

RN to BSN

In accordance with the Iowa Articulation Plan for Nursing Education: R.N. to Baccalaureate, Mount Mercy offers the R.N. to B.S.N. Completion Program tailored for R.N.s who are interested in returning to college for a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (B.S.N.). The program is designed to include the granting of credit for past learning and consideration of the needs of adult learners. Applicants must hold a current and valid Iowa R.N. license.

Objectives established for students in this major include, among others: respect and value the dignity of human life; appropriately implement selected nursing interventions; and integrate knowledge derived from liberal arts, science and nursing in professional nursing practice.

Admission to the R.N. to B.S.N. Program

Applicants to the R.N. to B.S.N program must meet the following admission criteria:

1. At least 23 years of age.
2. At least three years of work experience and currently working at least part time as a nurse.
3. Cumulative GPA of 2.70 or higher for transferable college credit.
4. Current and valid Iowa R.N. license. Nursing courses with a clinical component may not be taken by a person: a) who has been denied licensure by the Board; b) whose license is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in any U.S. jurisdiction; c) whose license/registration is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in another country due to disciplinary action.
5. In consultation with the coordinator of the R.N. to B.S.N. program, select an articulation option.
6. Complete prerequisite courses as appropriate for the articulation option selected.
7. Send a written request for admission to the Admissions, Promotion and Graduation committee of the Department of Nursing.
8. Complete a health examination by a physician or nurse practitioner (within the past two years), receive and/or update the recommended immunization, and forward this information to the Department of Nursing. (Forms for filing this information should be requested from the Department of Nursing prior to the physical examination).
9. Show proof of current certification for Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) from the American Heart Association.
10. Show proof of health insurance coverage and nursing liability insurance coverage.
11. Submit a copy of current Iowa nursing license.
12. Complete a background check done by a third party company selected by the Department of Nursing. Any Issues will require a meeting with the program director.

Major

For R.N. to B.S.N. students entering Mount Mercy in the Fall of 2009 and later: Admission to the major plus:

NU 210	Physical Assessment for Advance RN - BSN Students	1
NU 230	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NU 460	Extending the Journey: Population Based Nursing	6
NU 461	Extending the Journey: Professional Aspects of Nursing	6
Total Hours		16

Academic Requirements

Students must maintain a C or above (C- does not count) in all nursing courses, and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.00.