REGISTERED NURSING

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The Associate of Science in Nursing (A.S.N.) requires four semesters of full-time study. Applicants to the program must have completed all pre-nursing prerequisites, have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 (last 60 credits only), and have received a B or better in BIOH 201/202.

Admission to the program requires completion of the application which can be obtained on the Missoula College Health Professions webpage (http://mc.umt.edu/health). The number of students accepted into the A.S.N. program is limited to 18 students in Autumn semester and 18 students in Spring semester. All candidates who meet the admission requirements will be considered. Students learn Registered Nursing skills through independent study, lectures, simulations, demonstrations, and advanced skills practice in the nursing lab. Under instructor supervision and preceptorship, students also provide patient care in a variety of acute care settings.

The A.S.N. degree program is approved by the State Board of Nursing (301 South Park, Helena, MT 59601). The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for the Education in Nursing (ACEN) (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326).

Students must provide proof of having met the following requirements to the Nursing Program Administrative Associate on or before the first day of class:

1.   Two step Tuberculosis testing using the PPD (Purified Protein Derivative) or chest x-ray (positive results will require a physician's letter before a student can continue in clinical settings);

2.   Hepatitis B vaccine and titer. The three injection Hepatitis B series must be started on or before acceptance into the program so the series is completed by the time clinical begins;

3.   Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) immunization (for those born before 1956, it is not required to have an MMR, but a titer must be completed);

4.   Influenza Vaccination;

5.   Varicella (Chicken Pox) Vaccination;

6.   Basic Life Support (BLS) training Healthcare Provider;

7.   Criminal Background Check, including Sexual Offender Registry

Many licensing bodies and employing institutions in health care have increasingly stringent requirements and background checks as conditions for licensing or employment. If a student has concerns about this, she/he should contact the licensing board for nursing (dlibsdnur@mt.gov).

Associate of Science - Registered Nursing

Missoula College

Degree Specific Credits: 71-75

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Catalog Year: 2018-2019

Note: Students must pass all NRSG courses with a minimum grade of a B. It is highly recommended that students have completed BIOH 211N/BIOH 212N, SOCI 101S, PSYX 100S, BIOM 250N, and BIOM 251 prior to admission to the program.

Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Registered Nursing Required Courses		65-68
Writing Requirement		3
Mathematics Requirement		3-4
Total Hours		71-75

Registered Nursing Required Courses

Note: Students must pass all Nursing (rubric NRSG) courses with a minimum grade of 'B.'

Code	Title	Hours
Complete all of the following courses:		
BIOH 201N	Human Anat Phys I (equiv 301)	4
BIOH 211N	Human Anat Phys II (equiv 311)	4
BIOM 250N	Microbiology for Hlth Sciences	3
BIOM 251	Microbiology Hlth Sciences Lab	1
CHMY 121N	Introduction to General Chemistry	3
CHMY 122	Introduction to General Chemistry Lab	1
NRSG 230	Nursing Pharmacology	3
NRSG 231	Nursing Pharmacology Lab	2
NRSG 232	Foundations of Nursing	3
NRSG 233	Foundations of Nursing Lab	3
NRSG 234	Adult Nursing I	3
NRSG 235	Adult Nursing I Clinical	2
NRSG 236	Health and Illness of Maternal Nursing	2
NRSG 237	Health and Illness of Maternal Nursing Clinical	1
NRSG 244	Adult Nursing II	3
NRSG 245	Adult Nursing II Clinical	2
NRSG 246	Health and Illness of Child and Family Nursing	2
NRSG 247	Health and Illness of Child and Family Nursing Clinical	1
NRSG 254	Mental Health Concepts	3
NRSG 255	Mental Health Concepts Clinical	1
NRSG 256	Pathophysiology	3
NRSG 259	Adult Nursing III	3
NRSG 260	Adult Nursing III Lab	1
NRSG 261	Adult Nursing III Clinical	2
NRSG 266	Managing Client Care for the Registered Nurse	2
NRSG 267	Managing Client Care for the Registered Nurse Clinical	2
PSYX 100S	Intro to Psychology	3

SOCI 101S	Introduction to Sociology	3
Total Hours		66

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Writing Requirement

Note: Students who have completed WRIT 101, greater than ten years prior to applying to the Missoula College must take the Writing Placement test. If the score on the test places the student in WRIT 101, the transfer credits will be accepted for the nursing program requirements. If the student places below the required standard, then they shall remediate as needed prior to application to the nursing program. All students need to take WRIT 101 for the nursing program.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following course:		
WRIT 101	College Writing I	3
Total Hours		3

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Mathematics Requirement

Note: M 121 is the recommended math. Courses that substitute for M 121 can be Probability and Linear Math, Pre-calculus with Algebra, or Pre-calculus with Trig , or Calculus. Mathematics and Writing prerequisite coursework should have been completed no more than 10 years prior to application to any specific health professions program. If mathematics and writing prerequisite coursework is greater than 10 years old, the student should take the writing and mathematics placement exams administered by the college (e-write and ALEX respectively). If the student places into a comparable level to the specific course in question then that course shall be accepted as a valid prerequisite for the intended program. If the student places below the required standard then they shall remediate as needed prior to application to the nursing program.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following courses:		3-4
M 115	Probability and Linear Mathematics	
M 121	College Algebra (recommended)	
M 151	Precalculus	
M 171	Calculus I	
Total Hours		3-4

Minimum Required Grade: C-