

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE REGISTERED NURSE (ASN)

City College offers a CAS in Practical Nursing and an ASN in Registered Nursing. The College of Health Professions and Science also offers a 2+1 Option BSN Pathway (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-health-professions-science/department-health-care-services/nursing2-1bsn/>).

Students apply to the nursing programs after completing the required prerequisites.

All prerequisite courses have to be completed with a "C" or better.

See msubillings.edu/citycollege/programs/ProgLPN.htm (<http://msubillings.edu/citycollege/programs/ProgLPN.htm>) for the most recent practical nursing information and msubillings.edu/citycollege/programs/ProgRN.htm (<http://msubillings.edu/citycollege/programs/ProgRN.htm>) for the most recent registered nursing information.

Nursing students are held to the same standards as nurses. Students are required to pass a criminal background check and a urine drug screening at a site designated by the program before admission to clinical sites.

The Montana Board of Regents may alter information contained in this portion of the catalog. Please contact the Director of Nursing for the most current information.

The role of the associate degree nurse (ASN) is to provide direct care to clients, individuals, or groups, in a variety of settings. The ASN is prepared to prioritize care by assessing the evolving needs of the individuals, groups, or families. The ASN utilizes critical thinking to modify the nursing plan of care. They manage, delegate, and supervise other health care team members, forming collaborative relationships with a therapeutic goal.

Special Considerations

If any physical limitations exist which might impair the ability of a student to fully perform required activities, a letter written by the physician attending the student should be sent to City College at MSU Billings. The letter must state that no risk to the student or potential patient exists, should the student be required to provide medical services to the patient.

It should be noted that completion of the registered nursing program does not guarantee state licensing to practice as an RN. Graduates must pass the NCLEX-RN to practice as an RN.

Students will be admitted to the registered nursing program in fall and spring semesters. The program is a five semester program with one semester of prerequisite courses. The application process includes: filling out an application form and points criteria, having a selective GPA of 2.75 from the pre-requisite courses, passing an entrance exam, and an in person interview. See the nursing website for specific application directions.

See our website at www.msubillings.edu/careers (<http://www.msubillings.edu/careers/>) for graduate data.

Students should consult with an academic advisor before registering for General Education courses.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Design and manage evidenced based, relationship-centered care within the RN scope of practice.

- Manage nursing care in an inter-professional team environment.
- Demonstrate professionalism according to legal and ethical standards.
- Provide safe quality care using critical thinking to contribute to effective clinical decision making.
- Advocate for clients using effective communication skills to provide relationship centered care.
- Practice relationship-centered care and inclusiveness in care for clients, families, and communities.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
BIOH 201	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOH 202	Human Anatomy & Phys I Lab	1
BIOH 211	Human Anatomy & Physiology II †	3
BIOH 212	Human Anatomy & Phys II Lab †	1
BIOM 250	Microbiology for Hlth Sciences †	3
BIOM 251	Microbiology Hlth Sciences Lab †	1
CHMY 121	Intro to General Chemistry	3
CHMY 122	Intro to Gen Chem Lab	1
M 140	College Math for Healthcare	3
NRSRG 230	Nursing Pharmacology	3
NRSRG 231	Nursing Pharmacology Lab	2
NRSRG 232	Foundations for Nursing	3
NRSRG 233	Foundations of Nursing Lab	3
NRSRG 234	Adult Nursing I	3
NRSRG 235	Adult Nursing I Cl	2
NRSRG 236	Health/III Maternity Nsg	2
NRSRG 237	Health/III Maternal Nsg Cl	1
NRSRG 244	Adult Nursing II	3
NRSRG 245	Adult Nursing II Cl	2
NRSRG 246	Hlth/III Health Child/Fmly Nursng	2
NRSRG 247	Hlth/III Health Child/Fam Nrs Cln	1
NRSRG 254	Mental Health Concepts	3
NRSRG 255	Mental Health Concepts Cl	1
NRSRG 256	Pathophysiology	3
NRSRG 259	Adult Nursing III	3
NRSRG 260	Adult Nursing III Lab	1
NRSRG 261	Adult Nursing III Cl	2
NRSRG 266	Managing Client Care RN	2
NRSRG 267	Managing Client Care RN Cl	2
PSYX 100	Intro to Psychology †	3
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology †	3
WRIT 101	College Writing I	3

Total Minimum Credits 72

† Course can be taken in advance of being accepted into the core nursing program. Students may earn additional points in the competitive process by completing this course.

Suggested Plan of Study

Code	Title	Credits
First Semester		
BIOH 201	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3

BIOH 202	Human Anatomy & Phys I Lab	1
CHMY 121	Intro to General Chemistry	3
CHMY 122	Intro to Gen Chem Lab	1
WRIT 101	College Writing I	3
M 140	College Math for Healthcare	3
Total		14

Admission to the Nursing Program is required prior to taking second semester coursework.

Second Semester		
BIOH 211	Human Anatomy & Physiology II †	3
BIOH 212	Human Anatomy & Phys II Lab †	1
NRSG 230	Nursing Pharmacology	3
NRSG 231	Nursing Pharmacology Lab	2
NRSG 232	Foundations for Nursing	3
NRSG 233	Foundations of Nursing Lab	3
Total		15

Third Semester		
NRSG 256	Pathophysiology	3
NRSG 234	Adult Nursing I	3
NRSG 235	Adult Nursing I Cl	2
NRSG 236	Health/III Maternity Nsg	2
NRSG 237	Health/III Maternal Nsg Cl	1
PSYX 100	Intro to Psychology †	3
Total		14

Fourth Semester		
NRSG 244	Adult Nursing II	3
NRSG 245	Adult Nursing II Cl	2
NRSG 254	Mental Health Concepts	3
NRSG 255	Mental Health Concepts Cl	1
NRSG 246	Hlth/Illness Child/Fmly Nursng	2
NRSG 247	Hlth/Illness Child/Fam Nrs Cln	1
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology †	3
Total		15

Fifth Semester		
NRSG 259	Adult Nursing III	3
NRSG 260	Adult Nursing III Lab	1
NRSG 261	Adult Nursing III Cl	2
NRSG 266	Managing Client Care RN	2
NRSG 267	Managing Client Care RN Cl	2
BIOM 250	Microbiology for Hlth Sciences †	3
BIOM 251	Microbiology Hlth Sciences Lab †	1
Total		14

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