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## Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Completion Option (BRNCO)

Metropolitan State University of Denver’s **B**accalaureate **R**egistered **N**urse **C**ompletion **O**ption (BRNCO) is exclusively online and is designed for two distinct types of students who wish to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

1. Students who have graduated from an associate degree or diploma nursing program
  - a. must have a current unencumbered RN License in their state of residence prior to beginning the first nursing course
2. Students who are currently enrolled in a nationally accredited Associate Degree in Nursing program
  - a. must obtain RN license before taking last four courses in the program

Students may begin BRNCO courses in Spring, Summer, or Fall semesters, dependent on sufficient enrollment. Please contact Jill Todd with questions or for assistance: [jtodd32@msudenver.edu](mailto:jtodd32@msudenver.edu).

## Admission Requirements

- Accepted students must provide one of the following:
  - A copy of your current RN license by the start of the first semester
  - Proof of current enrollment in an associate degree in nursing program
- All applicants must have 6 credits of written communication, 3 credits of oral communication and 3 credits of quantitative literacy (math) general studies requirements completed **prior** to taking any BRNCO courses. These courses may be taken at a community college or at MSU Denver.

CO Community College courses	MSU Denver 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 (or other MSU Denver approved statistics course)
COM 115 - Public Speaking	COMM 1010 - Presentation Speaking (or other MSU Denver approved communications course)

**Note:** for out-of-state students, please contact [jtodd32@msudenver.edu](mailto:jtodd32@msudenver.edu) to confirm that we are allowed to teach in your state since some states have restrictions.

## First Step: Apply to MSU Denver

Interested students must first apply and be accepted to MSU Denver.

- <https://www.msudenver.edu/apply/>
- Apply as a degree-seeking student with a major of 'UNN' (Undeclared Nursing Interest).

Official transcript(s) of all previous college level courses including AP scores must be submitted.

- To submit your transcripts: <https://www.msudenver.edu/admissions/sendit/>
- Students may transfer up to 80 credit hours into the BRNCO program from a 2-year institution. This means that in most cases MSU Denver General Studies requirements can be taken at your community college in addition to nursing prerequisites courses.
- For questions, contact: [transcripteval@msudenver.edu](mailto:transcripteval@msudenver.edu).

## Next Step: Apply to the BRNCO Program

1. Complete the **BRNCO Application**. A personal essay and resume must be submitted with the BRNCO application. Find the application...
  - a. linked at the bottom of the website: [www.msudenver.edu/online/rn-to-bs/](http://www.msudenver.edu/online/rn-to-bs/)
  - b. or email [jtodd32@msudenver.edu](mailto:jtodd32@msudenver.edu) to request the online application link.
2. Applications are reviewed by the Nursing Admissions Committee and students are notified by email approximately two weeks after application is received.
3. Paperwork and an online orientation with the Department of Nursing is required before beginning nursing courses. Information will be provided after acceptance.
4. Applicants must successfully pass a criminal background check and a drug screen prior to full 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 these additional requirements.
5. An advising appointment is **strongly recommended** to review previous coursework and course progression: [jtodd32@msudenver.edu](mailto:jtodd32@msudenver.edu).
6. The priority application deadlines for the BRNCO program are:
  - December 1<sup>st</sup> (Spring Start)
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> (Summer Start)
  - August 1<sup>st</sup> (Fall Start)

Applications received after the deadline will be accepted on a space-available basis. Students should also be aware of MSU Denver Admissions Application Deadlines, which are found on the <https://www.msudenver.edu/apply/> webpage.

# BRNCO Curriculum

All BRNCO courses are **8 weeks** long including summer terms. There is flexibility in course order provided you follow these sequencing requirements.

1. You must take NUR 3120 in your first semester.
2. With or after NUR 3120, you may take NUR 3770, NUR 3810, and NUR 3160.
3. You must complete the four courses listed above (3120, 3770, 3810, 3160) before NUR 3400.
4. After NUR 3400, you will take NUR 4040.
5. You must submit your RN License and associate degree transcript **before** taking your **last 12 credits** at MSU Denver.
6. After the above courses are complete, you may take NUR 4310, NUR 4010, and NUR 4020.
7. Your last course should be NUR 4860.

## Sample Plan (One course each 8 weeks)

1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Credits
NUR 3120 Introduction to Exemplary Professional Practice - must take first semester	3
MTH 1210 Introduction to Statistics - <i>if needed</i>	4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
ENG 1020 or A&H (GD) course or Oral Communication course - <i>if needed</i>	3
NUR 3770 Care Coordination of Acute and Chronic Disease Management	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	
NUR 3810 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 - <b>Must submit RN license before proceeding</b>	
NUR 4310 Transformational Nursing Leadership	3
NUR 4010 Population Health Nursing	3
6 <sup>th</sup> Semester	
NUR 4020 Population Health Nursing Practicum (includes 45 project hours)	3
NUR 4860 Culmination of the Magnet Journey: Nursing Senior Capstone	3

Students may accelerate their courses and complete the program in 3 semesters. Please talk with an advisor or email [jtodd32@msudenver.edu](mailto:jtodd32@msudenver.edu) for assistance.

## Cost and Financial Aid

The estimated and approximated tuition and fees for the BRNCO program, nursing courses only:

In-State Students with COF*	\$11,000
In-State Students without COF*	\$14,000
WICHE-WUE State Students**	\$19,000

\*COF is Colorado's College Opportunity Fund: <https://www.msudenver.edu/college-opportunity-fund/>

\*\*WICHE-WUE states: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, ND, OR, SD, UT, WA.

<https://www.msudenver.edu/admissions/residency/wichewue/>

MSU Denver's tuition and fees table: <https://www.msudenver.edu/cost/>

Scholarships, stipends, and loan forgiveness programs: <https://www.msudenver.edu/financial-aid/>

## Requirements for Graduation

To graduate with a bachelor's degree from MSU Denver, you will need to meet the following requirements.

- A minimum of 120 credit hours which includes 40 credits of upper division coursework.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher for all coursework.
- University General Studies requirements, which may be completed at a community college or at MSU Denver. For more information, please visit: <https://www.msudenver.edu/general-studies/>
- University requirements for Multicultural Course and Senior Experience.
  - The BRNCO program curriculum includes a Multicultural course
  - Senior Experience must be taken at MSU Denver
- All required nursing courses in the BRNCO curriculum.
- For academic residency requirements, completion of either:
  - a minimum of 30 semester hours of academic credit applicable to the degree at MSU Denver, **including the last 12 semester hours applicable to the degree**
  - a minimum of 45 semester hours applicable to the degree at MSU Denver
- Apply for Graduation the semester prior to completing coursework.

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The Colorado Board of Nursing approves the MSU Denver Nursing programs.  
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