MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS

Bachelor of Science Degree: Nursing (RN-BSN) General Bulletin 2026-2027

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

MUS Core: General Education Requirements – see attached page for specific courses

A Minimum grade of "C-" required in all General Education courses. Note: Certain degrees may require a minimum grade of "C" in General Education courses.

Natural Sciences (6 credits)

Gen Ed Category	Course	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Natural Science (3 credits)					
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NOTE: Some majors are required to take specific science labs as part of their requirements. Please speak with an advisor for more information

Social Sciences/History (6 credits)

Gen Ed Category	Course	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Social Science or History (3 credits)					
Social Science or History (3 credits)					

Mathematics (3 credits)

Gen Ed Category	Course	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Mathematics (3 credits)					

Communication – Written and Oral Communication (7 credits)

Gen Ed Category	Course	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Written or Oral Communication (3 credits)					
Written or Oral Communication (3 credits)	WRIT 321				
Skills for College Success	COLS 108				

NOTE: Skills for College Success Course: in addition to the MUS Transfer Policies (see MUS Core Curriculum), transfer and re-admit students who transfer in 30 or more credits are not required to meet this category.

Humanities/Fine Arts (6 credits)

Gen Ed Category	Course	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Humanities or Fine Arts (3 credits)					
Humanities or Fine Arts (3 credits)	PHL 326				

Cultural Diversity (3 credits)

Gen Ed Category	Course	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Cultural Diversity (3 credits)	NRSG 361				

General Education Requirements

Category I: Global Academic Skills (10 credits)

Subcategory A – Mathematics (3 credits)

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
M	105	Contemporary Math	3
M	114	Extended Technical Mathematics	3
M	121	College Algebra	3
M	122	College Trigonometry	3
M	130	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
M	140	College Math for Health Care	3
M	143	Finite Mathematics	4
M	161	Survey of Calculus	3
M	171	Calculus I	4
STAT	141	Introduction to Statistical Concepts	3
STAT	216	Introduction to Statistics	4

Subcategory B – English (3 credits)

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
WRIT	101	College Writing I	3
WRIT	121	Introduction to Technical Writing	3
WRIT	122	Introduction to Business Writing	3

Subcategory C – Communication and Information Literacy (3 credits)

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
BMIS	150	Cyber Security & Electronic Communication	3
COMX	111	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMX	115	Intro to Interpersonal Communication	3
COMX	210	Communication in Small Groups	3
LSCI	125	Research in the Information Age	3

Subcategory D – Skills for College Success (1 credit)

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
COLS	108	Skills for College Success	1

Category II: Natural Sciences (6 credits)

Subcategory A – Life Science (3 credits)

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
BIOB	101	Discover Biology	3
BIOB	102	Discover Biology Laboratory	1
BIOB	120	Fundamentals of Biology Plants and People	3
BIOB	121	Fundamentals of Biology for Allied Health	3
BIOB	123	Fundamentals of Biology Nature of Nutrition	3
BIOB	160	Principles of Living Systems	3
BIOB	161	Principles of Living Systems Laboratory	1
SCIN	101	Integrated Sciences I	4

Subcategory B – Physical Science (3 credits)

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
ASTR	110	Introduction to Astronomy	3
ASTR	111	Introduction to Astronomy Laboratory	1
CHMY	121	Introduction to General Chemistry	3
CHMY	122	Introduction to General Chemistry Lab	1
CHMY	141	College Chemistry I	4
CHMY	142	College Chemistry II Laboratory	1
GEO	101	Introduction to Physical Geology	3
GEO	102	Introduction to Physical Geology Laboratory	1
GEO	112	Montana Geology	3
GPHY	262	Spatial Sciences Technology & Applications	3
GPHY	263	Spatial Sciences Tech & Applications Lab	3
PHSX	103	Our Physical World	3
PHSX	104	Our Physical World Laboratory	1
PHSX	205	College Physics I	3
PHSX	206	College Physics I Laboratory	1
SCIN	103	Integrated Sciences II	4

BIOB 101, BIOB 102, BIOB 120, BIOB 161, ASTR 111, CHMY 122, CHMY 142, GEO 102, GPHY 263, PHSX 103, PHSX 104, PHSX 206, SCIN 101, and SCIN 103 include a lab experience. Elementary Education majors can satisfy Natural Sciences by taking SCIN 101 and SCIN 103.

Category III: Social Sciences and History (6 credits)

Subcategory A – Social Sciences (3 credits)

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
BGEN	105	Introduction to Business	3
COMX	106	Communicating in a Dynamic Workplace	3
ECNS	201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECNS	202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
EDU	105	Education and Democracy	3
HTH	110	Personal Health and Wellness	3
PSCI	210	Introduction to American Government	3
PSCI	220	Introduction to Comparative Government	3
PSYX	100	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI	101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI	201	Social Problems	3

Subcategory B – History

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
HSTA	101	American History I	3
HSTA	102	American History II	3
HSTR	159	World History to 1500 CE	3
HSTR	160	Modern World History	3
PSCI	230	Introduction to International Relations	3

Category IV: Cultural Diversity (3 credits)

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
ANTY	220	Cultural and Society	3
ARTH	160	Global Visual Culture	3
COMX	212	Intro to Intercultural Communication	3
GPHY	121	Human Geography	3
HTH	270	Global Health Issues	3
LIT	230	World Literature Survey	3
MUSI	207	World Music	3
NASX	105	Intro to Native American Studies	3
NASX	205	Native Americans in Contemporary Society	3
REHA	201	Intro to Diversity in Counseling	3
RLST	170	The Religious Quest	3
SPNS	150	The Hispanic Tradition	3
WGSS	274	Women, Culture, and Society	3

