

Nursing-Accelerated Bachelor of Science



School of Nursing

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Accelerated Bachelor of Science Option

Accelerated Bachelor of Science at SIUE

The post-baccalaureate Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing option allows students with a bachelor's degree to attain a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in nursing through three (3) semesters and one (1) summer session. It is an intense, defined curriculum with a combination of classroom instruction and clinical experiences for students seeking a second baccalaureate degree from the School of Nursing. Coursework and clinical experiences are of the same high quality as the traditional first-degree baccalaureate progression, but taken at an accelerated pace.

Upon successful completion of the option, students are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) to obtain their license as a registered nurse. Students must be dedicated and willing to attend classes as many as five (5) days a week and devote an appropriate amount of time to their studies in order to be successful with this option. The full-time program begins in August (fall semester).

Admission Requirements

Applications for admission are available from September 15-March 1. The application deadline is March 1 or until the option is full.

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 (requires submission of a university application plus a \$40 fee).
- Completion of a baccalaureate degree (in any major field) from an accredited college or university by the end of the spring semester preceding the fall enrollment term.
- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (bachelor's degree cumulative GPA).
- Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Prerequisite courses include ENG 101, PSYC 111, CHEM 120a/124a, CHEM 120b/124b, BIOL 240a, BIOL 240b, BIOL 250, STAT 107, PHIL 225, 320 OR 321, and NURS 234 (Life Span Development). Equivalent transfer courses may be used (check with nursing advisor). A grade of C or better must be earned in all prerequisite courses. Any remaining prerequisites must be completed by May 31 (prior to fall enrollment).
- Completed Accelerated Bachelor of Science (ABS) application packet and Minimum Technical Standards form on file in the School of Nursing.
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
- Two (2) letters of reference completed by persons in an educational, administrative, or collegial capacity who have worked with the applicant closely in the past five years.

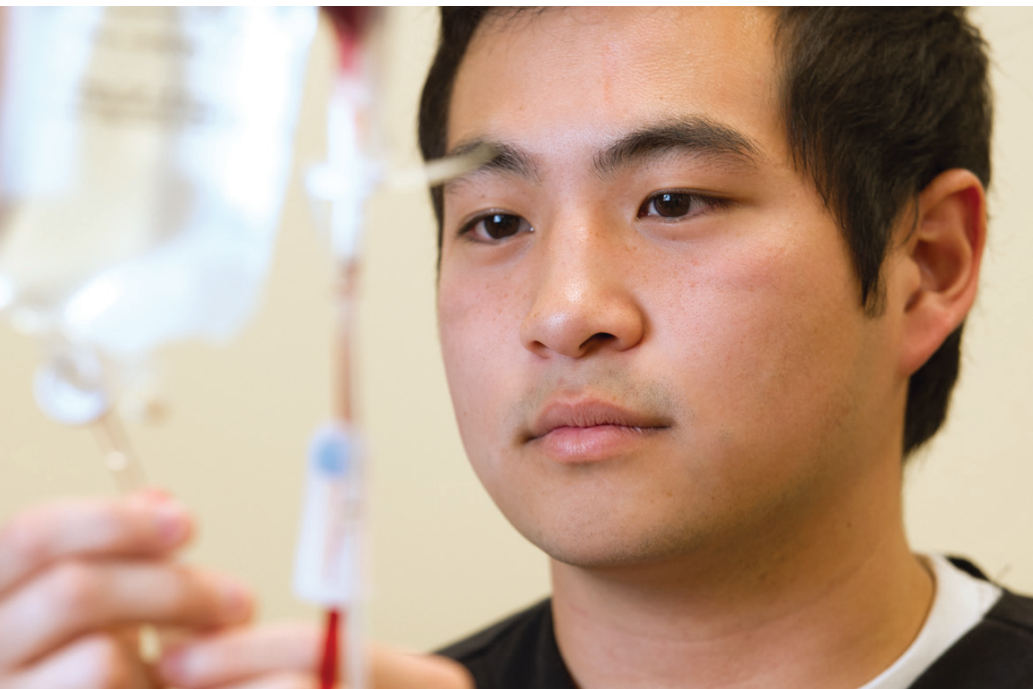


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Sample Four-Year Curriculum

Fall Semester

NURS 231 Examination of Role of Professional Nurse	4
NURS 240 Pathophysiology	4
NURS 246 Foundation & Assessment in Nursing Practice	6
NURS 472 Nursing Research*	3
Total Credits	17

Spring Semester

NURS 474 Care of Persons with Mental Health Needs	5
NURS 342 Adult Health I	5
NURS 343 Adult Health II	5
NURS 341a Pharmacology for Nurses-Adult Medicine	2
NURS 475 Care of Populations	4
Total Credits	21

Year 1 - Summer Semester

NURS 354 Care of Women and Childbearing Families	5
NURS 355 Care of Children and Adolescents	5
NURS 341b Pharmacology for Nursing-Specialty Courses	2
Total Credits	12

NURS 481 Nursing Leadership and 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

NOTES – * Students with a previous research course from their prior bachelor's degree may submit a syllabi and transcript for review to potentially receive credit for prior learning. Contact advisor for more details.

Prerequisite Requirements

To be completed by May 31 (prior to fall enrollment):

- Anatomy and Physiology I (with lab)
- Anatomy and Physiology II (with lab)
- Inorganic, Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry (with labs)
- Microbiology/Bacteriology (with lab)
- Introduction to Psychology
- Human Growth and Development (Life Span)
- English Composition
- Statistics
- Ethics

NOTE: CLEP exams for prerequisite requirements are only accepted if the University accepts the individual exam.

All science courses must be completed within seven years of admission to the program. A grade of C or better must be earned in all prerequisite courses. A failed prerequisite course (D, F, or WF) may not be repeated more than once to receive a passing grade of C or higher.

Graduation Requirements

- Completion of 65 credit hours for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science (ABS) option.
- 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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