

REGISTERED NURSING A.S.

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The Associate of Science in Nursing requires four semesters of full-time study. Applicants to the program must have completed all pre-nursing prerequisites, have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 (last 60 credits only), and have received a B or better in BIOH 201N/BIOH 202N and BIOH 201N/BIOH 202N

Admission to the program requires completion of the application which can be obtained on the Missoula College Health Professions webpage (<http://mc.umt.edu/health/>). The number of students accepted into the A.S.N. program is limited to 18 students in the autumn semester and 18 students in spring semester. All candidates who meet the admission requirements will be considered. Students learn Registered Nursing skills through independent study, lectures, simulations, demonstrations, and advanced skills practice in the nursing lab. Under instructor supervision and preceptorship, students also provide patient care in a variety of acute care settings.

The Associate of Science in Nursing degree program is approved by the State Board of Nursing (301 South Park, Helena, MT 59601). The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for the Education in Nursing (ACEN) (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326).

Students must provide proof of having met the following requirements to the Nursing Program Administrative Associate on or before the first day of class:

1. Two-step tuberculosis testing using the PPD (Purified Protein Derivative) or chest x-ray (positive results will require a physician's letter before a student can continue in clinical settings);
2. Hepatitis B vaccine and titer. The two- or three-injection Hepatitis B series must be started on or before acceptance into the program so the series is completed by the time clinical begins;
3. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) immunization. For those born before 1956, it is not required to have an MMR, but a titer must be completed;
4. Influenza vaccination or signed declination;
5. Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccination or positive titer;
6. Basic Life Support (BLS) training Healthcare Provider;
7. Criminal background check, including Sexual Offender Registry;
8. 10-panel drug screen.

Many licensing bodies and employing institutions in health care have increasingly stringent requirements and background checks as conditions for licensing or employment. If a student has concerns about this, they should contact the licensing board for nursing (dlibsdnur@mt.gov).

Associate of Science - Registered Nursing Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	Registered Nursing Required Courses	67
	Writing Requirement	3

Mathematics Requirement	3-4
Total Hours	73-74

Degree Specific Credits: 73-74

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.5

Note: Students must pass all NRSRG courses with a minimum grade of a B. It is highly recommended that students have completed SOCI 101S, PSYX 100S, BIOM 250N, and BIOM 251 prior to admission to the program.

Registered Nursing Required Courses

Note: Students must pass all Nursing (rubric NRSRG) courses and BIOH 201N/BIOH 202N and BIOH 211N/BIOH 212N with a minimum grade of B.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete all of the following courses:		
BIOH 201N	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOH 211N	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOM 250N	Microbiology for Health Sciences	3
BIOM 251	Microbiology Health Sciences Lab	1
CHMY 121N	Introduction to General Chemistry	4
CHMY 122	Introduction to General Chemistry Lab	1
NRSRG 230	Nursing Pharmacology	3
NRSRG 231	Nursing Pharmacology Lab	2
NRSRG 232	Foundations of Nursing	3
NRSRG 233	Foundations of Nursing Lab	3
NRSRG 234	Adult Nursing I	3
NRSRG 235	Adult Nursing I Clinical	2
NRSRG 236	Health and Illness of Maternal Nursing	2
NRSRG 237	Health and Illness of Maternal Nursing Clinical	1
NRSRG 244	Adult Nursing II	3
NRSRG 245	Adult Nursing II Clinical	2
NRSRG 246	Health and Illness of Child and Family Nursing	2
NRSRG 247	Health and Illness of Child and Family Nursing Clinical	1
NRSRG 254	Mental Health Concepts	3
NRSRG 255	Mental Health Concepts Clinical	1
NRSRG 256	Pathophysiology	3
NRSRG 259	Adult Nursing III	3
NRSRG 260	Adult Nursing III Lab	1
NRSRG 261	Adult Nursing III Clinical	2
NRSRG 266	Managing Client Care for the Registered Nurse	2
NRSRG 267	Managing Client Care for the Registered Nurse Clinical	2
PSYX 100S	Intro to Psychology	3
SOCI 101S	Introduction to Sociology	3
Total Hours		67

Writing Requirement

Note: Students who have completed WRIT 101, greater than ten years prior to applying to the Missoula College must take the Writing Placement test. If the score on the test places the student in WRIT 101, the transfer credits will be accepted for the nursing program requirements. If the student places below the required standard, then they shall remediate as needed prior to application to the nursing program. All students need to take WRIT 101 for the nursing program.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following course:		
WRIT 101	College Writing I	3
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Mathematics Requirement

Note: M 121 is the recommended math course. Courses that may substitute for M 121 are M 115, M 151, M 162, or M 171. Mathematics and writing prerequisite coursework should have been completed no more than 10 years prior to application to any specific health professions program. If mathematics and writing prerequisite coursework is greater than 10 years old, the student should take the writing and mathematics placement exams administered by the college. If the student places into a comparable level to the specific course in question, then that course shall be accepted as a valid prerequisite for the intended program. If the student places below the required standard, then they shall remediate as needed prior to application to the nursing program.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following courses:		3-4
M 115	Probability and Linear Mathematics	
M 121	College Algebra (recommended)	
M 151	Precalculus	
M 162	Applied Calculus	
M 171	Calculus I	
Total Hours		3-4

Minimum Required Grade: C-