# Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing

School of Nursing

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## Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing 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) with a major in nursing through **three semesters and one summer session**. It is an intense curriculum with a combination of classroom instruction and clinical experiences for students seeking a second baccalaureate degree. 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 accelerated 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. The full-time program begins in August (fall semester).

## Accelerated Undergraduate to Graduate Nursing Options

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. Learn more at siue.edu/combined-degrees.

## Baccalaureate Degree Options at SIUE

- Traditional
- Post-Baccalaureate Accelerated
- Accelerated RN to BS Nursing
- Combined Baccalaureate to Graduate Degree

## Admission Requirements

Applications for admission are available from September 15-February 1. The application deadline is February 1 or until the option is full. This program begins in the fall term only and is offered in a traditional format.

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 university application fee).
- Completed nursing application on file in the School of Nursing by the application deadline date for fall admission.
- 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.
- 3.0 (4.0 scale) cumulative GPA as recorded by the degree granting institution in the term that the bachelor's degree was awarded
- Prerequisite GPA minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Prerequisite courses include ENG 101, PSYC 111, CHEM 120A or equivalent, BIOL 240A, BIOL 240B, BIOL 250, STAT 107 (or STAT 244), 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).*
- Official transcripts from all college/universities attended (may be submitted electronically to etranscripts@siue.edu).

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

| | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| **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 or (3) NURS 604 Evaluating Evidence for Improving Practice (Accel UG-Grad Option Only*) | 3 | NURS 341A Pharmacology for Nurses-Adult Medicine | 2 |
| | | | NURS 475 Care of Populations | 4 |
| | Total Credits | 17 | Total Credits | 21* |
| | | | **Summer Semester** | |
| **Year 1** | | | 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 - Total Credits | | |

**Total Hours 65 or *66 for the Accelerated UG-Grad Option**

* Students with a 3.25 GPA or above for the preceding term may be permitted to take more than 19 hours with the approval of the dean or director of their academic unit.

## Admission Requirements Cont.

- Review of the Performance Standards for the School of Nursing at siue.edu/nursing/academic-programs/index.
- Review of the Professional Licensure Requirements for your intended state of licensure as an RN at siue.edu/consumer-disclosures.

*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 higher must be earned in all prerequisite courses.

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 at siue.edu/nursing or from the School of Nursing in Alumni Hall, room 2117, or by calling 618-650-3956.

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 by May 31 (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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*This information is concurrent with the 2022-2023 academic catalog. Courses are subject to change at any time.*