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## Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Completion Option (BRNCO)

Metropolitan State University of Denver's Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Completion Option (BRNCO) is designed for students who have graduated from an associate degree or diploma nursing program and wish to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Students must have a current unencumbered RN License in their state of residence prior to beginning the first nursing course. Students may begin BRNCO courses in Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters\*. Students can choose between full-time or part-time completion options. \*Please note, availability of start date is dependent on sufficient enrollment.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE!

### MULTICULTURAL REQUIREMENT

To be awarded a bachelor's degree from MSU Denver, all students are required to complete a Multicultural course. Multicultural coursework examines the interactions of values, beliefs, traditions, identities, and contributions of one or more of the following four groups of color in the United States: African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American, which may include the characteristics of gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability within these groups. There is a multicultural course built into the curriculum to fulfill this requirement.

### Admission Requirements

- Graduate of an associate degree or diploma program in nursing.
- Current unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in the student's state of residence. Out-of-state students should be aware of restrictions that may exist for MSU Denver to provide education to them. \*\*
- Accepted students must provide a copy of a current RN license by the start of the first semester.
- All applicants must have 6 credits of written communication, 3 credits of oral communication and 3 credits of quantitative literacy general studies requirements completed prior to beginning the nursing program. In addition, students must successfully complete an approved introductory statistics course prior to beginning the program. Math 1210 meets both the statistics and the quantitative literacy requirement. (Please refer to the University catalog for courses that meet these requirements).

\*\* In addition, MSU Denver must be authorized by the State Board of Nursing in the student's state of residence in order to provide instruction. Out-of-state students should also familiarize themselves with MSU Denver's tuition rate for their residency. For more information please contact us, visit:

<http://nc-sara.org>, and contact your State Board of Nursing.

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## TRANSFER COURSES

### Application to Metropolitan State University of Denver

Interested students must apply and be accepted to the University. This requires an online application and **official** transcript(s) of all previous college level courses including AP scores. Send the material to the Admission Office at MSU Denver- NOT to the Nursing Department. Please apply as a degree-seeking student with a major of pre- Nursing. Once accepted to MSU, eligible students must apply to the Nursing Program through the Department's website.

It is the student's responsibility to verify the equivalence of any transfer course brought into the University.

**Do NOT assume courses are the same.** Be proactive by getting courses pre-approved. Contact MSU Denver Transfer Services Office at 303-556-3991 for additional questions. Or work with the course department to get approval by the Head of the department.

## APPLICATION TO NURSING PROGRAM

- Apply for admission to MSU (as an undeclared nursing major) through the Office of Admissions and Records at: [www.msudenver.edu/admissions/](http://www.msudenver.edu/admissions/)
- 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. Once you've been accepted to MSU Denver as a degree-seeking student and Transfer Services has received your official transcript, they will e-mail you an official transfer credit evaluation. If you have questions about this process, please contact the Transfer Services Office at 303-556-3991.
- Complete the BRNCO application at [www.msudenver.edu/nursing](http://www.msudenver.edu/nursing) and submit to the Department of Nursing. A personal essay and resume must be submitted with the BRNCO application.
- **Optional** advising appointment to review **General Studies course requirements**: Contact an advisor. Bring a copy of your transcript evaluation to the advising appointment. Please direct transcript evaluation questions to the Transfer Services Office at 303-556-3991.
- Complete required paperwork, background check, drug screen, and a mandatory online orientation with MSU and also one with the Department of Nursing before beginning nursing courses. Information will be provided.
- In addition to academic requirements, the 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.
- Students may transfer up to 80 credit hours into the BRNCO program from a 2-year institution.
- **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 will be accepted on a space-available basis. Students should also be aware of MSU Denver Admissions Application Deadlines.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- A minimum of 120 credit hours which includes 40 credits of upper division coursework.
- 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.

## PROGRAM COST

The estimated cost of the BRNCO is approximately \$10,700, which includes tuition, and MSU Denver student fees. This estimate is with using the College Opportunity Fund (COF). Please note: program costs are subject to change.

## FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships, stipends, and loan forgiveness programs may be available to help students with their educational expenses. Students may apply through the MSU Denver Financial Aid Office and other scholarship opportunities.

## SEMESTER ESTIMATE

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

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>

## GRADUATION

To earn a Bachelor of Science degree, students must satisfy all university graduation requirements, plus any others stipulated for the degree for which a student is a candidate. Please refer to the Academic Policies and Procedures in the Metropolitan State University of Denver catalog.

## ACCREDITATION

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

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

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# NURSING CURRICULUM PLAN

## RN to BSN Completion Option (BRNCO) 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 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	
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 3770, NUR 3810, and NUR 3160 with or after NUR 3120.
- You will need to take the above 4 courses before NUR 3400 and NUR 4040 as co-reqs.
- Then the order is: NUR 4310 and NUR 4010.
- You can take NUR 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.

