NURSING
Accelerated RN to BS

School of Nursing

Degrees Available at SIUE

• Bachelor of Science, Accelerated RN to BS in Nursing Option

Accelerated RN to BS Option at SIUE

The accelerated RN to BS option at SIUE 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 RN's. 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.

Admission Requirements

Students will be admitted to the program for spring, summer and fall semesters beginning in 2015. An application form is available online at, siue.edu/apply.

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 RN to BS program, a $30 application fee if applicable, and official transcripts)
• Cumulative GPA of 2.0/4.0 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, Microbiology, and one college Chemistry course must be completed prior to enrolling in any nursing courses.

School Administrators

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Program Coordinator

"I joined the program because it was affordable as well as convenient. I work full time and have two little girls, which means I have even less time to travel to campus for classes. The fact that all the classes are online made going back to school possible for me."

J.O. Kelly, CSN
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Degree Requirements for Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Proficiency Credits

Human Development Life Span*	3
Pharmacology for Nurses-Adult Medicine	2
Pharmacology for Nsg-Specialty Courses	2
Foundations & Assmnt in Nsg Practice	6
Adult Health 1	5
Adult Health 2	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
Total Proficiency Credits	40-43

*If students transfer in a Human Development-Life Span course, they will not receive proficiency credits for this course.

RN to BS Curriculum/Prerequisites-Must have a grade of "C" 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 240R:
Prior to registering for your first nursing course (NURS 240R), you must complete the "Immersion" to the 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 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 you throughout the program.

Additional Prerequisites Required Before NURS 475R:
English Composition I
English Composition II
Speech-Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communications
Logic
Statistics
Ethics

Nursing Courses to be completed (in order listed)-22 hours

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

Remaining general education requirements to be completed for degree:
Social Science
Fine & Performing Arts
Interdisciplinary Course
Quantitative Reasoning
Global Cultures
Elective courses if needed (varies by student)

Bridge Process

Academic proficiency credit for lower-division nursing courses completed as part of their 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 Accelerated RN to BS program.

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 Coordinator. 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 towards the nursing major at SIUE.

Graduation Requirements

- Completion of 120 credit hours for the Accelerated RN to BS Option
- Overall GPA of 2.0
- Successful completion of School of Nursing curriculum requirements
- Successful completion of Service Commitment
- Successful completion of Capstone Program

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