

## **Nursing Dual Enrollment Program Option**

### **What is Dual Enrollment?**

The MSU Denver Dual Enrollment pathway allows students who are accepted into a Community College Nursing program the option to complete credits towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the same time they are working on their Associate Degree of Nursing. The curriculum for Dual Enrollment follows our Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Completion Option and referred to as the BRNCO program.

### **How do I become a Dual Enrollment Student?**

1. Once accepted into a Community College's Nursing program, apply to MSU Denver (as an undeclared nursing major) <https://msudenver.edu/admissions/> - contact Admissions for a code for a free application to MSU Denver.
2. Send **official** transcripts from **all** colleges attended directly to: Metropolitan State University of Denver, Office of Admissions and Records, Campus Box 16, P.O. Box 173362, Denver, CO 80217-3362 or electronically to: [transcripteval@msudenver.edu](mailto:transcripteval@msudenver.edu)
3. Complete an Intent to Dual Enroll form and return to Community College Nursing Department or MSU Denver, depending on institution. – If needed, see your Community College Nursing Program.
4. Apply to the BRNCO program from the MSU Nursing website. <https://msudenver.edu/nursing/applytoprogram/>  
A personal essay, and resume must be submitted with the BRNCO application.
5. Contact the MSU Denver Nursing Program Specialist to determine course choices/plans.

### **How many courses will transfer to MSU Denver?**

MSU Denver accepts **80 credits** of transfer courses from 2-year institutions for students pursuing their BSN through the Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Completion Option (BRNCO) program. This means that in most cases MSU Denver general studies requirements can be taken at your community college in addition to all nursing prerequisites courses. Once the ADN is completed, the Nursing courses will transfer in as a block of 20 credits. Once a RN license has been earned, you will get an additional 10 upper division credits for a total of 30 credits.

### **Are my MSU Denver Nursing Courses online?**

The BRNCO program is online, with the exception of 90 clinical/project hours completed in two courses. Hours can be completed in your community and you do not need to come to Denver to complete them.

### **Do I need to complete my ADN before beginning MSU Denver Nursing courses?**

No. As a Dual Enrollment student, you may begin MSU Denver Nursing courses at any time during the ADN program, as long as you have completed the written communication, oral communication, and statistics prerequisite requirements. You **do** need to complete the BRNCO program application process to start BSN courses.

**How long does it take to get my BSN?**

The program is set up to be completed in 6 semesters. You can complete your BSN in 2 semesters after completing the ADN and RN licensure. NUR 4010 is the pre-req for NUR 4020. We understand that not all students may follow this plan or keep this pace. We are happy to work with you to create an individual plan.

**How much does it cost?**

Tuition costs are published in the course schedule every semester and can be obtained by visiting <https://msudenver.edu/bursar>. Since each student's situation is different it is hard to totally estimate the expense of this degree. This information is subject to change and can be influenced by student residency status, student course information, or university changes. A sample expense amount is found on the last page. For more information, please contact the Bursar's office.

**Is there a part time option?**

Yes, the program is set up a part time basis. If students wish to complete faster, please speak with the Program Specialist for more help.

**What are the admission requirements for the BRNCO Program?**

Upon completion of your Dual Enrollment Intent form, you will be granted a provisional acceptance to the MSU Denver BRNCO program. Before beginning the program, you must also complete the BRNCO application form, located on the MSU Denver nursing website. Progression to clinical courses is contingent upon completion of your ADN and achieving your RN license.

**When do I apply?**

Dual Enrollment students can apply to the BRNCO program as early as the semester before they begin ADN coursework OR the semester before they intend to begin BSN courses.

**The priority application deadlines for the BRNCO are:**

December 1<sup>st</sup> (Spring Start), May 1<sup>st</sup> (Summer Start), and August 1<sup>st</sup> (Fall Start).

Applications received after the deadline are reviewed on a space-available basis. Students should also be aware of MSU Denver Admissions Application Deadlines. Applications are processed once a month, so please allow up to 6 weeks for acceptance.

**When can I start?**

MSU Denver offers Fall, Spring, and Summer semester start options for BRNCO coursework. Please note, availability of start options will be dependent on number of interested students.

**What is required to graduate from MSU Denver with a BSN?**

- A minimum of 120 credit hours that includes 40 credits of upper division coursework (NUR courses account for 30 upper division credits, RN license is 10 upper division credits).
- All university requirements for General Studies, Multicultural Course, Global Diversity, and Senior Experience.
- One of the following statistics courses: MTH 1210, PSY 2310, or a department approved statistics course.
- All required nursing courses in the BRNCO curriculum.
- Apply for Graduation the semester prior to completing coursework.

