



*Department of Health Sciences*

*RN-BSN*

*Degree in Nursing*

*(RN to Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing)*





## **RN-BSN Program Information Packet** *(including RN-BSN Program Sheet and application)*

Dear Prospective RN-BSN Student,

Thank you for your interest in the online RN-BSN program at Mesa State College. This program is designed to help you advance your nursing practice to the next level. Obtaining the BSN degree can open up new job opportunities and allow you to progress onto graduate nursing education.

The Colorado Articulation model for registered nurses allows Mesa State College to award 38 credits for your prior registered nursing education. Your prior college coursework will be reviewed by an advisor to determine exactly what courses you will need to complete your degree.

As an online student, you have a great deal of flexibility in meeting the course requirements and do not need to take time off of work to "be in class" at a specific time during the week. You can access all course materials, library resources, and order textbooks through our Mesa State College website.

This packet contains additional information about your program. To schedule an appointment or telephone appointment with an advisor, contact Renae Phillips at 970-248-1235 or [rdphilli@mesastate.edu](mailto:rdphilli@mesastate.edu). Bring your transcripts (unofficial) along to your appointment, fax them to 970-248-1133, or email them to your advisor prior to your appointment.

Congratulations on taking your career to the next level and welcome to the RN-BSN program at Mesa State College!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristine L. Reuss".

Kristine L. Reuss, RN, Ph.D.  
Department Head, Professor  
Department of Health Sciences

**We recommend keeping in touch regarding any possible changes via our website,  
[www.mesastate.edu/healthsciences](http://www.mesastate.edu/healthsciences)**

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

## Professional Baccalaureate Nursing

Baccalaureate nursing education is designed for high school graduates, RNs, and LPNs. This program provides educational experiences to prepare a professional nurse generalist to practice in a variety of health care settings. The program integrates nursing theory, practice, and science with a broad liberal arts education.

The baccalaureate program has been developed to prepare a highly competent professional with the education necessary to meet the increasing need for quality health care in society today. The development of this program was influenced by the current trend in nursing, which is to move away from the technical level towards the professional nursing role. The bachelor's degree also provides a nurse with the foundation for graduate study in nursing.

## Admission Criteria

- Maintain a current Registered Nurse license;
- CPR for the Professional Caregiver certification;
- Successful completion of a criminal background investigation taken at applicant's expense *after* conditional admittance.<sup>1</sup>

## Application Process

- 1) Submission of a completed Mesa State College application, including application fee, through the Admissions Office, or a reactivated application file if you have missed one semester at Mesa State College, declaring RN-BSN as area of emphasis.
- 2) Submission of a separate nursing application. The following items *must* be in your Department of Health Sciences RN-BSN Application File prior to November 1 (for priority application) or January 1 for spring entrance *or* prior to May 1 (for priority application) or July 1 for fall entrance: (a) current RN-BSN application; (b) copies of *all* college transcripts, with MSC registrar evaluations from other colleges<sup>1</sup>; (c) proof of professional care-giver level CPR certification. (the Mesa State College CPR class meets this requirement), and (d) copy of RN license.

***Remember that it is the student's responsibility to make sure the Department of Health Sciences has these items in your file!***

## Student Advisement, Services, and Financial Aid and Scholarships

Refer to the current Mesa State College catalog, or visit the website at [www.mesastate.edu](http://www.mesastate.edu).

## Registered Nurse Track

Registered Nurses from associate degree and diploma programs may be admitted to the baccalaureate program with advanced standing. The Registered Nurse student will be considered in terms of the Colorado Nursing Articulation Model. The RN may complete the professional component of the program by attending college full time or part time (in class or online). Complete information is available from Health Sciences Department

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<sup>1</sup>Every candidate who applies for a Colorado Registered Nursing License will be asked the following questions: Have you ever: (a) had any adverse action taken against you by any licensing agency in another state or country, any peer review body, health care facility, governmental agency, law enforcement agency or court of law? (b) surrendered a license or other authorization to practice nursing in another state or jurisdiction, or surrendered staff privileges while under investigation by any of these authorities or bodies? (c) been convicted, pled no contest/nolo contendere, pled guilty to or been granted a deferred judgment or sentence with respect to a felony, misdemeanor or petty offence other than minor traffic offenses? (d) had paid on your behalf any final judgment, settlement or arbitration award to malpractice? (e) been denied nursing malpractice insurance or had your nursing malpractice insurance coverage terminated by action of the insurance carrier?

