



JUDGE-MCRAE SCHOOL OF NURSING

***RN to BSN Program - Overview and Application Information**

The RN to BSN program provides an opportunity for registered nurses (RNs) with a diploma or associate degree in nursing to earn the Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Of the 128 semester hours of credit (shc) required, 64 shc are in nursing (NUR) courses and 64 shc are in non-nursing courses. The Mars Hill University (MHU) RN to BSN Program is offered at the Adult and Graduate Studies Learning Site at 303B Airport Road, Arden, and *is the only seated (classroom) RN to BSN Program in the western North Carolina region*. The NUR courses are delivered in a semi-online method with a class session once each week from 4:30 – 9:30 pm.

Nursing credit hours

Credit for previous nursing coursework = 31 shc

Required Nursing credit hours within the RN to BSN Program = 33 shc

Non-nursing credit hours

Required Non-nursing credit hours = 64 shc

The BSN Programs at Mars Hill University equip students with the knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions to provide innovative health care across the lifespan through the roles of provider of care, designer of care, member of the profession, and member of the interdisciplinary team. Students will experience an education that:

- Sharpens critical thinking and clinical judgment
- Enhances healthy promotion and cultural sensitivity perspectives
- Insists upon effective, interactive, and interdisciplinary communication
- Engages with the community

Judge-McRae School of Nursing Requirements for the RN to BSN Program:

- GPA 2.5 (on a 4.0 point scale) OR 2.4 (on a 4.0 point scale) with 3+ years experience
- Transcripts from all previous institutions
- Current, unrestricted license to practice as a Registered Nurse in North Carolina
- Completed Medical Form
- Current Immunizations
- Current CPR Card
- Liability Insurance (obtained through Mars Hill University)
- Clean Criminal Background Check for all states of residence for past 7 years

To apply:

Step One: **Apply to Mars Hill University through Adult and Graduate Studies. The application can be found online at www.mhu.edu/ags.

Step Two: Once accepted to the Mars Hill University Adult and Graduate Studies, apply to the Judge-McRae School of Nursing at www.mhu.edu/nursing.

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*Mars Hill University is regionally accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and approved to award the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Application for Initial Accreditation of the RN to BSN Program has been approved by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), a discipline-specific accreditation body, and a site visit is scheduled for September 2016.

**Admission to Mars Hill University does not guarantee acceptance to the Judge-McRae School of Nursing RN to BSN Program.

RN TO BSN PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Total semester hours of credit required for BSN at MHU: 128

Major (NUR) hours: 64 (33 RN to BSN Program; 31 Transferred) Non-major hours: 64

Required Non-Major Courses (at MHU or Articulation with NCCCS or Colleges/Universities):

	Mars Hill University	Articulation with NCCCS
Foundations:		
First-Year Seminar (6 hours)	FYS 111 + FYS 112	ACA 115, 118, 112
College Composition (6 hours)	ENG 111 + ENG 112	ENG 111,112,113,114
Health & Wellness (3 hours)	HEA 111	HED 110, PED 110
Perspectives:		
Aesthetic (3-6 hours)	Any – Recommend 3 hours	ART, DRA, MUS 114, ENG 125, ENG 126
Global (3 hours)	Any – Recommend RS 11, SPA	Any GEO or Foreign Lang., REL 111,REL 112
Humanities (6 hours from 2 disciplines) Ethics, Religion, Philosophy	Recommend History, Literature	HIS 131, 132; PHI 215; REL 211, 212 ENG 231, 232, 233, 241, 242, 261, 262; HUM 130, 160, 220
Natural Science (4 hours)	NS 111, NS 115 (or approved sub.)	Biology, Cells, Molecular, Epidemiology
Quant. Reasoning (3 hours)	MAT 107 (or approved MAT)	MAT 140, 161, 271
Social Sciences (3 hours)	PSY 212 (or approved substitute)	PSY 241
Ideas & Innova. – US (3 hours)	Any – Recommend REL 343 (or approved substitute)	ENG 271; HUM 121, 122; HIS 162
Ideas & Innova.-World (3 hours)	Any – Recommend REL 336 or CJ 320 (or approved substitute)	HIS 111, 112, 115; ANT 220; HUM 211, 212

Foundation and Perspective Hours (minimum): Total 43 hours

Other Non-major Courses **Required:** Anatomy & Physiology I and II (6 hours); Developmental Psychology (3 hours)

Other Non-major Hours: Total 9 hours

****Recommended Non-major Courses for Remaining 12 Non-major Hours:*** SOC 417 or SW 417 (Death & Dying); SOC 220 (Behavioral Science Statistics); SOC 213 (American and Appalachian Cultural Systems); SW 300 (Human Behavior and the Social Environment I); REL 341 (Christian Ethics); REL 343 (Religion in Appalachia); REL 336 (Women and Religion); PSY 311 (Personality Theory); HIS 349 (Appalachian Oral History); HIS 350 (African-American History); ED 401 (Educational Psychology)

***See Nursing and Adult Graduate Studies Advisors to verify course articulations.**

Total Major NUR Hours: 64 shc (33 in RN to BSN; 31 transferred in from previous school of nursing)

Summer Semester

NUR 212R: Transition to BSN for RNs (3 shc)

NUR 257R : Transcultural/Global Health for RNs (3 shc)

Fall Semester

NUR 322R: Nursing Statistics for RNs(3 hours)

NUR 323R: Nursing Research and Evidence-based Practice for RNs (3 hours)

NUR 420R: Promoting Healthy Aging and Quality of Life for RNs (3 hours)

NUR 421R: Promoting Community Health for RNs (5 hours)

Spring Semester

NUR 422R: Leadership, Finance, and Policy for RNs (3 hours)

NUR 423R: Bioethics and Law in Nursing Practice for RNs (3 hours)

NUR 450R: Focused Scholarly Work for RNs (4 hours)

NUR 470R: Focused Practicum for RNs (3 hours)

Other (by permission of Dean of Nursing): NUR 457: Directed Studies; NUR 460: Directed Readings

If no more than 4 non-nursing courses are remaining, the courses can be taken with the RN to BSN nursing courses. The program could be completed in a year's time by meeting one afternoon/evening each week at the AGS Asheville Learning Site. If there are 5 - 8 non-nursing courses remaining, those courses can be taken with the RN to BSN nursing courses.

The program could then be completed in a two-year timeframe