**What else do I need to know?**

Due to the rigorous demands of this program, students are urged to carefully consider home and work obligations when establishing their academic workload. In addition to academic requirements, the MSU Denver Department of Nursing requires applicants to successfully pass a criminal background check and drug screen prior to admission. The drug screen will test for controlled substances, including marijuana and marijuana derivatives. Re-testing is not allowed. Students may need to meet additional requirements for the department including immunization records and CPR certification. Students are responsible for the cost of all additional requirements mentioned above.

## Accreditation

The Colorado State Board of Nursing approves the BRNCO Nursing program.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

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Web Site: [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

## ADN Coursework

Required by most ADN programs and transferable to MSU Denver. We DO NOT advise on ADN requirements or admission procedures.

CO Community College courses	MSU Denver University courses
ENG 121 - English Composition I	ENG 1010 – Composing Arguments
BIO 111 - General Biology 1 (Optional for some programs)	BIO 1080 & BIO 1090 - General Biology and lab
PSY 101 - Intro to Psychology (Optional for some programs)	PSY 1001 - Intro to Psychology
PSY 235 - Human Growth and Development	PSY 2210 - Human Growth and Development
HWE 100 - Nutrition	NUT 2040 - Intro to Nutrition
BIO 201 - Anatomy and Physiology I	BIO 2310 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO 202 - Anatomy and Physiology II	BIO 2320 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II
BIO 204 - Microbiology	BIO 2400 - General Microbiology

## Pre-requisite Courses

Must be complete before taking any BSN courses. May take at the Community College or MSU Denver.

CO Community College courses	MSU Denver University courses
ENG 121 - English Composition I	ENG 1010 - Composing Arguments
ENG 122 - English Composition II	ENG 1020 - Research & Argument Writing
MAT 135 - Intro to Statistics	MTH 1210 - Intro to Statistics
COM 115 - Public Speaking	COMM 1010 - Presentation Speaking

## General Studies

Must complete these courses to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Contact Nursing Program Specialist for assistance choosing coursework. These courses may be completed at the Community College or MSU Denver.

- 6 credits Arts and Humanities
- 3 credits Historical
- 6 credits Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Global Diversity Course - Best option is to overlap with another requirement (i.e. Global Diversity History Course) to reduce overall credits.

## Additional Requirements

All students must have at least **120 credits** in order to earn a Bachelor degree. All students must have **40 upper division credits** to earn a degree. For Residency requirements, all students must take at least 30 credits overall at MSU with the last 12 credits taken at MSU or at least 45 MSU credits.

**Multicultural Graduation requirement** – Will be fulfilled with NUR 3850 course.

## MSU BRNCO (RN-BSN) Curriculum

Courses are listed in the order they are normally taken. However, can combine multiple courses each semester. All courses are 3 credits.

### RN to BSN Completion Option (BRNCO)/ Dual Enrollment Program Curriculum Sample

All courses are 8 weeks long including the summer terms.

1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Credits
NUR 3120 Introduction to Exemplary Professional Practice - must take first semester	3
MTH 1210 Introduction to Statistics - if needed	4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
ENG 1020 or A&H (GD) course or Oral Communication course - if needed	3
NUR 3770 Care Coordination of Acute and Chronic Disease Management	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	
NUR 3850 Multicultural Care of Patients and Their Families	3
NUR 3160 Nursing Ethics and Professional Nursing Practice	3
4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	
NUR 3400 Evidence-Based Practice Through Nursing Research	3
NUR 4040 Quality Care & Patient Safety Using Nursing Informatics	3
5 <sup>th</sup> Semester	
NUR 4310 Transformational Nursing Leadership	3
NUR 4010 Population Health Nursing	3
6 <sup>th</sup> - Must have RN license	
NUR 4020 Population Health Nursing Practicum (45 clinical hours)	3
NUR 4860 Culmination of the Magnet Journey: Nursing Senior Capstone	3

You must take NUR 3120 in your first semester. You can take NUR 3750, NUR 3850, and NUR 3160 with or after NUR 3120. You will need to take these 4 courses before NUR 3400.

Then the order is: NUR 4040, NUR 4310.

You can take NUR 4010, 4020 and 4860 after you have all of the previous courses taken.

You will need to have your RN license before you can take NUR 41020 Population Health Nursing Practicum.

**Estimated cost based on tuition of Summer 2021 using COF funds- Subject to increases in tuition and fees by the University. This includes Nursing courses only.**

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6	Total
3 credits	3 credits	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits	
\$1,118.58	\$1,118.58	\$2,113.28	\$2,113.28	\$2,113.28	\$2,113.28	<b>\$10,690.28</b>

### Questions and advising for Dual Enrollment or the BRNCO (RN to BSN) program:

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