

RN to BSN

In accordance with the Iowa Articulation Plan for Nursing Education: RN to Baccalaureate, Mount Mercy offers the RN to BSN Completion Program tailored for RNs who are interested in returning to college for a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN). 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 RN 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 RN to BSN Program

Applicants to the RN to BSN 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 RN 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 RN to BSN program, select an articulation option.
6. Complete prerequisite courses as appropriate for the articulation option selected.
7. 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).
8. Show proof of current certification for Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) from the American Heart Association.
9. Show proof of health insurance coverage and nursing liability insurance coverage.
10. Submit a copy of current Iowa nursing license.
11. 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 RN to BSN students entering Mount Mercy in the Fall of 2014 and later: Admission to the major plus:

NU 230	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NU 242	Concepts in Baccalaureate Nursing Education	4
NU 425	Pathophysiology, Assessment & Genetics RNs	3
NU 470	Population Based Nursing	3

NU 471	Professional Aspects of Nursing	4
Select one of the following:		3
GS 136	End Of Life: Caring For the Caregiver	
GS 109	Health Care Dilemmas	
GS 115	Women's Health	
GS 120	Complementary Therapy & Wellness	
GS 122	Mental Illness	
GS 179	Psychology Of Eating	
GS 195	Men's Health	
Total Hours		20

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.