<sup>2</sup>For program pre-requisites, applicant must be far enough along to supply a projected grade by application deadline.

<sup>3</sup>Applications received after the deadline will be considered only if openings are available

<sup>4</sup> A grade of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale ("C") or higher is required for *all* courses required for completion of the Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing, regardless of when the course was taken. A "D" or lower grade in a required course is not acceptable.

# MESA STATE COLLEGE

## Department of Health Sciences

### Common Questions & Answers about the RN-BSN Program (FAQs)

Please read all application materials and the section of the catalog that pertains to the RN-BSN Program, as well as surfing the RN-BSN section of [www.mesastate.edu/healthsciences](http://www.mesastate.edu/healthsciences). Many of your questions may be answered there.

1. **If I don't like online learning, can I take classes on campus?** YES - You can opt to take some of the RN-BSN courses on campus, except for NURS 202/202L: Health Promotion and Assessment and NURS 300: Professional Transition. These RN-BSN courses are not available for RNs on the campus.
2. **Do I ever have to come to campus?** There are two times during the program when we prefer you to come to campus. The NURS 202/202L: Health Promotion and Assessment course requires a health assessment checkoff, which we prefer you to do on campus, however, we can make arrangements for you to complete this in your own community. The NURS 407: Nursing Research course requires you to attend our research poster session; however, we can substitute an alternate activity if necessary in your own community.
3. **Do I have to take all the general education and pre-requisite courses before starting the nursing courses?** NO – you can begin the nursing courses prior to completing the required general education and pre-requisite courses. However, you must take STAT 200: Statistics prior to NURS 407: Nursing Research and you will need to complete all the requirements prior to receiving your degree. Your advisor can help work out a degree completion plan when you begin the program.
4. **How do I learn how to use the online learning system?** We offer an orientation to online learning during the week prior to each semester, if you'd like hands-on instruction with using the online learning software program. Information about these orientations will be mailed to you prior to each semester. You can also complete a tutorial on the MSC online website: <http://www.mesastate.edu/online/learning.html>.
5. **How do I register for classes?** You can register for a Mesa State Online course in one of four ways:
  - a. **If you are new to Mesa State College, and/or are only interested in enrolling in a Mesa State College Online class for now**, you can obtain an [Extended Studies admission/enrollment form](#) in Adobe.pdf format. Complete the Extended Studies admission/enrollment form, and mail back to Extended Studies along with your payment. If you are unable to view the form, please download the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) and then view the form.
  - b. **Currently-enrolled students** can register through [MAVzone](#), at one of the campuses, or the Registrar's Office on the appropriate date for your classification. Contact the [Registrar's office](#) for the current schedule.
  - c. If you are a current Mesa State College student, you can register for a Mesa State College Online course through the use of the regular registration processes. The regular processes allow you to register through the [Registrars Office](#) or [MAVzone](#).
  - d. **Newly-admitted, degree-seeking students** are encouraged to sign up for an orientation program through the [Admissions Office](#) at 970.248.1875.
  - e. **If you are new to Mesa State College, and intend to complete your degree with us**, you will need to go to the Mesa State College [Admissions webpage](#) to apply for admission. Once admitted, you can follow one of the regular registration processes identified in item #1. Mesa State College, Office of Admissions, 970.248.1875
6. **How do I get started in my online class?**
  - a. Go to the [Mesa State College home page](#).
  - b. Click the link for [MAVzone](#).
  - c. Enter your Mesa State Username.
  - d. Enter your password. The first time you login to MAVzone, your initial password will be your birthday in mmddyy format. For example, someone born on January 1, 1980 will have an initial password of 010180.
  - e. If prompted, enter a new password. Your password must be a minimum of 8 characters. It must contain at least one alphabetic character and one number.

