

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 of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. 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.

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*):

<u>Foundations</u>	<u>Articulation with NCCCS</u>
FYS 111 (3 hours)	ACA 122
FYS 112 (3 hours)	PHI 240, HUM 115, HUM 220
ENG 111 (3 hours)	ENG 111
ENG 112 (3 hours)	ENG 112, ENG 113, ENG 114
HEA 111 (3 hours)	HEA 110, PED 110
<u>Perspectives</u>	
Aesthetic (3-6 hours)	ART 111, ART 131, ART 132, ART 231, ART 261, ART 264, ART 281, ART 282, ART 283, ART 284, DRA 111, DRA 130, ENG 125, ENG 126, MUS 110
Global (3 hours)	FRE 111, FRE 112, FRE 211, FRE 212, GEO 111, GEO 112, REL 111, REL 112, SPA 111, SPA 112, SPA 211, SPA 212, SPA 221, HUM 150, HUM 180
Humanities – Literature (3 hours)	ENG 231, ENG 232, ENG 233, ENG 241, ENG 242, ENG 261, ENG 262, ENG 131
Humanities – History (3 hours)	HIS 131, HIS 132
Ethics, Religion	PHI 215, REL 211, REL 212, REL 221
NS 115 OR NS 111 (or approved substitute) (4 hours)	BIO 110, BIO 111, BIO 112, BIO 140, PHY 151, PHY 251, PHS 130, SHY 110, GEL 111, AST 111, AST 151
MAT 107 (or approved substitute) (3 hours)	MAT 143, MAT 152, MAT 263, MAT 271
PSY 111 (or approved substitute) (3 hours)	General Psychology
Ideas & Innovation – US (3 hours)	ENG 271, HUM 121, HUM 122, PHI 220
Ideas & Innovation – World (3 hours)	HIS 111, HIS 112, HIS 115, HIS 162, HUM 110, HUM 120, HUM 130, HUM 140, HUM 170, HUM 211, HUM 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)

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

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

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Mars Hill University (MHU) is accredited by SACSCOC and approval was granted for the BSN degree at MHU. The baccalaureate degree programs in nursing at Mars Hill University (Judge-McRae School of Nursing) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.ccnaccreditation.org).