Prerequisites and Requirements for the RN-BSN Online Program

Prerequisites to the RN-BSN Online Program are courses an applicant is required to have completed prior to being admitted to the RN-BSN Online program. In most cases, students who already have an Associate’s degree in nursing (i.e. are already RNs) have these courses. If you have questions about these requirements, please contact us. The prerequisites are:

Written Expression (English Composition II)
Chemistry
Anatomy and Physiology
Microbiology

Since you will be working towards a bachelor’s degree you will have to complete several University Studies courses, unless you have a prior baccalaureate degree or are transferring in hours to meet these requirements. University Studies courses are core educational classes that Southeast Missouri State University requires all students to complete. You may be familiar with these as “general education requirements”; the term often used at other universities. Because of having taken prior college non-nursing coursework, most students do not have to take all of these courses. Here is a list of the course categories that comprise the University Studies requirements. All classes that comprise each category can be found at http://www.semo.edu/ustudies/handbook_2012/

Written Expressions (to be completed prior to nursing courses)
Artistic Expression
Literary Expression
Oral Expression
Behavioral Systems
Living Systems
Logical Systems (may require up to 6 hours of prerequisites)
Physical Systems
Development of a Major Civilization
Economic Systems
Political Systems
Social Systems
Two Junior-level Interdisciplinary courses (i.e., 300 level UI courses)

In addition, RN-BSN students must complete:
UI412 American Health Care Systems and Issues
Statistics (statistics course that includes inferential statistics) At Southeeast it may be SW242, but MA223*, QM257*, PY271, SO242, CJ526, or PY571 also qualify.
*note: MA223 and QM247 have prerequisites
In some instances, you may be eligible for a waiver of required credit or a substitution based on previous course credit. Your advisor can help you determine whether any type of substitution or waiver is a possibility. If you can remember taking a course similar to these degree requirements that your audit says you currently need, make sure to mention this with your advisor so that you can determine your options.

Requirements of the program include that you must have a cumulative GPA of, at least, 2.8 and be accepted into the program. This and other requirements are outlined on the RN-BSN Admissions page at http://www.semo.edu/nursing/rn/admission.html