

Murray State University
School of Nursing
RN BSN FACT SHEET

FAQ'S

Who do I contact related to questions about the RN BSN program at Murray State University (MSU)?

Prospective students may access the website for the MSU RN BSN program at <http://www.murraystate.edu/Academics/CollegesDepartments/nursing/RNtoBSN.aspx> for answers to frequently asked questions, documents, and forms related to the RN BSN program. They may also contact the RN BSN Program Coordinator at msu.rnbsn@murraystate.edu, 270-824-1815 . Murray State University main campus nursing department contact information is included below.

Where can I get information locally about the RN BSN program at MSU?

Prospective students may access the website for MSU's Continuing Education Academic Outreach Program at <http://www.murraystate.edu/ceao>. MSU staff at each regional campus are eager to assist you in meeting your educational goals. Individuals transferring from other institutions are encouraged to make their first contact at their nearest regional site for application, admission, financial aid, and transfer information to Murray State University.

MSU- Madisonville Regional Campus
2000 College Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431
Telephone: 1 (800) 669-7654 or (270) 825-4379
Fax: (270) 809-5469
Email: madisonville@murraystate.edu

MSU - Henderson Regional Campus
HCC Administration Building
2660 S. Green Street
Henderson, Ky. 42420
Telephone: 1 (800) 669-7654 or (270) 831-5111
Fax: (270) 831-2375
Email: henderson@murraystate.edu

MSU- Hopkinsville Regional Campus
5305 Ft. Campbell Blvd
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Telephone: 1 (800) 669-7654 or (270) 707-1525
Fax: (270) 707-1535
Email: hopkinsville@murraystate.edu

MSU- Paducah Regional Campus
3000 Irvin Cobb Drive
Paducah, KY 42003
Telephone: 1 (800) 669-7654 or (270) 442-4753 or
(270) 809-5471
Fax: (270) 809-5473
Email: paducah@murraystate.edu

MSU- Murray State Main Campus Transfer Center
302 Lowry Center, Murray, Kentucky 42071
Crystal Riley, Assistant Director of Transfer Center
1-800-669-7654 or (270) 809-3350
Email: crystal.riley@murraystate.edu

Who advises RNs?

Advisors are responsible for assisting the student to plan a course of study which will permit the student to successfully complete the baccalaureate nursing program in the most expeditious manner. Regional campus students should contact the RN BSN office to verify the appropriate advisor through the following website: msu.rnbsn@murraystate.edu. Upon acceptance to the RN BSN program, the RN student will be assigned an advisor who is a faculty member teaching in the RN BSN program.

Is there a separate admission to nursing?

YES, admission to nursing is separate from admission to MSU. (Please see the RN BSN application and instructions.)

Are there admission deadlines for the RN BSN program?

Prospective students should complete applications (MSU and RN BSN), by **November 15 for the Spring semester and May 1 for the Fall semester**. The bridge/transition course NUR 314 is offered Fall and Spring semesters.

Do I have to take a test to be admitted to the RN BSN program?

No, there is no additional testing required for admission to the program.

Do I get credit for my associate degree nursing classes?

RNs receive 32 hours of nursing credit for content, from their basic nursing programs. Once enrolled in the RN BSN program, students complete a course validation form and submit payment as directed by the Program Coordinator. The current fee for course validation at MSU is \$160.00 (\$5/credit hour)

Do my courses from the community college transfer?

Yes, all courses from accredited institutions of higher education will be evaluated for transfer credit by the Registrar's Office at MSU. BSN courses transferred in, will be evaluated on a case by case basis when the student submits course descriptions and/or course syllabi. Course substitution forms must be initiated and filed by the student.

How many hours do I have to take from MSU?

Students should refer to the Murray State University Academic Bulletin for the number of hours required for graduation. Registered nurses are required to complete all University requirements for graduation, including MSU University Studies Requirements. Specific University studies requirements are listed in the MSU Academic Bulletin. Current catalog requirements apply to newly admitted students.

What other courses will I need from the community college?

Demonstrate by way of transcript receipt at MSU successful completion of the following prerequisite MSU courses or equivalent course:

ENG 101, ENG 102, COM 161, PSY 180, CHEM 105 with a lab, MAT 140, BIO 228, and BIO 229

In addition to the above listed prerequisite admission courses, students will be required to complete a statistics course and meet MSU University Studies requirements.

Are courses taught on weekends?

MSU does not have a weekend program for nursing courses. Some courses are available online.

Can I work full-time and go to school full time?

You will be challenged in the RN BSN program in a different way than when you completed your basic associate or diploma program. There is significant library research, writing, and reading that is required to meet course objectives. Keep in mind that a full-time load is 12 credit hours. The rationale behind this, is that for every 1 hour spent in the classroom, there is approximately 3+ hours of time spent outside the classroom on assignments, reading, and other preparatory work.

How many written assignments are there?

Students in the RN BSN program spend a great deal of time learning to perfect oral and written communication skills. The ability to communicate in multiple ways is one of the characteristics of a professional. As part of your BSN preparation, you will encounter a strong emphasis on developing and/or improving your written communication skills.

How long will it take me to complete the program?

The length of time to complete the RN BSN program depends on how many hours the student needs (general education hours), how much time the student has available to attend class, and willingness of the student to travel for some classes if necessary. Some courses are taught in short summer term, online, and over interactive television (ITV), at the MSU extended campus sites. Many students are able to complete the program within 3 semesters.

How long do I have to complete the program?

The RN has 5 years to complete the program after admission and enrollment in NUR 314.

How is the clinical component of nursing courses completed?

Some nursing courses require a clinical component. You will be responsible for identifying nurse preceptors and clinical sites in your community for your clinical experiences. Approval and signatures of selected preceptors and clinical sites must be obtained from course faculty prior to implementing clinical experiences. These clinicals are completed in a variety of ways that are flexible and student arranged. Students are responsible for securing appropriate contracts and signatures.

