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 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; leading and managing care contributing to its advancement. 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 activities associated with 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. MSU was also named one of the 2014 top three Public Regional Colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report.

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 be known for continuing academic excellence, positively impacting the health of individuals and populations across diverse cultures, ages, and environments 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)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Minimum grade of “C” required for all previous nursing courses
- Active unencumbered RN license or be a graduate in current semester with license pending
- Two letters of reference addressing clinical competence and integrity
- Identification of local clinical site for public health clinical requirement
- Criminal background 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

Admission is competitive. The number of students admitted each semester is limited to twenty-four. Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

Nursing - RN to BSN

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 (Gen. Ed) credits required: Other credits, including general education courses, may transfer from prior degrees or additional approved course work.
3. 31 nursing core SH credits can be completed in 12 months assuming the full-time course load or 24 months assuming a consistent part-time course load. The courses required for the nursing major meet Mayville State University’s graduation requirements for upper division and residence courses.

- 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 curriculum.
- Requests to change a plan of study from full-time to part-time or part-time to full-time requires Program Director approval.
- The curriculum is designed to offer regular rotation of all nursing courses to allow the student flexibility when creating a formal plan of study in collaboration with the assigned program advisor.
- 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 2 blocks requiring 2 concurrent courses). Additional Essential Studies (General Education) courses may need to be taken each semester.
- Students are encouraged to work with the financial aid department to ensure they are registered for the appropriate number of credits per semester for their individual financial aid and/or scholarship award.

Degree Requirements:

Minimum 120 SH credits*

- 60 SH credits (minimum) Associate Degree in Nursing
- 31 SH credits nursing RN to BSN core courses
- 36 SH credits Essential Studies (General Education)
- 36 SH credits of 300-400 level courses.
- 30 SH credits (minimum) from MSU over a (minimum) two semesters

*Final SH credits may vary between 120 - 132 for completion depending on Associate Degree transfer credit.

Nursing Program Requirements

The required curriculum for the nursing major is comprised of ten courses and 31 SH credits. Three of those credits are allocated for a course in statistics.

- NURS 310 Nursing Informatics and Health Care Technologies (2 SH credit)
- NURS 350 Baccalaureate Role Development: Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of a Profession (3 SH credits)
- NURS 360 Holistic Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (4 SH credits)
- NURS 370 Evidence-based Practice (3 SH credits)
- NURS 441 Population-focused and Community-based Nursing Care: I (5 SH credits)
- NURS 442 Population-focused and Community-based Nursing Care: II (2 SH credits)
- NURS 450 Issues in the Health Care System: Focus on Rural Health (3 SH credits)
- NURS 460 Ethical Dilemmas in Health Care: A Focus on Vulnerable Populations & End-of-Life (2 SH credits)
- NURS 470 Nursing Leadership (4 SH credits)

Options for courses in Statistics

- BUSN 336 Applied Statistics (3 SH credits)
- PSYC 310 Statistics for the Social Sciences (3 SH credits)
- MATH 323 Probability & Statistics (3 SH credits)

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.