

# Nursing-Accelerated Bachelor of Science

## Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Science, Nursing (options for completion as follows)
  - Traditional
  - Post-Baccalaureate Accelerated
  - Accelerated RN to BS Nursing
  - Combined Baccalaureate to Graduate Degree

## 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 semesters and one 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 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).

## Accelerated Undergraduate to Graduate Nursing Options

Effective fall 2019, students in the accelerated bachelor's program may apply for accelerated graduate program options for Master of Science degrees in healthcare nursing administration or nurse educator, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree for the family nurse practitioner program.

Students who are eligible to enter these options may replace up to six credits of nursing undergraduate courses with nursing graduate courses, reducing both time and cost involved in attaining a graduate degree.

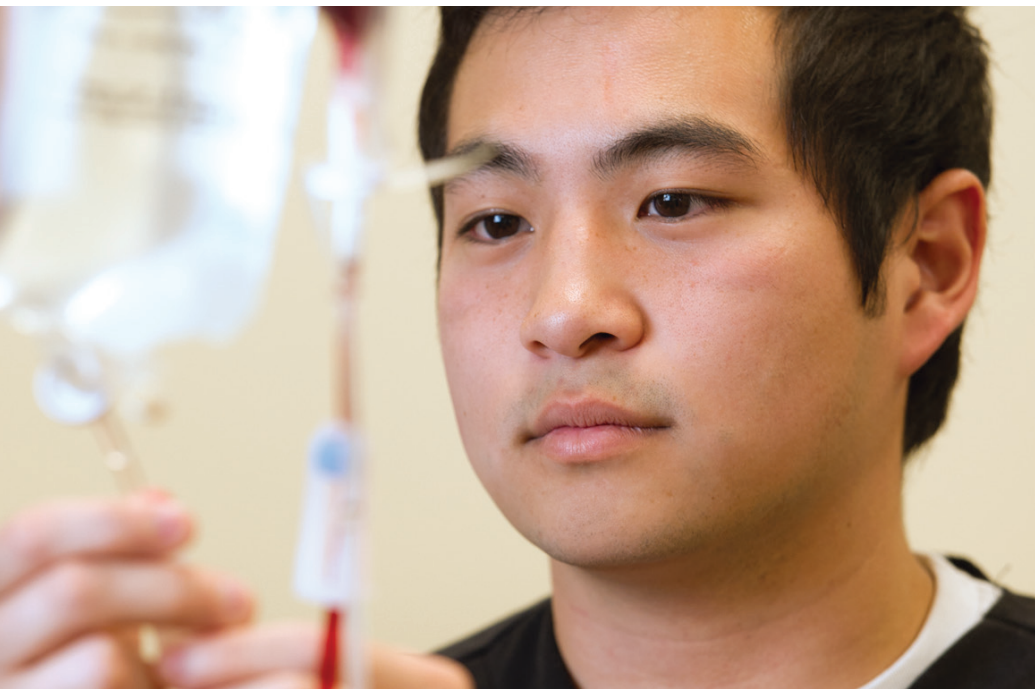


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# Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Post-Baccalaureate Accelerated Option

## Fall Semester

## Spring Semester

Year 1

NURS 231 Examination of Role of Professional Nurse	4	NURS 474 Care of Persons with Mental Health Needs	5
NURS 240 Pathophysiology	4	NURS 342 Adult Health I	5
NURS 246 Foundation & Assessment in Nursing Practice	6	NURS 343 Adult Health II	5
NURS 472 Nursing Research	3	NURS 341a Pharmacology for Nurses-Adult Medicine	2
or NURS 604 Evaluating Evidence for Improving Practice (Accel UG-Grad Option Only*)	3	NURS 475 Care of Populations	4
Total Credits	17	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

Year 2

NURS 481 Nursing Leadership and Management	3
or NURS 606 Leadership Health Policy	3
with NURS 490 SRA (Accel UG-Grad Option Only*)	1
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 or 16

## 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 fall enrollment.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (bachelor's degree cumulative GPA)
- Prerequisite GPA minimum 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 (lifespan 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 ABS application packet and minimum technical standards form on file in the School of Nursing
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Two 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
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their materials are received in the School of Nursing.

Applications received after the deadline will be viewed on a space-available basis. Applications are available from the School of Nursing website or from the School of Nursing in Alumni Hall, room 2117, or by calling 618-650-3956.

In order for an application to be reviewed, all required materials must be submitted (partial application packets will not be reviewed). Applicants selected for admission will be directly admitted into the School of Nursing. Applying to the program and meeting the minimum admission criteria does not guarantee admission to the program. Admitted students must provide official documentation of all completed degree/prerequisite courses prior to fall enrollment.

Admitted students will be required to pay a non-refundable advance deposit fee of \$175 which will be applied to the student's tuition billing for fall enrollment. If the student does not attend, the fee is forfeited.

## Graduation Requirements

- Completion of 65 or 66 credit hours for the accelerated Bachelor of Science
- Overall GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Successful completion of School of Nursing Curriculum requirements
- Successful completion of capstone project/senior assignment

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