MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS

Associate of Science/Associate of Arts: Pre-Nursing General Bulletin 2026-2027

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

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.

Category I: Global Academic Skills (10 credits)

Gen Ed Category	Course	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Mathematics (3 credits)	M 121 or M 140				
English (3 credits)	WRIT 101				
Communication & Information Literacy (3 credits)	COMX 111				
Skills for College Success (1 credit)	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.

Category II: Natural Sciences (7 credits)

Gen Ed Category	Course	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Life Sciences (3 credits)					
Physical Sciences (4 credits)	CHMY 121/122				

NOTE: Some majors are required to take specific science labs as part of their requirements. Please speak with an advisor for more information

Category III: Social Sciences and History (6 credits)

Gen Ed Category	Course	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Social Science (3 credits)	PSYX 100				
History (3 credits)					

Category IV: Cultural Diversity (3 credits)

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

Category V: Arts & Humanities (6 credits)

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

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

Pre-Nursing Courses

Course Subject	Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
BIOH	201/301	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3			
BIOH	202/302	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1			
BIOH	211/311	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3			
BIOH	212/312	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1			
BIOM	250	Microbiology for Health Sciences	3			
BIOM	251	Microbiology for Health Sciences Lab	1			
CHMY	123	Intro to Organic and Biochemistry	3			
NUTR	221	Basic Human Nutrition	3			
PSYX	230	Developmental Psychology	3			
STAT	216	Introduction to Statistics	4			
WRIT	201	College Writing II	3			

Also required for the MSU Bozeman BSN program:

Students are recommended to take the following class online through MSU Bozeman before they start their BSN placement:

Course Subject	Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
NRSG	116	Introduction to Professional Nursing	2			

Electives

Select a minimum of 1-3 credits

Course Subject	Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent

Associate of Arts/Associates of Science Pre-Nursing

Categories	Credits	Earned	Remaining
General Education	31		
Pre-Nursing Courses	28		
Electives	1-3		
Total	60-62		

Students interested in applying to the MSU Bozeman BSN Program are advised to follow this program of study for a General AA/AS degree. By following this specific program of study, students will complete the prerequisite courses need for MSU's BSN Program and also complete a General AA/AS degree from MSU Billings.

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.

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Important notes for those planning to apply to the MSU Bozeman BSN Program:

Montana State University-Billings offers approved prerequisite courses to pre-nursing students through an arrangement with MSU-Bozeman's College of Nursing. MSU-Billings advisors are available to students in the Pre-Nursing Program. However, students are solely responsible for meeting requirements and determining the classes that they will need for graduation and application to the MSU-Bozeman BSN Program. Pre-nursing students should contact the MSU-Bozeman academic advisors for questions specific to the BSN Program and the application process.

MSU's Traditional BSN Program is divided into lower division and upper division coursework. Upon successful completion of the required lower division coursework, nursing students begin their upper division nursing courses and clinicals. These nursing courses can be completed at one of five BSN placement sites: Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls, Missoula or Kalispell.

Acceptance into MSU's Traditional BSN Program is competitive and based on a student's holistic application score. Courses included in the prerequisite GPA are *italicized* and **bolded** above. Application for a BSN placement requires a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0. However, since placement is competitive, students should strive for the best grades possible.

At least 3 of the 5 required natural science courses, including BIOH 301/302, must be underway or completed with a grade of C- or better at the time of application. The remaining courses must be successfully completed before a BSN placement begins. These courses are: BIOH 301/302, BIOH 311/312, BIOM 250/251, CHMY 121/122, and CHMY 123.

Repeat Rule: All prerequisite courses (*italicized* and **bolded**) must be completed with a grade of C- or better. Grades below C- are not acceptable, and W's count as attempts. Applicants are limited to two prerequisite attempts. This means that a student may repeat only two prerequisite courses one time to earn a grade of C- or better, *regardless of the grade earned*. An applicant could appeal this rule if the student repeated a prerequisite course more than once or repeated more than two prerequisite courses.

Professional Health Care Provider CPR Certification: Verification of American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR for infants, children, adults, and AED is required for application to MSU's Traditional BSN Program. Only the American Heart Association certification is approved. Online CPR courses are not acceptable.

Student Urine Drug Testing: MSU's College of Nursing requires an annual drug test for all undergraduate nursing students. The drug test must be completed at the time of application through an approved lab and annually thereafter.

Background Check Information: A background check is also required for application to MSU's Traditional BSN Program.

MSU College of Nursing's Application for Placement: Applications will be available through the College of Nursing's website at https://www.montana.edu/nursing/undergraduate_degrees/placement.html. Clinical compliance tracking is processed through Complio MSU Compliance. The cost is $63.95, due at the time of application.

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