCAS during a typical application timeline. Course equivalency evaluation will occur once eligibility has been assessed.

In order to facilitate transcript evaluation, transfer students provide a copy of the original transcript(s) from all institutions of higher education they have attended to the College of Nursing. Out-of-state transfer students may need to provide course syllabi if the course does not appear in the MSU transfer equivalency site (https://prodmyinfo.montana.edu/pls/bzagent/hwzxfp.p_sselstate/). Transfer students are encouraged to work with a MSU-Bozeman College of Nursing Adviser (https://www.montana.edu/nursing/current_students/advisingcalendars.html) before application to the program of nursing.

Expenses

Nursing education has unique costs. To cover the expense of simulation equipment, lab supplies, NCLEX-RN test preparation, distance delivery support, etc., all nursing students accepted into the program are assessed a nursing program fee (http://catalog.montana.edu/expenses/#Special_Fees_and_Charges) each semester. In addition, nursing students separately pay for their uniforms, stethoscope, immunizations, background checks, drug screening, and current professional healthcare provider American Heart Association CPR certification.

Dean

Sarah Shannon, PhD, RN, FAAN
406 994-3783 | sarah.shannon1@montana.edu
PO Box 173560, Bozeman, MT 59717-3560

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Susan Wallace Raph, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

406 994-5726 | sraph@montana.edu
PO Box 173560, Bozeman, MT 59717-3560

Assistant Dean for Academic Programs

Paul Swift, PhD
406 994-2577 | paul.swift@montana.edu
PO Box 173560, Bozeman, MT 59717-3560

Undergraduate Program Manager

Debbie McCray
406-994-2660 | [d\(khallowell@montana.edu\)mccray@montana.edu](mailto:d(khallowell@montana.edu)mccray@montana.edu)
(dmccray@montana.edu)du (dmccray@montana.edu)
PO Box 173560, Bozeman, MT 59717-3560

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (<http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/nursing/bsn/>)
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (<http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate/nursing/absn/>)

Graduate Programs Available

Master of Nursing (MN) - Clinical Nurse Leadership (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/nursing/clinical-nurse-leader/>) (CNL) (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/nursing/clinical-nurse-leader/>)

- BSN to MN

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/nursing/dnp/>)

- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse-Midwifery
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/nursing/certificate-psychiatric-mental-health-nurse-practitioner/>)

Online Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education (<http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/nursing/online-certificate-nursing-education/>)

To learn more about the graduate offerings in Nursing, and to find out specifics on applying to any program see the department website: <http://www.montana.edu/nursing/prospective/index.html>. (<http://www.montana.edu/nursing/prospective/>)

Accreditation

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Montana State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>) (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org/>)).

The DNP nurse-midwifery program at Montana State University has been awarded a five-year pre-accreditation through February 28, 2029 from the

Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME), (<https://theacme.org/>).

Dean

Dr. Sarah Shannon, PhD, RN, FAAN
406 994-3783 | sarah.shannon1@montana.edu
PO Box 173560, Bozeman, MT 59717-3560

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Dr. Susan Wallace Raph, DNP, RN, NEA-BC
406 994-5726 | sraph@montana.edu
PO Box 173560, Bozeman, MT 59717-3560

Assistant Dean for Academic Programs

Paul Swift, PhD
406 994-2577 | paul.swift@montana.edu
PO Box 173560, Bozeman, MT 59717-3560

Graduate Program Manager

Taylor Hophan-Nichols
406 994-3500 | taylor.hophannichols@montana.edu
PO Box 173560, Bozeman, MT 59717-3560