The Department of Nursing offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Within the BSN there a baccalaureate completion (RN-BSN) option for registered nurses desiring a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The RN-BSN option is offered as an entirely online program.

The RN-BSN is approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

**Nursing (RN-BSN) students will...**

- Receive course credit or competency credit for previous education and professional experience.
- Enjoy flexibility in the scheduling of coursework that is completely online, including pre-requisite courses.
- Be able to schedule required field experiences in their geographic area and place of employment.
- Receive individualized advising from academic advisors devoted to RN-BSN students.
- Be required to complete only six nursing courses in addition to any pre-requisite courses needed.
- Pay one tuition rate, regardless of in-state or out-of-state status.

**Career Planning**

Nursing (RN-BSN) students may continue to function in their current area of employment upon graduation and will be eligible to apply for leadership and/or management positions. Graduates will also be eligible to apply for admission to any MSN program.

**Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates**

- Southeast Health
- St. Francis Medical Center
- Missouri Delta Medical Center
- Perry County Hospital
- Ste. Genevieve Hospital
- Barnes Hospital, St. Louis
- Children's Hospital, St. Louis
- SSM System, St. Louis

**Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates**

- Southeast Missouri State University
- St. Louis University
- University of Missouri- St. Louis
- University of Missouri

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must:

1. Complete the Application Form: **RN-BSN Online Student Application**, Fax to (573) 651-2859.  **Note:** Do not complete and fax this application until notified to do so by Southeast Online Advisor.
2. Have a Cumulative 2.8 GPA that is indicated on your Southeast Missouri State University Detailed Degree Works. To access your Degree Works, click the Student tab in your MySoutheast account and then click on DegreeWorks Student.
3. Printed Resume (professional work as a Registered Nurse). Fax to (573) 651-2859.
4. Copy of current RN License in the state where nursing is practiced. Fax to (573) 651-2859.
5. Meet all requirements in "Certified Background Check". A code will be given to you to subscribe to this service once 1 through 4 above have been received by the Southeast online advisor and forwarded to the Department of Nursing.

**Special Requirements with Nursing (RN-BSN)**

Special tuition rates are required for this program of study, [http://www.semo.edu/sfs/feeschedule.htm](http://www.semo.edu/sfs/feeschedule.htm)

RN-BSN is also available online, [http://online.semo.edu/content/onlineDegrees/BSN.asp](http://online.semo.edu/content/onlineDegrees/BSN.asp)
This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**

**By Transfer/Competency Credit/Course Completion:**

I. Required Support Courses: 12 hours
   - BS113 Anatomy and Physiology I
   - BS114 Anatomy and Physiology II
   - BS340 Microbiology Statistics (SW 242 or other course with inferential statistics component)

II. University Studies Requirements: 48 hours
   - EN100 English Composition I
   - Artistic Expression
   - Written Expression (EN 140 required)
   - Oral Expression
   - Literary Expression
   - Behavioral Systems (PY 220 required)
   - Living Systems (FN 235 required)
   - Logical Systems (MA155 required)
   - Physical Systems (CH 180/CH 181 required)
   - Development of a Major Civilization
   - Economic Systems
   - Political Systems
   - Social Systems
   - UI30x Interdisciplinary Studies (two courses)
   - UI412 American Health Care Systems

III. Bridge Nursing Courses – 8 hours – must be completed prior to taking senior level nursing courses
   - NS385 Holistic Assessment
   - NS390 Framework for Professional Nursing
   - 36 hours BSN Credit after completion of NS 390

IV. Senior Level Nursing Courses: 16 hours
   - NS385 Research in Professional Practice
   - NS386 Professional Practice: Community Health
   - NS480 Professional Practice: Nursing Leadership & Management
   - NS483 Professional Practice: Frail Elderly

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 120

**SAMPLE PLAN**

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Full-time students complete nursing sequence in summer

Potential students should contact the Department of Nursing’s RN-BSN Director, jweber@semo.edu, or the Online advising office, cparker@semo.edu, for detailed information and for assistance in arranging a plan of study.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours; completion of transfer credit for University Studies courses; residency at Southeast - at least 30 hours from Southeast; current residency at Southeast - 12 of your final 18 hours must be taken with Southeast; Grade Point Average at Southeast: 2.0 minimum required; Grade Point Average Cumulative: 2.0 minimum required; WP003 - 75 Hour Writing Proficiency Exam with passing score required.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements.