

REGISTERED NURSE (APPROVED FALL 2011 – 1ST INTAKE FALL 2012)**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

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Registered nurses (RNs) work to promote good health and prevent illness. They educate patients and the public about various medical conditions; treat patients and help in their rehabilitation; and provide advice and emotional support to patients' families. RNs use considerable judgment in providing a wide variety of services. The Registered Nurse program at Montana State University - Great Falls College of Technology is currently approved by the Montana State Board of Nursing. Upon completion of the Associate of Science Degree in Registered Nursing, students will be prepared to begin a successful career as a registered nurse. Students are prepared to sit for the national licensure examination for registered nursing.

OUTCOMES: GRADUATES ARE PREPARED TO:

- Administer effective and ethical individual patient care utilizing human needs as a foundation for assessing behaviors, assigning priorities to desired outcomes, and planning and prioritization nursing interventions
- Incorporate knowledge of cultural, religious, and socioeconomic factors in providing nursing care for individuals in a variety of healthcare settings
- Coordinate, delegate, and prioritize the delivery of care aimed at meeting the needs of patients, communities of patients and their families
- Practice collaboratively within the proper scope of practice, legal, and ethical frameworks, and within national and state standards of nursing practice
- Use communication that is effective and therapeutic, along with information technology, to implement problem solving processes in the evidence base management of patient care
- Provide competent, evidence based nursing care recognizing the values and beliefs of the patient

The Registered Nurse program is a limited enrollment program. Interested students must apply for entry into the program. An application packet with the criteria for admission is available on the program website and from the Health Science Program Assistant.

- Currently licensed LPN applicants must present a copy of current unencumbered Montana LPN license
- Spring 2012 graduates of a PN program may submit their applications without the LPN license, but must have the Montana license number submitted no later than June 22, 2012 to remain eligible
- The length of the program is two consecutive semesters.
- Accepted students will be required to provide proof of Health Care Provider CPR certification, negative Tuberculosis test, and complete the Student Immunization and Verification form before the beginning of the fall semester.
- Computer skills are highly recommended.
- The Hepatitis B immunization series is strongly recommended before entrance into the program. A student may be denied access to clinical rotations without an adequate Hepatitis B titer. Students having religious or personal conflicts against receiving Hepatitis B vaccine must sign a release form.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT PROGRAM COST*:

Tuition and Fees	\$	9608
Application Fee	\$	30
Insurance	\$	38
Uniforms	\$	225
Course Fees	\$	211
Program Fee	\$	225
Books/Supplies	\$	2,225
TOTAL	\$	12,731

*MUS STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM APPROX. \$851/SEMESTER IF NEEDED. STUDENTS WILL BE CHARGED AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$20 PER CREDIT FOR ONLINE/HYBRID COURSES.

Coursework

The following courses must be completed prior to admission into the Registered Nurse Program. All prerequisite course work must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" in each course. Grades in prerequisite courses are a major factor in ranking applications for program acceptance.

FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
BIOH 201**	Anatomy & Physiology I/Lab	4†	_____
CHMY 121*	Introduction to General Chemistry/ Lab	4†	_____
M 121**	College Algebra	3†	_____
NRSG 100	Introduction to Nursing	<u>1†</u>	_____
	Subtotal	12	

SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
NUTR 121*	Clinical Human Nutrition	2†	_____
BIOH 211*	Anatomy & Physiology II/Lab	4†	_____
WRIT 101**	College Writing I	3†	_____
PSYX 100	Intro to Psychology	<u>3†</u>	_____
	Subtotal	12	

For those LPNs with an active unencumbered Montana license, there is no age limit on the prerequisite credits.

COMPLETION OF AN LPN PROGRAM IS REQUIRED FOR AN ADDITIONAL 26 CREDITS

LPN program curriculum can be found at:

<http://www.msugf.edu/catalog/Programs/Practical%20Nurse%202011-2012.pdf>

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS AFTER FORMAL ACCEPTANCE

Once enrolled in Registered Nurse program, a minimum of a grade of "C" in all courses is required to continue in the program. In the clinical setting, students must achieve a grade of 75% in all rotations of each clinical experience.

The courses listed below are required in the program of study for the Associate of Science degree in Registered Nursing. The courses are offered at MSU—Great Falls College of Technology in the following sequence:

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
NRSG 250*	LPN to RN Transition	3†	_____
NRSG 252*	Complex Care Maternal/Child	3†	_____
NRSG 254*	Complex Care Mental Health	2†	_____
NRSG 256*	Pathophysiology	3+	_____
BIOM 250	Microbiology/Lab	<u>4+</u>	_____
	Subtotal	15	

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
NRSG 262*	Complex Care Adult	4†	_____
NRSG 265*	Advanced Clinical Skills Lab	1†	_____
NRSG 266*	Managing Client Care	4†	_____
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	<u>3+</u>	_____
	Subtotal	12	

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS - 77~

~ Many students need preliminary math, writing, and biology courses before enrolling in the prerequisite requirements. These courses may increase the number of credits a student takes. Students should review their math and English placement before planning out their full program.