Registered Nurse

Associate of Science Degree

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This Associate of Science degree has articulated coursework in Registered Nursing for students interested in a Bachelors of Science degree in Registered Nursing at Montana Tech. (http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/transfer-curricula/nursing/asn-m-to-mt-tech/)

Program Website (http://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/nursing/)
RN Program Application (http://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/nursing/documents/Registered_Nurse_Application.pdf) (Fall 2022 Application available February 15th)

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 DOT-compliant urine drug screen, a background check, and a series of other specific immunizations. Further detailed information will be included in the acceptance packet.
- 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.

Outcomes

Graduates are prepared to:
- Practice collaboratively within the RN 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 technology, to implement problem solving processes in the evidence-based delivery of patient care.

Estimated Cost

Estimated Resident Program Cost*

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* Fall 2021 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.

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 2.5. Grades in prerequisite courses are a major factor in ranking applications for program acceptance.

Program Requirements

Preparations

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.
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
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**FIRST SEMESTER**
BIOH 201 | Human Anat Phys I/Lab (= 301) "."+ | 4 | 

NOTE: UM Western students may substitute BIO 160, BIO 365 & BIO 370 for GFC MSU BIOH 201 & BIOH 211. All 3 classes are required and must have a grade of C or higher (not C-) within the last 5 years of application.

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
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**First Year**

**Fall**
BIOH 211 | Human Anat Phys II & Lab(=311) "."+ | 4 | 
NRS 230 | Nursing Pharmacology "."+ | 3 | 
NRS 231 | Nursing Pharmacology Lab "."+ | 2 | 
NRS 232 | Foundations of Nursing "."+ | 3 | 
NRS 233 | Foundations of Nursing Lab "."+ | 3 | 

Credits | 15 | 

**Spring**
NRS 234 | Adult Nursing I "."+ | 3 | 
NRS 235 | Adult Nursing I Clinical "."+ | 2 | 
NRS 236 | Health and Illness of Maternal Nursing "."+ | 2 | 
NRS 237 | Health and Illness of Maternal Nursing Clinical "."+ | 1 | 
NRS 256 | Pathophysiology "."+ | 3 | 
PSYX 100 | Introduction to Psychology + | 3 | 

Credits | 14 | 

**Second Year**

**Fall**
NRS 244 | Adult Nursing II "."+ | 3 | 
NRS 245 | Adult Nursing II Clinical "."+ | 2 | 
NRS 246 | Health and Illness of Child and Family Nursing "."+ | 2 | 
NRS 247 | Health and Illness of Child and Family Nursing Clinical "."+ | 1 | 
NRS 254 | Mental Health Concepts "."+ | 3 | 
NRS 255 | Mental Health Concepts Clinical "."+ | 1 | 
SOCI 101 | Introduction to Sociology + | 3 | 

Credits | 15 | 

**Spring**
BIOM 250 | Microbiology for Hlth Sci wLab "."+ | 4 | 
NRS 259 | Adult Nursing III "."+ | 3 | 
NRS 260 | Adult Nursing III Lab "."+ | 1 | 
NRS 261 | Adult Nursing III Clinical "."+ | 2 | 
NRS 266 | Managing Client Care for the RN "."+ | 2 | 
NRS 267 | Managing Client Care for the RN Clinical "."+ | 2 | 

Credits | 14 | 

Total Credits | 58 |
Total Program Credits: 72-73

Suggested Electives

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

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<td>Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology</td>
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* Indicates prerequisites needed.

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

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