

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

Nursing – Traditional Option at SIUE

The School of Nursing prepares future nursing leaders who reflect the fundamental values of SIUE. The program prepares a generalist in professional nursing, and graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse. The state-approved program provides a foundation for graduate education.

Nursing is defined as the protection, promotion and optimization of health and abilities, prevention of illness and injury, alleviation of suffering through the diagnosis and treatment of human response, and advocacy in the care of individuals, families, communities and populations (ANA, 2003, Social Policy statement.)

Nursing courses build on a foundation in the liberal arts and sciences and are concentrated in the last six semesters of study. The undergraduate nursing curriculum is built on the themes of analytical reasoning, communication, role, human diversity and ethics. Clinical and laboratory experiences are an integral part of the nursing major. Health care agencies in central, southern and southwestern Illinois and in the greater St. Louis area cooperate with the School of Nursing in providing opportunities to practice clinical skills and apply theoretical knowledge.

Career Opportunities

Nursing is a learned profession built on a core of knowledge reflective of its dual components of science and art. As lifelong learners, professional nurses practice in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, public health departments, schools, outpatient clinics, and home health and mental health agencies. The professional nurse partners with other health care professionals in applying evidence-based knowledge combined with caring and compassion to provide quality care.

Direct Entry Admission

Direct entry into the Bachelor of Science in nursing program is awarded to highly qualified incoming freshmen with an ACT composite score of at least 23 or E R W +M SAT 1130 or higher. To be considered for direct entry, prospective freshmen must submit a completed undergraduate admission application by December 1. Candidates should list nursing or “still deciding in nursing” as their intended major. Selection to the nursing program is guaranteed, provided the student satisfies prerequisite work in the first year at SIUE and maintains the following criteria:

- A grade of C or higher in all prerequisite courses
- A minimum 3.0 prerequisite GPA (including prerequisite courses taken at SIUE or transfer) calculated at the end of the fall semester (freshman year) and again at the end of the spring semester (freshman year)
- For honors students, the prerequisite GPA will include HONS 120 and 121 in lieu of ENG 101, ENG 102 and ACS 101. HONS 100 (spring semester) will not be included in the prerequisite GPA, but will be included in the cumulative GPA.
- A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (including all college coursework) calculated at the end of the fall semester (freshman year) and again at the end of the spring semester (freshman year).

Pre-nursing course advisement will be conducted by School of Nursing advisors.

Admission Requirements

A prospective student may declare a preclinical nursing major during first semester as long as he/she is not enrolled in academic development classes and is in good standing.

Nursing applications are accepted September 15-March 1 for both fall and spring admissions.

The deadline date for application is March 1 for both fall and spring admissions.

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 by the March 1 deadline (requires submission of a University application and \$40 fee) for Edwardsville and transfer applicants.
- Completed nursing application and minimum technical standards form on file in the School of Nursing by the March 1 deadline for both fall and spring admissions.
- Successful completion of the six admission prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better by the end of the fall semester in order to be considered for admission. The required prerequisites for admission are ENG 101, ACS 101, CHEM 120A/124A, PSYC 111, and BIOL 140 (or a higher biology prerequisite, BIOL 150 or BIOL 240A).*

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Accelerated Undergraduate to Graduate Nursing Options

Students in the traditional 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/academics/accelerated-combined-degrees.

Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, Traditional Option

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	ENG 101 English Composition I 3 ACS 101 Public Speaking 3 CHEM 120A Gen, Org, & Biol Chem I (BPS) 3 CHEM 124A Gen, Org, & Biol Chem Lab (EL) 1 BIOL 140 Human Biology (BLS) 3 PSYC 111 Foundations of Psychology (BSS) 3 FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE 1 Total Credits 17	ENG 102 English Composition II 3 BIOL 250 Bacteriology (LS) 4 BIOL 240A Anatomy & Physiology I (BLS, EL) 4 CHEM 120B Gen, Org, & Biol Chem II (BPS) 3 CHEM 124B Gen, Org, & Biol Chem II Lab (EL) 1 Total Credits 15
Year 2	NURS 231 Examination of Role of Profess Nurse 4 NURS 234 Human Development-Life Span 3 BIOL 240B Anatomy & Physiology II (BLS, EL) 4 RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation (FRA) or PHIL 212 3 QR 101 Quantitative Reasoning or MATH 150 3 Total Credits 17	NURS 240 Pathophysiology (LS) 4 NURS 246 Foundation & Assmnt in Nsg Practice 6 STAT 107 Concepts of Statistics or STAT 244 (BICS) 3 Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 Total Credits 16
Year 3	NURS 341A Pharmacology for Nurses-Adult Medicine 2 NURS 342 Adult Health I 5 NURS 343 Adult Health II 5 Interdisciplinary Course (IS)/Experience Global Cultures (EGC) 3 Total Credits 15	NURS 341B Pharmacology for Nsg-Specialty Courses 2 NURS 354 Care of Women & Childbearing Families 5 NURS 355 Care of Children & Adolescents 5 PHIL 225 Contemp Moral Issues, or PHIL 320 Ethics or PHIL 321 Medical Ethics (BHUM) 3 Total Credits 15
Year 4	NURS 472 Nursing Research 3 or NURS 604 Evaluating Evidence for Improving Practice (Accel UG-Grad Option Only) 3 NURS 474 Care of Person with Mental Health Needs 5 NURS 475 Care of Populations (EUSC, EH) 4 Total Credits 12	NURS 481 Nursing Leadership & Management 3 or NURS 606 Leadership and 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

Total Hours 122 (123 for Accelerated UG-Grad Option)

Transfer Students: To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bold** course requirements pre-transfer and satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

Admission Requirements, cont.

- Students must have a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (including transfer credit as well as credit earned at SIUE) and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for admission consideration.
- Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) examination by the March 1 deadline for both fall and spring admissions. Students must score in the “proficient” level to be considered for admission. The test can be repeated one time only prior to the deadline date (must wait 3 weeks after taking test the first time).

*Prerequisite courses taken during the summer semester (preceding the fall admission term) and prerequisite courses taken during the fall semester (preceding the spring admission term) will not be considered part of the application for admission.

Additional Prerequisite Requirements

- A failed prerequisite course (D, F or WF grade) may not be repeated more than once to receive a passing grade of C or higher.
- If a prerequisite course is repeated, the initial grade will remain in the GPA calculation unless there is official documentation of the grade from the repeated course at the time of admission evaluation.
- Students must complete an additional five required prerequisite courses with a C or better by the end of the spring term in order to be considered for admission in fall. Students applying for spring admission must complete the remaining listed prerequisites by the end of the summer semester (preceding the spring admission term). The remaining prerequisite courses are: ENG 102, CHEM 120B/124B, BIOL 250, and BIOL 240A.

BIOL 140 is SIUE’s prerequisite course for BIOL 240A and BIOL 250 which are taken in the second semester of prerequisites. If a student attended another college and completed an equivalent course for BIOL 240A, then the student can use that course (in lieu of BIOL 140) for the first semester biology prerequisite requirement.

This information is concurrent with the 2020-2021 Academic Catalog. Courses are subject to change at any time.

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

Applicants will be prioritized on a point value system which reflects completion of the required admission prerequisite courses listed above and any repeats of the required science prerequisite courses. Repeating two separate science prerequisite courses to receive a passing grade (C or higher) will result in a lower point value which could affect the applicant’s admission status.

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.

The application process is competitive. The School of Nursing reserves the right to limit the size of its entering class, therefore merely applying to the program and meeting or exceeding the stated minimum GPAs and TEAS test score does not guarantee admission into the nursing program.

Students are admitted to the School of Nursing at the end of their freshman year for enrollment in nursing classes in the following fall or spring semester. Conditional acceptance will be issued by April for both fall and spring admissions. Final acceptance will be issued once the final grades of C or better are received for all of the required prerequisite courses and the minimum prerequisite and cumulative GPA requirements are still upheld.

Graduation Requirements

- Completion of 122 or 123 credit hours for the traditional 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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