

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Traditional Option
 - Program for Licensure

Nursing – Traditional Option at SIUE

The School of Nursing prepares future nursing leaders who reflect the fundamental values of SIUE. The program prepares a generalist in professional nursing, and graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse. The state-approved program provides a foundation for graduate education.

Nursing is defined as the protection, promotion and optimization of health and abilities, prevention of illness and injury, alleviation of suffering through the diagnosis and treatment of human response, and advocacy in the care of individuals, families, communities and populations (ANA, 2003, Social Policy statement.)

Nursing courses build on a foundation in the liberal arts and sciences and are concentrated in the last six semesters of study. The undergraduate nursing curriculum is built on the themes of analytical reasoning, communication, role, human diversity and ethics. Clinical and laboratory experiences are an integral part of the nursing major. Health care agencies in central, southern and southwestern Illinois and in the greater St. Louis area cooperate with the School of Nursing in providing opportunities to practice clinical skills and apply theoretical knowledge.

Career Opportunities

Nursing is a learned profession built on a core of knowledge reflective of its dual components of science and art. As lifelong learners, professional nurses practice in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, public health departments, schools, outpatient clinics, and home health and mental health agencies. The professional nurse partners with other health care professionals in applying evidence-based knowledge combined with caring and compassion to provide quality care.

Edwardsville & Regional Program at Carbondale

The traditional option is offered at both the Edwardsville campus and the SIUC campus. Courses at both campuses are offered in a primarily face-to-face format. The regional program held on the Carbondale campus is identical to the curriculum offered on the Edwardsville campus. SIUE nursing faculty will teach classes at Carbondale and provide clinical supervision of the nursing students in the Carbondale area. Admission criteria are the same for both campuses. The Bachelor of Science degree will be conferred by SIUE.

Admission Guidelines

A prospective student may declare a preclinical nursing major during first semester as long as he/she is not enrolled in Academic Development classes and is in good standing.

Nursing applications are accepted September 15-March 1 for BOTH fall and spring admissions. Fall admission is for both the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses. Spring admission is for the Edwardsville campus only.

The deadline date is March 1 for BOTH fall and spring admissions.

The School of Nursing admission requirements are the same for the Edwardsville applicants and the SIUC regional campus applicants. Applicants must choose to apply to either Edwardsville or Carbondale, not both.

An application to the School of Nursing will be considered complete and ready to be reviewed for admission when all of the following criteria are met:

- Admission to the University by the March 1 deadline (requires submission of a University application and \$40 fee) for Edwardsville and transfer applicants. Students taking the pre-nursing curriculum on the SIUC campus do not have to apply for SIUE University admission until they receive a conditional admission letter from the School of Nursing. The \$40 application fee is waived for these students.
- Completed nursing application and Minimum Technical Standards form on file in the School of Nursing by the March 1 deadline for BOTH fall and spring admissions.
- Successful completion of the required admission prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better by the end of the fall semester (preceding the spring admission evaluation for BOTH



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Direct Entry Admission

Direct entry students must maintain the following criteria in order to remain in the program:

- Earn a grade of “C” or higher in all prerequisite courses
- Minimum 3.0 prerequisite GPA (including prerequisite courses taken at SIUE or another school), calculated at the end of fall semester (freshman year), and again at the end of spring semester (freshman year)
- Honors Students: the prerequisite GPA will include HONS 120 and 121 in lieu of ENG 101, ENG 102, and ACS 101 or 103. HONS 100 (spring semester) will not be included in the prerequisite GPA, but will be included in the cumulative GPA.
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (including all college course work), calculated at the end of the fall semester (freshman year), and again at the end of the spring semester (freshman year).