Category V: Arts and Humanities (6 credits)

Subcategory A – Fine Arts (3 credits)

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
ARTZ	105	Visual Language-Drawing	3
ARTZ	106	Visual Language-2-D Foundations	3
ARTZ	108	Visual Language-3-D Foundations	3
ARTZ	131	Ceramics for Non-Majors	3
CRWR	240	Intro to Creative Writing Workshop	3
FILM	160	Intro to World Cinema	3
LIT	270	Film and Literature	3
MUSI	101	Enjoyment of Music	3
MUSI	114	Band: MSUB Symphonic	1
MUSI	131	Jazz Ensemble I: MSUB	1
MUSI	147	Choral Ensemble: University Chorus	1
PHOT	154	Exploring Digital Photography	3
THTR	101	Introduction to Theater	3

Subcategory B – Humanities (3 credits)

Subject	Number	Course Title	Credits
ARTH	150	Introduction to Art History	3
HONR	111	Perspectives & Understanding	3
LIT	110	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT	213	Montana Literature	3
PHL	110	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHL	111	Philosophies of Life	3
PHL	254	People and Politics	3

Major Requirements

A minimum grade of C or better is required in all major coursework

Required Nursing Courses

Course Subject	Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
NRSG	301	Nursing in the Community	5			
NRSG	302	Nursing in the Community – Clinical	1			
NRSG	320	Nursing Informatics	3			
NRSG	322	Health Promotion and Education	3			
NRGS	325	Health Assessment	3			
NRSG	326	Complex Healthcare Needs	3			
NRSG	344	Family Nursing	3			
NRSG	361	Global Nursing	3			
NRSG	424	Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3			
NRSG	463	Leadership and Management for the RN	5			
NRSG	464	Leadership and Management for the RN-Clinical	1			

Other Required Courses

Course Subject	Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
PHL	326	Death, Dying and Medical Ethics	3			
PSYX	230	Developmental Psychology	3			
STAT	216	Introduction to Statistics	4			
WRIT	321	Advanced Technical Writing	3			

Student's choice of any course from the Humanities General Education category

Course Subject	Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent

Prior Nursing Courses and Electives

Course Subject	Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent

Bachelor of Science Degree Nursing (RN-BSN)

Categories	Credits	Earned	Remaining
General Education (MUS Core)	31		
Required Nursing Courses	33		
Other Required Courses	16		
Prior Nursing Courses and Electives	40		
Total	120		

PHL 326, STAT 216, WRIT 321 and the additional Humanities class may satisfy General Education requirements.

Students in this program complete MUS Core in lieu of MSUB General Education. For a list of approved MUS Core classes by campus, you may visit the CCN Course Guide.

Certain courses in this program have prerequisites; students should check course descriptions for required pre-requisites.

It is the student's responsibility to know and meet the requirements for graduation. A minimum of 36 credits must be upper division classes (300 and above).

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RN to BSN Degree Completion Program

Fact Sheet

Program Description:

Montana State University Billings Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Program advances nurses' careers by preparing nurses for a range of practice environments, for administrative duties, and for graduate education (including advanced practice nursing to provide access to care in underserved areas of Montana). All nursing courses in the program are offered in an online format.

Program Purpose:

To build upon the Registered Nurse's prior knowledge and prepare graduates to practice theory and research-based nursing interventions in a complex healthcare system.

Acceptance in the BSN program is based on:

1. Admission to Montana State University Billings
2. Submission of official transcripts from all colleges/universities for evaluation.
3. Evidence of a current unencumbered Montana license as a Registered Nurse (RN) and/or proof of scheduled NCLEX exam date.

Background check:

Students are not required to complete a background check as students are required to hold an unencumbered RN license through the state in which they live. The Program Coordinator will pull a current verification of licensure upon acceptance into the RN to BSN program. Students are not doing direct patient care; they are completing faculty-led clinical mentors' activities and projects in this program.

Immunization:

If you were born after December 31, 1956, submit proof of immunization that was administered after December 31, 1967. The immunization dates must also be after your first birthday. Requirements include proof of two (2) doses of immunization against measles (Rubeola) and two (2) doses of immunization against Rubella given at least 30 days apart. Include month/day/year. Any immunizations administered after June 11, 1993, must be an MMR. A physician, health agency, or school official must sign the record. Proof of immunization will be required once the student is accepted into the Program.

Learning System Requirements:

The Learning System Requirements used at Montana State University Billings is Desire to Learn.

General Information:

A grade of "C" or higher is required for all nursing courses (NRSG) AND a "C-" or higher is required for all non-nursing courses within the Degree Completion Program curriculum. All RN to BSN nursing (NRSG) courses must be completed within two (2) attempts. If students are unable to complete any nursing course within two (2) attempts, this may be grounds for removal from the program. Degree Completion students must complete the program within **three (3) years** of being admitted.

Completion of a degree in nursing is costly. We try to limit the number of resources students purchase by using open access resources where appropriate. Once accepted into the Degree Completion Program (following ASN graduation), students are assessed an $800 program fee each semester.

Please be aware that many of the courses are only offered once a year. The student should work with his/her advisor to make certain a plan of study/advising worksheet is completed with this in mind.

All announcements for the Program and essential communications will be via e-mail (Montana State University Billings account).