

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The College of Nursing at Montana State University offers an Accelerated BSN (ABSN) Program for students to earn a second baccalaureate degree in nursing. This option is available only to students who already have earned a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than nursing. Students are required to have completed the same prerequisite courses as the traditional students EXCEPT for WRIT 101. Post-baccalaureate students also do not need to complete Core requirements to gain a second degree. Once admitted to the accelerated nursing major, they complete the BSN degree in an accelerated 12 month schedule. The ABSN nursing courses are offered to students receiving placement at one of five MSU nursing campus sites: Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Kalispell, and Missoula.

NOTE: Required pre-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and no more than one repeat of a course is permitted regardless of when or where taken. A passing grade of C or better is required for all nursing curriculum courses.

ABSN Pre-Requisite Requirements

All pre-requisite courses must be completed prior to the beginning of the ABSN program.

CHMY 121IN & CHMY 122IN	Introduction to General Chemistry and Introduction to General Chemistry Lab	4
CHMY 123 & CHMY 124	Introduction to Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry and Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry Lab	4
BIOM 250	Microbiology for Health Sciences: Infectious Diseases	3
BIOM 251	Microbiology for Health Sciences Lab	1
BIOH 201	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	5
BIOH 211	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
M 121Q	College Algebra	3
STAT 216Q	Introduction to Statistics	3
NUTR 221CS	Basic Human Nutrition	3
WRIT 201	College Writing II	3
COMX 111US	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
HDFS 101IS or PSYX 230	Indiv and Fam Dev: Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3
SOCI 101IS or PSYX 100IS	Introduction to Sociology Intro to Psychology	3
NRSG 116	Introduction to Professional Nursing	2
Total Credits		44

ABSN Program Courses

Once admitted to the program, students complete the following coursework in three semesters over 12 months of study beginning in the Fall semester of each year:

Senior Year	Credits		
	Fall	Spring	Summer
NRSG 318 - Accelerated Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics for Nurses	4		
NRSG 323 - Professional Development I: Professional and Ethical Nursing	1		

NRSG 327 - Foundations of Nursing Care	2		
NRSG 328 - Foundations of Nursing Lab	3		
NRSG 329 - Adult Health Assessment	3		
NRSG 333 - Concepts in Health Promotion and Psychosocial Nursing	4		
NRSG 334 - Nursing Practice for Health Promotion	1		
NRSG 400 - Nursing Simulation	1		
NRSG 324R - Professional Development II: Evidence Based Practice	3		
NRSG 358 - Nursing Concepts in Reproductive Health and Pediatric Care	4		
NRSG 359 - Nursing Practice in Reproductive Health and Pediatric Care	3		
NRSG 400 - Nursing Simulation	2		
NRSG 452 - Health Policy & Economics	2		
NRSG 460 - Nursing Concepts in Acute and Chronic Care	4		
NRSG 461 - Nursing Practice for Acute and Chronic Care	3		
NRSG 400 - Nursing Simulation	1		
NRSG 406 - Professional Development V: Care Management and Informatics in Healthcare Systems	3		
NRSG 412 - Professional Development IV: Nursing Leadership and Transition to Practice	2		
NRSG 426 - Nursing Concepts in Population Health	2		
NRSG 427 - Nursing Practice in Population Health	2		
NRSG 431 - Nursing Concepts in Psychiatric/Mental Health	2		
NRSG 432 - Nursing Practice in Psychiatric/Mental Health	1		
NRSG 488 - NCLEX Preparation	1		
NRSG 498 - Professional Internship	2		
Year Total:	19	21	16
Total Program Credits:			56