

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 RN to BS Option at SIUE

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 year (three 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. Those interested in attaining an RN to MSN or DNP may apply for accelerated graduate nursing options.

Bridge Process

Once a student entering the RN to BS program provides evidence of a current unencumbered RN license, the School of Nursing will complete an overall assessment of the student's work experience, and previously completed community college and university nursing coursework. The School of Nursing may then grant up to 40 or 43 proficiency credits to provide the student with advanced standing in the nursing program. These credits differ from the transfer of courses. If the student's college/university credits are greater than five years old, the candidate will need to submit a portfolio to demonstrate proficiency in the areas in which credit is sought along with evidence of a current unencumbered RN license.

Applicants who have completed their nursing coursework over five 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 toward the nursing major at SIUE.

Accelerated Graduate Options

Qualified SIUE nursing students are encouraged to apply to a combined degree program that allows you to earn graduate-level credit for courses taken during your undergraduate program. This accelerated option allows students to complete two degrees in less time.

Accelerated RN-BS students may apply for accelerated graduate credit in the following programs:

- Nurse Educator, MS
- Healthcare and Nursing Administration, MS
- Family Nurse Practitioner, DNP

Accelerated RN-BS students who are eligible to enter these options may replace up to seven 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 Accelerated RN to BS Option

Prerequisites Required for Enrollment in the Program:

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

RN to BS curriculum/prerequisites must have a grade of C or higher.

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)

NURS 240R Pathophysiology	4
NURS 335R Health Assessment Strategies	3
NURS 475R Care of Populations	4
NURS 472R Scholarly Inquiry: Connecting Research to Practice or	3
NURS 604 Evaluating Evidence for Improving Practice (Accel UG-Grad Option Only)	3
NURS 484R Quality, Safety, and the Professional Nurse (Capstone I)	4
NURS 480R Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems (Capstone II)	4
or	
NURS 606 Leadership and Health Policy	3
AND NURS 490R SRA (Accel UG-Grad Option Only)	1
Total Credits	22

Complete "Immersion" Prior to Registration in NURS 240R

Prior to registering for the first nursing course (NURS 240R), it is recommended that students complete the "immersion" to the registered nurse to Bachelor of Science (RN to BS) program on Blackboard. This immersion is separated into four modules.

The first three modules provide information regarding:

1. How to be a successful online student
2. How to best use the Blackboard tools
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

Elective Courses if needed (varies by student)

Admission Requirements

An application form is available online, and students are admitted every eight 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 Office of Admissions. Transcripts may be sent electronically to etranscripts@siue.edu.
- Cumulative 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.

Graduation Requirements

- Completion of 120 credit hours for the accelerated registered nurse to Bachelor of Science (RN to BS) option
- 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. The senior assignment is completed remotely.

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