

# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE SCHOOL OF NURSING

## RN to BS Nursing Option (On-line)

- The RN to BS Option is designed for graduates of associate degree nursing programs and diploma programs.
  - Flexible on-line format available (85%) to accommodate the needs of working RN's. (Students are required to make 1-2 visits each semester to the main campus for orientations/presentations)
  - Part-time format (4 semesters) to complete nursing courses (may choose a slower progression).
  - Option starts every fall semester.
  - Option is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
  - Low tuition rate
  - No limit on transfer hours from other schools
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### Admission Requirements/Application Procedures

- Applications for the RN to BS Option will be available starting **November 1**.
- Students that meet or exceed the admission requirements will be admitted on a rolling basis through **August 1 or until the option is full**. A maximum of 50 students will be enrolled each fall semester.
- An application form can be downloaded from the website ([www.siue.edu/nursing](http://www.siue.edu/nursing)) or mailed to you by calling the School of Nursing at (618) 650-3956. You can also pick up an application in the School of Nursing located in Alumni Hall, Room 2117.
- An application will be considered ready to be reviewed for admission when all of the steps below have been completed.
  1. Admission to the University (Application, \$30 fee, & official transcripts)
  2. Completed application to the School of Nursing
  3. Copy of current unencumbered RN license in Illinois (unless currently completing an associate or diploma program at the time of application)
  4. Cumulative GPA of 2.0/4.0 scale (includes all college level courses)

After admission into the program, students must submit the following materials (at the student's expense):

- Copy of a Physical Exam (an SIUE physical exam form may be used)
- Immunization History (annual TB skin test and influenza injection required)
- Proof of CPR Certification (must maintain active status)
- Proof of Health Insurance
- Federal Criminal Background Check
- Drug Screen

NOTE: English Composition I and II must be completed prior to enrolling in any Nursing courses.

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## **Bridge Process**

Academic proficiency credit for lower-division nursing courses completed as part of a student's preparation for licensure program at another institution will be given to applicants who have completed their nursing course work within five years of acceptance into the SIUE School of Nursing RN to BS Option. For applicants that have completed their nursing course work over five years prior to acceptance into the program, they are required to submit a portfolio of their professional work prior to their initial course in the program. The portfolio will be reviewed by the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate and Alternative Programs. Applicants should contact the RN to BS program advisor for details.

The proficiency credit is not applied to the student's transcript until successful completion of the bridge courses with a grade of "C" or better. The School of Nursing has identified the proficiency credit courses as those which have comparable content and skills as taught in courses at the associate degree level in community college nursing programs. The proficiency credits will apply towards the nursing major at SIUE.

## **Proficiency credits**

Human Development – Life Span* .....	3
Pharmacology/Nutrition .....	4
Pharmacology/Nutrition Lab.....	1
Foundations of Professional Practice .....	3
Care of Young and Middle Age Adults .....	5
Care of Older Age Adults .....	5
Care of Women and Childbearing Families .....	5
Care of Children and Adolescents .....	5
Care of the Person with Mental Health Needs .....	5
Care of the Person with Complex Health Needs .....	5
<b>Total Proficiency Credits</b> .....	<b>38-41</b>

\*If students transfer in an acceptable Human Development – Life Span course, they will not receive proficiency credits for this course.

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## **RN to BS Curriculum**

**(Students should complete English Composition I and II prior to starting the nursing courses)**

NURS 323 – Concepts and Processes of Professional Nursing .....	3
NURS 335 – Health Assessment .....	3
<b>Total Bridge Credits</b> .....	<b>6</b>

## **Remaining RN to BS Option Nursing Courses**

In addition to the bridge courses, students will enroll in the following nursing courses to complete the RN to BS curriculum:

NURS 240 – Pathophysiology .....	4
NURS 472 – Nursing Research (Prerequisite-Statistics).....	3
NURS 475 - Care of Populations (3 hrs. theory; 2 hrs. practicum) .....	5*
NURS 480 – Professional Nursing Leadership .....	4
NURS 479/489 – Senior Assignment .....	3
<b>Total Credits</b> .....	<b>19</b>

\* Students will be required to spend some days at a clinical site in their area for this course.

Total Nursing Credits through Enrollment .....

25

## **General Education Requirements - Pre Lincoln Program**

In addition to the nursing courses, students must complete the following general education requirements prior to being eligible for graduation:

*English Composition I .....	3
*English Composition II .....	3
*Speech (see note).....	3
*Logic .....	3
*Statistics ...prerequisite for N472.....	3
*Ethics .....	3
*Chemistry .....	4
Anatomy & Physiology I .....	4
Anatomy & Physiology II .....	4
Microbiology .....	3
Introductory level Social Science .....	3
Introductory level Social Science .....	3
Advanced level Social Science .....	3
Introductory level Fine Arts/Humanities .....	3
Interdisciplinary Course .....	3
Intergroup Relations requirement	
International Issues/Culture requirement	
Elective Courses if needed (varies by student)	

**NOTE:** Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communications will meet this requirement. An Interpersonal Communications class will count for the Speech requirement **PLUS** the Intergroup Relations requirement.

\* These courses should be completed prior to enrolling in Nurs 475.

A new Lincoln Program general education program began in Fall 2012. During the transition period, transfer students will have a choice between the Pre Lincoln Program and the Lincoln Program. Students will be evaluated for both programs to see which would be the best option to complete. Contact the RN to BS Advisor if you have any questions concerning these options.

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## **School of Nursing Requirements**

### **Service Commitment**

All Nursing majors are required to complete a Service Commitment. During the first semester of study in the School of Nursing each student, with guidance from an assigned faculty mentor, will select a service commitment. The service commitment for RN to BS students is 4 to 8 hours; proportional to the number of credit hours taken per term of enrollment. Reflection on the service experience and the learning that accompanies the experience are included in the portfolio notations.

### **Mentorship.**

Each student upon admission to the School of Nursing will be assigned a faculty mentor. The mentor provides support and direction as the student embarks on portfolio development and analysis of meaningful educational experiences. Students are expected to make contact with their mentor at least once per semester and work with the faculty member in designing and evaluating the portfolio development. Ideally, students have the same mentor throughout their academic career at SIUE. However, students may request a change of mentor through the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate and Alternative Programs. Students and faculty maintain logs of meetings.

### **Portfolio Development**

Each student prepares a professional portfolio. The portfolio serves to demonstrate student learning and traces knowledge development and the integration of general studies into nursing. The portfolio will show student reflection of the clinical experiences, service commitment, integration of knowledge, and an outline of knowledge development. Students initiate a portfolio development process that continues throughout their academic nursing program. It is an expectation that portfolios are updated each semester. The portfolio is reviewed and critiqued by the faculty mentor.

## **Senior Assignment**

All Nursing majors are required to complete a Senior Assignment. The student will be introduced to the Senior Assignment in NURS 323 Professional Nursing. The faculty mentor will guide the development of the Senior Assignment. During the senior year, the students enroll in courses (NURS 479 and 489) dedicated only to SRA activities. The purposes of the formal classes are to synthesize and refine the portfolio document, write a scholarly paper, and develop a 15-20 minute oral presentation that represents the culminating experience that will be judged by the faculty community.

## **Graduation**

Total General Education Hours (approximate)	48
Total Nursing Hours by Enrollment	25
Total Nursing Hours by Proficiency Credits	38-41
Elective Hours (if necessary)	<u>10-13</u>
Total Hours Required for Graduation	124

**124 hours are required for graduation**

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