The Department of Nursing offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Within the BSN there is 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 University Studies (general education) 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 University Studies and 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.

**About Our Online Programs**

At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.

**Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates**

- Southeast Health
- St. Francis Medical Center
- Missouri Delta Medical Center
- Perry County Hospital
- St. 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. Have a minimum 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.
2. Have a valid nursing license in the state in which you practice and have successfully completed the following: Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Microbiology, English Composition II, Chemistry and the majority of the non-nursing courses.
3. Meet all requirements in “Certified Background Check”. A code will be given to you to subscribe to this service once the Director of the RN-BSN program and the Southeast online advisor have verified that all criteria listed above is met.

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

Special tuition rates are required for this program of study. http://www.semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule.htm
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.

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

**I. Required Support Courses:**
(Some courses may fulfill University Studies requirements. A grade of 'C' or better is required in each support course.)

- BS 113 Anatomy & Physiology I (4)
- BS 114 Anatomy & Physiology II (4)
- BS 240 Microorganisms and the Human Hosts (3)
- CH 180/CH181 Chemistry in Our World/Basic Principles of Chemistry (3-5)+
- FN 235 Nutrition for Health (3)+
- MA 155 Statistical Reasoning (3)+
- PY 220 Psychological Development Across the Lifespan (3)+
- UI 412 American Health Care System (3)+

II. University Studies Requirements

- English Composition I**
- Artistic Expression**
- Written Expression
- Oral Expression
- Literary Expression
- Behavioral Systems -PY 220 BS
- Living Systems - FN235 Health nutrition credit granted for experiential learning BS
- Logical Systems - MA155
- Physical Systems - CH180/CH181 BS
- Development of a Major Civilization BS
- Economic Systems BS
- Political Systems BS
- Social Systems BS
- UIxx Interdisciplinary Studies BS
- UI412 American Health Care Systems BS

III. Bridge Nursing Courses – 8 hours

A grade of 'C' or better is required for these courses

- NS380 Holistic Assessment
- NS390 Framework for Professional Nursing
- 34 hours BSN Credit after completion of NS 390

IV. Senior Level Nursing Courses: 16 hours

A grade of 'C' or better is required for these courses

- NS385 Research in Professional Practice
- NS386 Professional Practice: Community Health
- NS480 Professional Practice: Nursing Leadership & Management
- NS483 Professional Practice: Frail Elderly

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 winter session (listed as part of the spring semester). Students are restricted to one intersession course per semester.
+ - Fulfills University Studies requirement
** - Both part-time and full-time study are available.

**Personalized Pathways:**

At Southeast, we offer online courses in a traditional 16-week fall and spring semester with eight-week sessions in the first and last half of both. In addition, we offer a winter session between fall and spring and at least six different 4, 6, and 8 week sessions over summer. (Nursing specific (NS) courses are only offered in the fall and spring semester.) Talk with an advisor to see how you can utilize these different sessions to expedite your degree completion.

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**Sample Plan**

This sample plan does not include required prerequisite coursework; University Studies requirements will be taken as available within course schedule.

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Potential students should contact the online advising office, southeastonline@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; 39 senior division hours required; current residency at Southeast -12 of your final 18 hours must be taken at 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.