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Sample Four-Year Curriculum

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	ENG 101 English Composition I 3 ACS 101 Public Speaking or ACS 103 Interpersonal Comm Skills 3 CHEM 120a Gen, Org, & Biol Chem I (BPS) 3 CHEM 124a Gen, Org, & Biol Chem Lab (EL) 1 BIOL 140 Human Biology (BLS) 3 PSYC 111 Foundations of Psychology (BSS) 3 Total Credits 16	ENG 102 English Composition II 3 BIOL 250 Bacteriology (LS) 4 BIOL 240a Anatomy & Physiology I (BLS, EL) 4 CHEM 120b Gen, Org, & Biol Chem II (BPS) 3 CHEM 124b Gen, Org, & Biol Chem II Lab (EL) 1 Total Credits 15
Year 2	NURS 231 Examination of Role of Profess Nurse 4 NURS 234 Human Development-Life Span 3 BIOL 240b Anatomy & Physiology II (BLS, EL) 4 RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation (FRA) or PHIL 213 3 QR 101 Quantitative Reasoning or MATH 150 3 Total Credits 17	NURS 240 Pathophysiology (LS) 4 NURS 246 Foundation & Assmnt in Nsg Practice 6 STAT 107 Concepts of Statistics (BICS) 3 Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 Total Credits 16
Year 3	NURS 341a Pharmacology for Nurses-Adult Medicine 2 NURS 342 Adult Health I 5 NURS 343 Adult Health II 5 Interdisciplinary Course (IS)/Experience Global Cultures (EGC) 3 Total Credits 15	NURS 341b Pharmacology for Nsg-Specialty Courses 2 NURS 354 Care of Women & Childbearing Families 5 NURS 355 Care of Children & Adolescents 5 PHIL 225 Contemp Moral Issues, or PHIL 320 Ethics or PHIL 321 Medical Ethics (BHUM) 3 Total Credits 15
Year 4	NURS 472 Nursing Research 3 NURS 474 Care of Person with Mental Health Needs 5 NURS 475 Care of Populations (EUSC) 4 Total Credits 12	NURS 481 Nursing Leadership & Management 3 NURS 482 Transition to Professional Practice Role 4 NURS 476 Care of Person with Complex Health Needs 5 NURS 483 Capstone Review 3 Total Credits 15

Transfer Students To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer.

Admission Guidelines, Cont.

fall and spring admissions). The required prerequisites for admission are:

ENG 101, ACS 101 or 103, CHEM 120a/124a, PSYC 111, and BIOL 140 (or a higher Biology prerequisite [BIOL 150 or BIOL 240a]).*

Students must complete all remaining required prerequisite courses with a C or better by the end of the spring semester (preceding the fall admission term) for students applying to BOTH the fall and spring semesters. Students applying for spring admission ONLY must complete the remaining listed prerequisites by the end of the summer semester (preceding the spring admission term). The remaining prerequisite courses are: ENG 102, CHEM 120b/124b, BIOL 250 and BIOL 240a.

- Students must have a minimum prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (including transfer credit, as well as credit earned at SIUE), and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for admission consideration.
- Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) examination by March 1 deadline for both fall and spring nursing admissions. Students must score in the "proficient" level to be considered for admission. The test can be repeated one time only prior to the deadline date (must wait three weeks after taking test the first time.)

*Prerequisite courses taken during the summer semester (preceding the fall admission term) and the prerequisite courses taken during the fall semester (preceding the spring admission term) will not be considered part of the application for admission.

Employment Training Grants

The traditional nursing program is eligible for federal funding for qualified students who are displaced, unemployed, underemployed, veterans or economically disadvantaged. Funding sources include the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and Dislocated Worker Programs. Most federal funding programs may be utilized for up to two years.

To determine eligibility, students should contact their county Employment and Training Department.

- Madison County Employment and Training Department (includes Bond County), 628-296-4533
- Workforce Development Group (St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph, Clinton and Washington Counties), 618-825-3259

Graduation Requirements

- Completion of 121 credit hours.
- Overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Successful completion of School of Nursing curriculum requirements.
- Successful completion of Senior Assignment.

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