

# Nursing Accelerated RN to BS

## Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Accelerated RN to BS in Nursing Option

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The Accelerated Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science (RN to BS) in Nursing option in the School of Nursing is designed for students who have previously graduated from associate degree nursing programs and diploma nursing programs. This program is offered in a flexible, entirely online format to accommodate the needs of working registered nurses (RNs). The program format consists of eight-week courses, and can be completed in one (1) year (three (3) semesters) if most of the general education requirements are met at the time of admission. Students may also choose to pursue a slower program progression.

## Admission Requirements

An application form is available online at [siue.edu/apply](http://siue.edu/apply), and students are admitted every 8 weeks on a rolling basis. Choose the "RN to BS" application link after clicking on "Undergraduate." An application to the School of Nursing will be considered complete and reviewable for admission when all of the following criteria are met:

- Admission to the University and the School of Nursing (requires submission of the online application for the Accelerated Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science (RN to BS) program and the \$40 application fee.
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended have been sent to SIUE Admissions.
- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (includes all college-level courses).

Applicants are responsible for ensuring their materials are received in the School of Nursing. In order for an application to be reviewed, all application materials must be present.

Note: Anatomy/Physiology I and II and Microbiology must be completed prior to enrolling in any nursing courses.

## Bridge Process

Academic proficiency credit for lower-division nursing courses completed as part of their preparation for licensure program at another institution will be given to applicants who have completed their nursing coursework within five (5) years of acceptance into the SIUE School of Nursing Accelerated RN to BS program.

Applicants who have completed their nursing coursework over five (5) years prior to acceptance into the program are required to submit a portfolio of their professional work prior to their initial course in the program. The portfolio will be reviewed by the RN to BS Program Director. The proficiency credit is not applied to the student's transcript until successful completion of the bridge courses with a grade of C or better. The proficiency credits will apply towards the nursing major at SIUE. Proficiency hours may be adjusted if a student receives transferable nursing credits from an associate degree program at a four-year college/ university.



## School Administrators

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*"I joined the program because it was affordable, as well as convenient. I work full time and have two little girls, which means I have even less time to travel to campus for classes. The fact that all the classes are online made going back to school possible for me."*

J.O. Kelly, CSN  
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# Degree Requirements for Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing

## Prerequisites Required for Enrollment in the Program:

Anatomy & Physiology I	4
Anatomy & Physiology II	4
Microbiology	3

Notes: RN to BS Curriculum/Prerequisites must have a grade of C or higher.  
Effective Summer 2018, a college level chemistry course is no longer required in the RN to BS program.

## Additional Prerequisites Required Before NURS 475R

English Composition I	3
English Composition II	3
Speech-Public Speaking	3
Logic	3
Statistics	3
Ethics	3

## Nursing Courses to be completed (in order listed)

240R Pathophysiology	4
335R Health Assessment Strategies	3
475R Care of Populations	4
472R Scholarly Inquiry: Connecting Research to Practice (Capstone I)	3
484R Quality, Safety, and the Professional Nurse (Capstone II)	4
480R Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems (Capstone III)	4
Total Credits	22

## Complete "Immersion" Prior to Registration in NURS 240R

Prior to registering for the first nursing course (NURS 240R), students must complete the "Immersion" to the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science (RN to BS) program on Blackboard. This immersion is separated into four (4) modules.

The first three (3) modules provide information regarding:

1. How to be a successful online student;
2. How to best use the Blackboard tools; and
3. Library resources.

In the fourth module, students will demonstrate successful use of many of the Blackboard tools used in the nursing courses. The "Immersion" will be a resource throughout the program.

## Remaining general education requirements to be completed for degree

Breadth Social Science (BSS)	3
Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA)	3
Breadth Physical Science (BPS)	3
Interdisciplinary Course (IS)	3
Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3
Experience Global Cultures requirement (EGC)	3
<i>Elective Courses if needed (varies by student)</i>	

## Graduation Requirements

- Completion of 120 credit hours for the Accelerated Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science (RN to BS) 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 Capstone Project.

## Employment Training Grants

The RN to BS 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

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