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.

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students

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<td>First Semester</td>
<td>Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.</td>
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<td>Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.</td>
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<td>CL004</td>
<td>Senior Year</td>
<td>Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.</td>
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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](http://online.semo.edu/content/OnlineDegrees/BSN.asp), 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 Program. To access your Degree Program, 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/fee-schedule.htm](http://www.semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.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 2015-2016 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

**I. Required Support Courses: 13-17 hours**
- Anatomy and Physiology I (2.4) ³
- Anatomy and Physiology II (2.4) ³
- English Composition II counts for Written Expression in University Studies ² (3)
- Interpersonal Statistics (met by MA155 for Logical Systems below; a grade of "C" or better is required) ³
- Microbiology (3)

**II. University Studies Requirements: 51 hours**
- UI100 First Year Seminar (waived for students with 24+ transfer credits)
- English Composition ²
- Artistic Expressions ²
- Written Expression ²
- Oral Expression (attribute credit may be granted)
- Literary Expression ²
- Behavioral Systems (PY 220 required); ²SW (attribute credit may be granted)
- Living Systems (attribute credit granted for experiential learning); ²SW
- Logical Systems (MA 155 recommended, a grade of "C" or better is required); ²SW
- Physical Systems (CH 180/CH 181 required); ²SW
- Development of a Major Civilization; ²SW
- Economic Systems ²
- Political Systems ²
- Social Systems ²
- UI1xx Interdisciplinary Studies ²SW
- UI3xx Interdisciplinary Studies ²SW
- UI412 American Health Care Systems ²SW (A grade of "C" or better is required)

**III. Bridge Nursing Courses – 8 hours**
- C or better is required in NS380 and NS390
- NS380 Holistic Assessment (4) ²
- NS390 Framework for Professional Nursing (4) ²

**IV. Senior Level Nursing Courses: 17 hours**
- C or better is required in each course
- NS385 Research for Professional Practice (2) ²
- NS386 Professional Practice: Community Health (6)
- NS400 Professional Practice: Nursing Leadership & Management (6)
- NS483 Gerontological Nursing and Care of Older Adults (3) ²

**NOTE:** 34 hours BSN Credit will be granted last semester.

- 8 - These courses are typically offered in an eight-week format in the spring or fall semesters
- S - These courses are typically offered in a summer session.
- W - These courses are typically offered over the wintersession (listed as part of the spring semester). Students are restricted to one wintersession per semester.
- 2 - We accept less than the 4 hours as long as the course(s) reflect all body systems for A and P I and II.

**Personalized Pathways:** At Southeast, we offer online courses in a traditional 16-week fall and spring semester, with 8-week sessions in the first and last half of both. In addition, we offer a wintersession between fall and spring, and at least six different sessions over summer (four-week, six-week, eight-week, etc.). Nursing specific courses (NS prefix) are only offered in the fall and spring semesters. Talk with an advisor to see how you can use these different sessions to expedite your degree completion.

### SAMPLE TWO-YEAR PLAN

This does not include required pre-requisite coursework; University Studies requirements will be taken as available within course schedule.

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**SUMMER**

|              |      |              |      |
| full-time students complete nursing sequence in summer |

| 2ND YEAR     |      |      |
| NS480        | 6   | NS386 | 6   |
| OR           |     | OR    |     |
| NS386 (part-time only) | 6   | NS480 (part-time only) | 6   |

Potential students should contact the Department of Nursing’s RN-BSN Director, jweber@semo.edu, or the Online advising office, cgraker@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 -2 years for 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 .50 Hour Writing Proficiency Exam with passing score required.

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