- f. You should now be logged into MAVzone, the Mesa State College web portal. Click on the WebCT icon in the upper right portion of the window. **Be sure all pop-up blockers are turned off before accessing WebCT.**
  - g. A new browser window will open for WebCT. Your class name should be listed on this page, under Course List. Click on your class to begin. **NOTE:** If you should receive a message about the site's "Digital signature," click the checkbox that says "Always trust..." and click the Run button.
  - h. An Online Student Tutorial is also provided to new students in WebCT. Use this tutorial to become familiar with the common tools used by instructors in WebCT.
  - i. Your online class will be available for viewing two days before the class is scheduled to begin (see Start Date in the course catalog).
7. **How do I get my textbooks?** You can find out what textbooks you need online from the Mesa State College bookstore at: <http://www.mesastate.edu/bookstore>. You can price the books at this location and either order them from our MSC bookstore or from another source.
  8. **How do I access the library online?** The MSC library website <http://www.mesastate.edu/msclibrary/ecservices.html> has excellent resources for online students. They can assist you with literature searches and obtaining articles for your paperwork. We will review use of the online library resources in our on-campus orientation prior to each semester.
  9. **Can I take courses at other colleges and transfer them in to Mesa State College?** YES. You can take general education and program pre-requisites courses at any accredited school and transfer them in to complete the required course work. It is good to check with our transfer office at 970-248-1232 to make sure the courses will transfer for the requirements. You will need to order a transcript upon completing these courses, so the Registrar's office can complete the transfer process.
  10. **What courses count for the general education requirements?** The general education list is found in this information packet, and can also be accessed online at: <http://www.mesastate.edu/advising/documents/2010-11GenEd.pdf>.
  11. **Can I move through the program more quickly or slowly?** YES. You are in charge of how many courses you take each semester. The program is designed for working RNs who can generally handle taking 6 credits each semester. You can take more or less nursing courses and/or add general education or pre-requisite courses if you wish.
  12. **How does the clinical course work?** MSC faculty will work with you to identify clinical learning experiences in your home community for NURS 403L: Community Health Nursing Lab and NURS 411L: Leadership Lab. You can arrange clinical experiences according to your schedule.
  13. **How do I know what courses I need to take to complete my degree?** You should meet with a RN-BSN advisor either in person, phone conversation or online via email to review your prior transcripts for coursework that will transfer in for our program requirements. At that time we will prepare a program sheet to help you track your program completion.
  14. **Does Nursing have an admission fee?** No, but the Admissions Department for the College does.
  15. **Are there any scholarships specifically for RN-BSN nursing students?** Applications for scholarships awarded by the department faculty are processed during the spring semester to assist the students in paying for the next academic year. Please contact the Financial Aid Department for further aid information. In addition, the Colorado Nurses Foundation, Friends of Nursing, and the Colorado Nurses Association/District 5 offers scholarships for nurses who wish to continue their education. Your employer may also offer tuition reimbursement.
  16. **What is a credit hour? Lecture:** 3 contact hours per week for 15 weeks for a total of 45 contact hours for 3 credit hours. **Clinical:** 6 contact hours per week for 15 weeks for a total of 90 contact hours for 2 credit hours.
  17. **How much does a credit hour cost?** Please go to <http://www.mesastate.edu> for the most recent tuition fee information.
  18. **Do I need my own computer? Yes, it is highly recommended.** All online courses include computer and Internet-based assignments. Having your own computer gives you more freedom in completing course assignments. The online software work best when you use Mozilla Firefox as your internet browser (rather than Internet Explorer). You need to remember to turn off your pop-up blockers prior to accessing the online class. As a student, you receive free access from home to the Internet and an email address, which you will be required to access regularly.

## Baccalaureate General Education Courses

### **English**

- ✓ENGL 111 English Composition; and
- ✓ENGL 112 English Composition; or
- or
- ✓ENGL 112 English Composition; and
- ✓ENGL 219 Introduction to Professional Writing

### **Mathematics**

<sup>1</sup>B.S. Students—see program prerequisites

### **History**

- ✓HIST 101, 102 Western Civilization
- ✓HIST 131, 132 United States History

### **Humanities**

- ✓ENGL 131, 132 Western World Literature I & II
- ✓ENGL 150 Introduction to Literature
- ✓ENGL 222 Mythology
- ✓ENGL 231, 232 Non-Western Literature I and II
- ✓ENGL 254, 255 Survey of English Literature I and II
- ✓ENGL 261, 262 Survey of American Lit I and II
- ✓HIST 101, 102 Western Civilization
- ✓HIST 131, 132 United States History
- ✓MASS 110 Mass Media Impact and History
- ✓PHIL 105 Critical Thinking
- ✓PHIL 110 Introduction to Philosophy

### **Social and Behavioral Sciences**

- ✓ANTH 201 Cultural Anthropology
- ✓ANTH 222 World Prehistory
- ✓ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ✓ECON 202 Principles of Microeconomics
- ✓GEOG 103 World Regional Geography
- ✓POLS 101 American Government
- ✓POLS 261 Comparative Politics
- ✓<sup>2</sup>PSYC 150 General Psychology
- ✓<sup>2</sup>PSYC 233 Human Growth and Development
- ✓SOCO 144 Marriage and Families
- ✓SOCO 260 General Sociology
- ✓SOCO 264 Social Problems

