

# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE SCHOOL OF NURSING

## Accelerated RN to BS Nursing Option (100% On-line)

- The RN to BS Option is designed for graduates of associate degree nursing programs and diploma programs.
  - Flexible on-line format available (100%) to accommodate the needs of working RN's.
  - 8 week course format
  - Can complete the nursing curriculum in 1 year (3 semesters); students may choose a slower progression
  - Next option begins Fall 14; future admissions will be held in 2015
  - Option is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
  - Low tuition rate
  - No limit on transfer hours from other schools; all general education courses can be completed at a community college
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### Admission Requirements/Application Procedures

- Applications for the RN to BS Option will be available starting **November 1**.
- Students that meet or exceed the admission requirements will be admitted on a rolling basis through **August 1 or until the option is full**. A maximum of 50 students will be enrolled each fall semester.
- An application form can be downloaded from the website ([www.siu.edu/nursing](http://www.siu.edu/nursing)) or mailed to you by calling the School of Nursing at (618) 650-3956. You can also pick up an application in the School of Nursing located in Alumni Hall, Room 2117.
- An application will be considered ready to be reviewed for admission when all of the steps below have been completed.
  1. Admission to the University (Application, \$30 fee, & official transcripts)
  2. Completed application to the School of Nursing
  3. Copy of current unencumbered RN license in the state that you practice (unless currently completing an associate or diploma program at the time of application)
  4. Cumulative GPA of 2.0/4.0 scale (includes all college level courses)

After admission into the program, students must submit the following materials (at the student's expense):

- Federal Criminal Background Check
- Drug Screen
- Copy of Physical Exam
- Immunization History
- Proof of CPR certification
- Proof of Health Insurance

NOTE: Anatomy/Physiology 1 and 2, Microbiology, and one college chemistry course must be completed prior to enrolling in any Nursing courses.

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## **Bridge Process**

Academic proficiency credit for lower-division nursing courses completed as part of a student's preparation for licensure program at another institution will be given to applicants who have completed their nursing course work within five years of acceptance into the SIUE School of Nursing RN to BS Option. For applicants that have completed their nursing course work over five years prior to acceptance into the program, they 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 Assistant Dean of Undergraduate and Alternative Programs. Applicants should contact the RN to BS program advisor for details.

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 (Nurs 240 and 335). The School of Nursing has identified the proficiency credit courses as those which have comparable content and skills as taught in courses at the associate degree level in community college nursing programs. The proficiency credits will apply towards the nursing major at SIUE.

## **Proficiency credits**

Human Development – Life Span* .....	3
Pharmacology/Nutrition .....	4
Pharmacology/Nutrition Lab.....	1
Foundations of Professional Practice .....	3
Care of Young and Middle Age Adults .....	5
Care of Older Age Adults .....	5
Care of Women and Childbearing Families .....	5
Care of Children and Adolescents .....	5
Care of the Person with Mental Health Needs .....	5
Care of the Person with Complex Health Needs .....	5
<b>Total Proficiency Credits</b> .....	<b>38-41</b>

\*If students transfer in an acceptable Human Development – Life Span course, they will not receive proficiency credits for this course.

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## **RN to BS Curriculum/Prerequisites** - Must have a "C" grade or higher

### **PREREQUISITES REQUIRED FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM:**

Anatomy & Physiology I  
Anatomy & Physiology II  
Microbiology  
Chemistry – one college level course

### **COMPLETE "IMMERSION" PRIOR TO REGISTRATION IN NURS 240:**

Prior to registering for your first nursing course (Nurs 240), you must complete the "Immersion" to the RN-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, and (3) library resources. In the fourth module, you will demonstrate successful use of many of the Blackboard tools used in the nursing courses. The "Immersion" will be a resource for students throughout the program.

## ADDITIONAL PREREQUISITES REQUIRED BEFORE NURS 475:

English Comp I  
English Comp II  
Speech \*  
Logic  
Statistics  
Ethics

**\*NOTE:** Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communications will meet this requirement for students starting at SIUE before Fall 2015. An Interpersonal Communications class will count for the Speech requirement **PLUS** the Intergroup Relations requirement.

## NURSING COURSES TO BE COMPLETED (in order listed) – 22 hours

Course #	Title	Hours
Nurs 240R	Pathophysiology	4
Nurs 335R	Health Assessment Strategies	3
Nurs 475R	Care of Populations	5
Nurs 472R	Scholarly Inquiry: Connecting Research to Practice (Capstone I)	3
Nurs 484R	Quality, Safety, and the Professional Nurse (Capstone II)	3
Nurs 480R	Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems (Capstone III)	4

## REMAINING GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES TO BE COMPLETED FOR DEGREE (Pre-Lincoln Program):

Introductory level Social Science (Example....Intro to Psychology) .....3  
Introductory level Social Science (Example....Intro to Sociology) .....3  
Advanced level Social Science (Example....upper level Psychology, History, Sociology).....3  
Introductory level Fine Arts/Humanities (Example....Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Intro to Lit) .....3  
Interdisciplinary Course (200 level or higher course in Art History, English Literature, certain Philosophy courses)...3  
Intergroup Relations requirement (can be met with Interpersonal Communications)  
International Issues/Culture requirement (can be met with approved Interdisciplinary course)  
Elective Courses if needed (varies by student)

**NOTE: All general education courses should be approved by the Nursing Advisor prior to enrolling in them.**

A new Lincoln Program general education program began in Fall 2012. During the transition period, transfer students will have a choice between the Pre Lincoln Program and the Lincoln Program. Students will be evaluated for both programs to see which would be the best option to complete concerning these options. Effective Fall 2015, all students will complete the Lincoln Program for general education. Contact the RN to BS Advisor if you have any questions.

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## School of Nursing Requirements

### Service Commitment

All Nursing majors are required to complete a Service Commitment. The service commitment for RN to BS students is 2 hours per Capstone course for a total of 6 hours (2 hours in N472R, 2 hours in N484R, and 2 hours in N480R) A reflection on each service experience will be submitted to the instructor of the course.

## **Senior Assignment**

All Nursing majors are required to complete a Senior Assignment. RN students will complete capstone assignments during their last three courses (N472R, N484R, and N480R) to meet this requirement. At the end of N480R (Capstone III), students will do an online presentation to the course participants, course faculty, and other invited faculty.

## **Graduation**

Total General Education Hours (approximate)	48
Total Nursing Hours by Enrollment	22
Total Nursing Hours by Proficiency Credits	38-41
Elective Hours (if necessary)	<u>9-12</u>
Total Hours Required for Graduation	120

**120 hours are required for graduation**