Nursing  
RN to BSN

Continue Your Education

• This completion program meets the needs of the working RN to become a nurse at the baccalaureate level.
• The two path system and courses offered online creates flexibility for adult learners.
• Students will be able to take three-four courses per semester each in a five-week block.

Is This Program For You?

The mission of the RN to BSN Nursing Program is to educate nurses to serve clients, health care systems, and the profession of nursing by leading and managing care and contributing to advancement of the profession. The learning environment educates the baccalaureate nurse generalist to build on previous learning and is characterized by personalization, collaboration, and integration of technology that promotes lifelong student learning, pursuit of graduate studies, and development as a professional nurse. Students will engage in scholarship that supports the development of critical thinking, creative problem solving, and innovative leadership in care delivery. Students will embrace professionalism and professional values in the care of individuals and populations across diverse cultures, ages, and environments.

Program goals:
1. Prepare nurses to fulfill baccalaureate nursing leadership roles within the complex health care system, who consistently embody professional values.
2. Provide a foundation that encourages ongoing education and prepares for advanced nursing degrees.
3. Promote among graduates a commitment to addressing the health care needs of the citizens of North Dakota.
4. Recruit and retain qualified and diverse students committed to academic excellence and professional development.
5. Recruit and retain qualified faculty who contribute to the university, the profession, and other arenas through education, service and scholarly endeavors.
6. Implement educational strategies and practices conducive to the personal and professional development of students.

Value

The combination of MSU’s affordability and its unique offerings make it a Best in the Midwest College, as designated by the Princeton Review. This selection process is based on meeting criteria for academic excellence as well as results of surveys done by current MSU students.

The Program

The program is developed to provide an education that will enable the graduates to experience and achieve the elements of baccalaureate nursing practice as presented in the Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Building on a foundation of the liberal arts, the graduate will:

1. Provide leadership within the complex health care system that integrates an understanding of organizational systems and the internal and external forces that impact them.
2. Engage in evidence-based practice as a means of enhancing the quality of patient care.
3. Use information technologies to improve patient care outcomes and the environments in which patient care occurs.
4. Engage in culturally-appropriate approaches that promote health and prevent disease and injury in diverse populations as found in community-based settings.
5. Develop collaborative relationships both inter- and intra-professionally, that enable the nurse to effectively advocate for patients, the nursing profession, and the health care system.
6. Model professionalism based on a foundation of personal values, ethical principles, and the nursing profession’s values and standards.

Vision of the Nursing Program

Through professional preparation, interprofessional collaboration, and advanced nursing education, the vision of the nursing program is to be known for continuing academic excellence, positively impact the health of individuals and populations across diverse cultures, ages, and environments thereby advancing nursing knowledge and responsiveness.
Requirements for Admission

- Admission to Mayville State University
- Completion of the RN to BSN Program application
- Earned Associate Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution (nursing program accreditation not required)
- Admission Deadlines:
  - Fall Semester: March 1st (for first review, open until cohort is filled)
  - Spring Semester: October 1st (for first review, open until cohort is filled)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Submit official transcripts from previous institutions attended
- Active unencumbered RN license or scheduled to take the NCLEX Exam
- Two letters of reference addressing clinical competence and integrity
- Criminal history record check clearance
- Proof of immunization
- Current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider (BLS) CPR certification
- Access to a computer with high-speed internet and virus protection
- Personal computer requirements will be provided upon request

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Program Curriculum

A minimum of 120 SH credits are required by Mayville State University to earn a baccalaureate degree.

1. Minimum of 60 SH credits awarded for completion of Associate Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited college/university.

2. Minimum 36 SH Essential Studies (General Education) credits required: Other credits, including essential studies courses, may transfer from prior degrees or additional approved course work.

3. Minimum 36 SH Upper Division (300/400 level) credits required: 28 SH nursing core credits and remaining 8 SH credits can be completed in 12 months assuming a full time course load or 24 months assuming a consistent part time course load.

- Two plans of study are offered: Full-time and Part-time. Students will select one plan of study prior to beginning the RN to BSN nursing core courses.
- The curriculum is designed to offer regular rotation of all nursing courses to allow the student flexibility when creating a formal plan of study.
- Nursing core courses are offered in 5-week blocks to allow the student to focus on one course at a time (Full-time students have up to 2 blocks requiring 2 concurrent courses).
- Upper division (Non-nursing 300/400 level courses, including required statistics course) are scheduled across the entire semester. Additional Essential Studies (general education) courses may need to be taken each semester to meet baccalaureate degree requirements
- Students are encouraged to work with the financial aid department to ensure that they are registered for the appropriate number of credits per semester for their individual financial aid and/or scholarship award.

Degree Requirements:

Required credits to graduate with this degree: Min. of 120

- 60 SH credits (minimum) awarded for completion of RN Associate Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited college/university.
- Transfer credit given for completion of Essential Studies (general education) courses, must meet 36 SH credits Essential Studies university requirement.
- Credit hours can be transferred from earned RN Associate Degree in Nursing.
- Other credits may transfer from prior degrees or additional approved course work.
- Total number of transfer credits will be applied to minimum 120 SH credit degree requirement.
- Note MSU residency requirement including 30 SH credits and a minimum of two enrolled semesters.
- 36 SH credits of 300-400 level courses
  - 28 SH credits RN to BSN core courses
  - 3 SH credits statistics course (300 level)
  - 5 additional SH credits 300/400 level courses
- Additional credits may be necessary to meet minimum 120 SH credit degree requirement.

Nursing Program Requirements

The required curriculum for the nursing major is comprised of nine core nursing courses in addition to a statistics course.

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<td>NURS 350</td>
<td>Baccalaureate Role Development: Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of a Profession (3 SH credits)</td>
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<td>NURS 360</td>
<td>Holistic Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (4 SH credits)</td>
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<td>NURS 370</td>
<td>Evidence-based Practice (3 SH credits)</td>
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<td>Population-focused and Community-based Nursing Care: I (4 SH credits)</td>
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<td>Population-focused and Community-based Nursing Care: II (2 SH credits)</td>
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<td>NURS 450</td>
<td>Issues in the Health Care System: Focus on Rural Health (3 SH credits)</td>
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<td>NURS 460</td>
<td>Ethical Dilemmas in Health Care: A Focus on Vulnerable Populations &amp; End-of-Life (3 SH credits)</td>
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<td>NURS 470</td>
<td>Nursing Leadership (4 SH credits)</td>
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Options for courses in Statistics

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<td>BUSN 336</td>
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<td>PSYC 310</td>
<td>Statistics for the Social Sciences (3 SH credits)</td>
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<td>MATH 323</td>
<td>Probability and Statistics (3 SH credits)</td>
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There are 12 SH credits offered in each semester, making students full-time and eligible for financial aid. The student may enroll in additional Essential Studies (General Education) courses as needed.

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