

# Registered Nurse

## Associate of Science Degree

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Program Website (<http://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/nursing>)

RN curriculum Program Application ([http://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/nursing/documents/Registered\\_Nurse\\_Application.pdf](http://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/nursing/documents/Registered_Nurse_Application.pdf)) (Fall 2018 application available February 15)

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 judgement in providing a wide variety of services. The Registered Nurse Program at Great Falls College MSU is currently approved by the Montana State Board of Nursing. Upon completion of the Associate of Science 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.

The Registered Nurse Program is a limited enrollment program with an intake of 30 students. Interested students must apply for entry into the program. An application packet with the criteria for admission is available on the program website.

- The length of the program after acceptance is four consecutive semesters.
- Accepted students will be required to provide proof of Health Care Provider CPR certification, a negative Tuberculosis test, a background check, and a complete Student Immunization and Verification form before the beginning of the semester.
- 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 the Hepatitis B vaccine must sign a release form.

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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-based management of patient care.
- Provide competent evidence-based nursing care, recognizing the values and beliefs of the patient.

Estimated Cost

## Estimated Resident Program Cost\*

Tuition and Fees	\$8,137
Application Fee	\$30
Uniforms	\$225
Lab/Course Fees	\$165
Program Fee	\$400
Books/Supplies	\$2,783
Total	\$11,741

\* **Fall 2017 MUS Student Health Insurance Premiums will be changing. Please check the Health Insurance website** (<http://students.gfcmsu.edu/insurance.html>) **and/or Student Central for confirmed premium rates. Students will be charged an additional fee of \$21 per credit for online/hybrid courses.**

Program Requirements

## Prerequisites

Many students need preliminary math, science, and writing courses before enrolling in the program requirements. These courses may increase the total number of program credits. Students should review their math and writing placement before planning out their full program schedules.

GFC MSU Additional Graduation Requirement

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
COLS 103	Becoming a Successful Student	1	_____
Subtotal +		1	_____

Prerequisite Coursework

The following courses must be completed prior to admission into the Registered Nurse Program. All prerequisite coursework must be completed with a minimum grade of C (not a C-) in each course and a minimum

cumulative GPA in prerequisite coursework of 2.0. Grades in prerequisite courses are a major factor in ranking applications for program acceptance.

Science courses must be completed within five (5) years of application to the program, and other courses must be completed within 15 years of applying to the program.

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>			
BIOH 201	Human Anat Phys I/Lab (= 301) **,+	4	_____
CHMY 121	Intro to General Chem w/Lab **,+	4	_____
WRIT 101	College Writing I **,+	3	_____
Select one of the following:			
M 121	College Algebra **,+	3	_____
M 140	College Math for Healthcare **,+	3	_____
M 151	Precalculus **,+	4	_____
M 171	Calculus I **,+	4	_____
NOTE: STAT 216 Intro to Statistics will no longer be accepted as a math substitution effective Fall 2014. For transfer students, M 115 Probability and Linear Math will be accepted.			
Subtotal		14-15	_____

## 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.

Students are encouraged to take BIOH 211, PSYX 100, SOCI 101, and BIOM 250 with Lab prior to program acceptance due to workload requirements of the RN program.

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

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
<b>First Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>			
BIOH 211	Human Anat Phys II & Lab(=311) **,+	4	_____
NRSNG 230	Nursing Pharmacology **,+	3	_____
NRSNG 231	Nursing Pharmacology Lab **,+	2	_____
NRSNG 232	Foundations of Nursing **,+	3	_____
NRSNG 233	Foundations of Nursing Lab **,+	3	_____
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>	
<b>Spring</b>			
NRSNG 234	Adult Nursing I **,+	3	_____
NRSNG 235	Adult Nursing I Clinical **,+	2	_____
NRSNG 236	Health and Illness of Maternal Nursing **,+	2	_____
NRSNG 237	Health and Illness of Maternal Nursing Clinical **,+	1	_____
NRSNG 256	Pathophysiology **,+	3	_____
PSYX 100	Introduction to Psychology +	3	_____
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>	
<b>Second Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>			
NRSNG 244	Adult Nursing II **,+	3	_____
NRSNG 245	Adult Nursing II Clinical **,+	2	_____
NRSNG 246	Health and Illness of Child and Family Nursing **,+	2	_____
NRSNG 247	Health and Illness of Child and Family Nursing Clinical **,+	1	_____
NRSNG 255	Mental Health Concepts Clinical **,+	1	_____
NRSNG 254	Mental Health Concepts **,+	3	_____
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology +	3	_____
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>	
<b>Spring</b>			
BIOM 250	Microbiology for Hlth Sci w/Lab **,+	4	_____
NRSNG 259	Adult Nursing III **,+	3	_____
NRSNG 260	Adult Nursing III Lab **,+	1	_____
NRSNG 261	Adult Nursing III Clinical **,+	2	_____
NRSNG 267	Managing Client Care for the RN Clinical **,+	2	_____
NRSNG 266	Managing Client Care for the RN **,+	2	_____
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>58</b>	

**Total Program Credits: 73**

## Suggested Electives

These courses are highly recommended in addition to the standard nursing curriculum.

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
<b>Suggested Electives</b>			
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AHMS 144	Medical Terminology +	3	_____
Any NASX prefix course +		3	_____
Select one of the following:			
PSYX 230	Developmental Psychology +	3	_____
PSYX 240	Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology +	3	_____
Select one of the following:			
NUTR 121	Clinical Human Nutrition +	2	_____
NUTR 221	Basic Human Nutrition +	3	_____

\* Indicates prerequisites needed.

\*\* Placement in course(s) is determined by placement assessment.

+ A grade of C or above is required for graduation.