



# RN-BSN PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nurses must be prepared to assist individuals, groups and populations to develop balanced, meaningful lives in our society. The nurse of the 21st century must be a competent health care provider as well as a professional leader, manager, coordinator, researcher, critical thinker and political activist.

These roles must be enacted from a perspective of cultural competence, ethical practice and effective communication. The curriculum focuses on developing professional nurses through education, research, scholarship and practice. The program promotes a learning environment that is student-focused, open, liberating and dynamic.

### UNIQUE PROGRAM FEATURES

- All RN-BSN courses are online!
- All prerequisite courses are available online through the Consortium Agreement: Southern Miss-Mississippi Virtual Community College.
- Scholarships are available.
- Students may begin the program during the spring, summer or fall semester.
- Application deadline for spring semester is September 1.
- Application deadline for summer and fall semesters is February 1.

### HEALTH CARE ALLIANCES

A variety of health care systems, including acute care, community-based care, long-term care and military health systems in Mississippi serve as clinical education arenas for RN-BSN students.

### FACULTY

A highly qualified faculty is dedicated to the mission of the university in teaching, research and service. Each faculty member provides personal attention in advising, teaching and guiding RN-BSN students.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) and the College of Nursing award several scholarships each year to students in the RN-BSN Program. A full range of financial assistance is available through the Southern Miss Office of Financial Aid. For more information about the Nursing Education Loan/Scholarship for RN to BSN (NELR), go to [www.mississippi.edu/riseupms/](http://www.mississippi.edu/riseupms/) and search keyword "NELR." The deadline dates for this scholarship application are January 1 – March 31.

## RN-BSN PROGRAM CURRICULUM

### NON-NURSING PREREQUISITE COURSES AND CREDITS

English Composition I	3	HRS.
English Composition II	3	
College Algebra	3	
World Civilization to 1648 AD	3	
World Civilization since 1648 AD	3	
General Psychology	3	
Oral Communication	3	
Nutrition in Health Care	3	
*General Chemistry I and Lab	4	
World Literature	3	
Introduction to Sociology	3	
Marriage and Family (The Family)	3	
Fine Arts Course (Appreciation)	3	
Human Growth and Development (Developmental Psychology)	3	
*Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	
*Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	
*Microbiology and Lab	4	
*Introduction to Statistics	3	
<b>Note:</b> A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses.		
* Denotes science prerequisite courses that may only be repeated/retaken one time		
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>HRS.</b>

### SOUTHERN MISS UPPER-DIVISION UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

<i>Credited Courses</i>		
NSG 307 Commonalities in Nursing Practice		4 HRS.
NSG 361 Medical-Surgical Nursing		14
NSG 362 Psychiatric Nursing		6
NSG 363 Maternal-Child Nursing		10
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>34</b>
<i>Courses in the Undergraduate Upper-Division</i>		
NSG 317 Research for Guidance-Based Practice		4
NSG 330 Health Assessment and Promotion		5
NSG 332** Role Development as a Nursing Student		4
NSG 354*** Population Health Nursing		5
NSG 357 Pathophysiology		3
NSG 438 Health Policy and Economics		3
NSG 457*** Translating Research into Practice		5
NSG 464** Leadership and Management		4
NSG 470 Ethics and Critical Thinking		3
**Indicates Writing Intensive		
***Indicates Clinical Course		
<b>HOURS IN RN COMPLETION PROGRAM</b>		<b>36</b>
<b>HOURS – VALIDATION CREDIT</b>		<b>34</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>128 HRS.</b>