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## SCHOOL OF NURSING *College of Allied Health & Nursing*

### WHAT DEGREES AND PROGRAMS DO WE OFFER?

The School of Nursing has been providing quality nursing education since 1953. Undergraduate programs lead to a 4-year Bachelor of Science degree and includes the traditional Pre-Licensure Program, for students who wish to obtain a registered nurse licence, and the RN Baccalaureate Completion Program, for Associate degree RNs who wish to advance to a Bachelor of Science degree.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM

The nursing curriculum is designed to provide opportunities for the student to develop a sound theoretical and clinical foundation for the practice of professional nursing. The graduate is prepared for a variety of roles in the community, including the responsibility for health promotion; prevention of disease; and caring for the sick in the community, the hospital, and the home. An understanding of people and how they adapt to the environment is essential to the provision of these health-care services.

Employers rate Minnesota State Mankato nursing graduates "top-choice" because they adapt well to a variety of roles in all types of health care agencies. Graduates enjoy nearly a 100 percent placement rate in a wide variety of health care environments, including hospitals, public health, home care, nursing homes, public and parochial schools, and industry. Recent graduate surveys reveal alums are starting with an annual salary above \$50,000.

#### Academic opportunities

Graduates of the Pre-Licensure Program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination, Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). Successfully passing this exam permits the graduate to practice as a registered nurse (RN). Graduates of both undergraduate programs will have met the requirements for certification as public health nurses in Minnesota and for school nurse licensure.

### EXAMINING THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

#### Accreditation

The undergraduate programs are approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20036.

#### Faculty

Students in the baccalaureate programs enjoy courses taught by professionally educated faculty, the majority being masters or doctorally

prepared. The School of Nursing employs qualified instructors to provide teaching expertise in classroom, simulation laboratories and clinical experiences.

#### Faculty awards and honors

School of Nursing faculty are committed to excellence in both teaching and scholarship. Recent faculty honors include the prestigious MN Nurses Association Nurse Educator of the Year Award for 2020, Distinguished Professor and Founding Director of the Glen Taylor Nursing Institute for Family and Society, and the 2021 Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award.

### STUDENT EXPERIENCE/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

#### Faculty/student ratio

1:56 for traditional classes, 1:8-10 for experiential learning.

#### Performance on national exams

Performance on professional exams are related to national performance norms. Graduates of Minnesota State Mankato's Pre-Licensure Program have generally ranked above the national average on the NCLEX-RN exam. Throughout the last 3 years, over 90% of Minnesota State Mankato's graduates have passed the exam on their first attempt.

#### Special programs

In addition to the traditional classroom, nursing students enjoy a variety of hands-on clinical experiences in rural and metro/urban settings. The clinical resources include hospitals in Mankato and the Twin Cities area, long-term care facilities, a regional mental health center, and various public health and home care agencies. In the Maverick Family Nursing Simulation Center, students continue to practice and enhance their clinical skills in the state-of-the-art facility throughout the 4 semester program. Simulation provides students the opportunity to experience high risk/low occurrence situations in a safe and controlled environment. Both clinical and simulation experiences begin in the student's junior year, following official admission to the Pre-Licensure program.

#### Admission to the School of Nursing

Admission to the Pre-Licensure Program is a competitive process apart from admission to the University. Completing pre-requisite coursework does not guarantee admission. Each applicant pool is rank ordered using the Core pre-requisite GPA, the total TEAS Exam score and the group interview score. Full admission requires an active nursing assistant certification, in addition to receiving approval to work with patients, without supervision, from the Minnesota Department of Health.

## Clubs and organizations

Membership in the Student Nurses Association (SNA) is open to all pre-nursing and nursing students.

## Scholarships Available

Through our endowments and the generosity of our alums and friends, the School of Nursing is able to offer fifty-seven scholarships totaling over \$21,000 to students enrolled in our program this academic year. Incoming students may also qualify for the full spectrum of financial aid including Presidential and Talent Grant scholarships, state and federal grants, federal loan programs, and federal or state workstudy opportunities.

## HOW DO I PREPARE?

In addition to meeting the standards for admission to the University, pre-nursing students would benefit from a preparation strong in biology and chemistry course work. Nursing students find that strong interpersonal communication skills and leadership ability serve them well in the rigorous nursing curriculum.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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You are encouraged to visit the campus.

To arrange for a visit, please call:

Office of Admissions: 507-389-1822

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## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (PRE-LICENSURE PROGRAM)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
*BIOL 220 Human Anatomy (4) *ENG 101 Foundations of Writing & Rhetoric (4) *GEOG 103 Introduction to Cultural Geography (3) General Education, Goal Area 1B (3)	*NURS 101W Courage, Caring, & Team Building (3) *CHEM 111 Chemistry of Life Processes, Part II (5) ~PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychological Science (4) General Education, Goal Area 10 (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
*BIO 330 Principles of Human Physiology (4) *STAT 154 Elementary Statistics (4) *KSP 235 Human Development (3) ~FCS 242 Nutrition for Healthcare Professionals (3) General Education, Goal Area 6, 9, & W (3)	~BIOL 270 Microbiology (4) ~NURS 282 Pathophysiology for Healthcare Professionals (3) ~NURS 284 Pharmacology for Healthcare Professionals (3) ~NURS 286 Relationship-based Care in Nursing Practice (3) General Education, Goal Area 6, 7 & Diverse Cultures (3) <b>Apply to the Pre-Licensure Program</b>
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
NURS 333 Professional Nursing (3) NURS 334 Physiologic Integrity I (4) NURS 335 Family & Societal Nursing Inquiry (3) NURS 336 Assessment & Nursing Procedures (5)	NURS 363 Critical Inquiry in Nursing (2) NURS 364 Physiologic Integrity II (5) NURS 365 Nursing Care of Families in Transition I (7) NURS 366 Quality, Safety & Informatics in Healthcare (2)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
NURS 433 Community Oriented Nursing Inquiry (4) NURS 434 Physiologic Integrity III (4) NURS 435 Nursing Care of Families in Transition II (3) NURS 436 Psychosocial Integrity (4)	NURS 463 Nursing Leadership and Management (3) NURS 464 Physiologic Integrity IV (4) NURS 465 Nursing Care of Families in Crisis (2) NURS 466 Professional Role Integration (4)
*Core Prerequisites – Must complete prior to application (8 courses) ~Support Prerequisites – Must complete prior to beginning Pre-Licensure program. (6 courses)	

For additional information about course requirements, please visit <https://mankato.mnsu.edu/academics/academic-catalog/>

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