### **Fine Arts**

- ✓ARTE 101 Two-Dimensional Design
- ✓ARTE 102 Three-Dimensional Design
- ✓ARTE 115 Art Appreciation
- ✓ARTE 118 Survey of Art History—Modern
- ✓ARTE 119 History of Art, Renaissance to Present
- ✓DANC 115 Dance Appreciation
- ✓FINE 101 The Living Arts
- ✓MUSA 220 Music Appreciation
- ✓MUSA 266 History of Popular Music
- ✓THEA 141 Theatre Appreciation
- ✓THEA 145 Introduction to Dramatic Literature

### **Natural Sciences-7 credit hours (must include lab)**

- ✓<sup>3</sup>BIOL 101, 101L General Human Biology and Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>BIOL 102, 102L General Organismal Biology and Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>BIOL 105, 105L Attributes of Living Systems and Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>CHEM 100 Chemistry and Society
- ✓<sup>3</sup>CHEM 121, 121L Principles of Chemistry and Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>CHEM 122, 122L Principles of Organic Chem and Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>CHEM 131, 131L General Chemistry and Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>CHEM 132, 132L General Chemistry and Lab
- ✓ENVS 101 Introduction to Environmental Science
- ✓ENVS 103, 103L Field-Based Intro to Environmental Sci
- ✓GEOL 100 Survey of Earth Science
- ✓GEOL 103 Weather and Climate

- ✓GEOL 104 Oceanography
- ✓GEOL 105 Geology of Colorado
- ✓GEOL 106 Introduction to Dinosaurs
- ✓GEOL 107 Natural Hazards & Environ. Geology
- ✓<sup>3</sup>GEOL 111, 111L Principles of Physical Geology & Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>GEOL 112, 112L Principles of Historical Geology & Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>GEOL 113, 113L Field-based Intro to Phys Geology & Lab
- ✓PHYS 100 Concepts of Physics
- ✓PHYS 101 Elementary Astronomy
- ✓<sup>3</sup>PHYS 105 105L Physics by Inquiry and Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>PHYS 111, 111L General Physics and Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>PHYS 112, 112L General Physics and Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>PHYS 131, 131L Fundamental Mechanics and Lab
- ✓<sup>3</sup>PHYS 132, 132L Electromagnetism & Optics and Lab

### **Applied Studies**

- ACCT 201 Principles of Financial Accounting
- BIOL 154, 154L Technobiology and Lab
- BUGB 101 Introduction to Business
- BUGB 231 Survey of Business Law
- BUGB 249 The Business of Life
- CISB 101 Business Information Technology
- CSCI 100 Computers in Our Society
- CSCI 106 Web Page Design I
- ENG 219 Introduction to Professional Writing
- FLAF 111, 112 First-year French I and II
- FLAG 111, 112 First-year German I and II
- FLAS 111, 112 First-year Spanish I and II
- FLSL 111, 112 American Sign Language I and II
- FLAJ 111, 112 Beginning Japanese I and II
- GEOG 131 Introduction to Cartography
- <sup>4</sup>KINE 265 First Aid/CPR for the Professional Rescuer
- PHIL 275 Introduction to Logic
- SPCH 101 Interpersonal Communication
- SPCH 102 Speechmaking
- SPCH 112 Voice and Diction
- TSTG 120 Industrial Safety Practices

### **Kinesiology**

- KINE 100 Health and Wellness
- KINA 100-191 2 Kinesiology Activities
- DANC 160L Beginning Ballet Lab
- DANC 169L Beginning Modern Dance Lab
- DANC 174L Beginning Jazz Dance Lab
- DANC 177L Beginning Tap Dance Lab

<sup>1</sup>Candidates for the B.S. degree shall complete at least 6 semester hours of any of the following: any college mathematics (MATH) course at or above the college algebra (MATH 113) level and one additional course chosen from any computer science (CSCI) course, any statistics (STAT) course or another college mathematics (MATH) course considered higher level than college algebra (MATH 113). The candidate must complete each of these courses with a grade of "C" or higher. At the discretion of the mathematics and computer science faculty, the requirement may be satisfied by a demonstration of equivalent competency. The above requirements are separate from and in addition to the General Education requirements (i.e. the same course cannot be used for general education, degree distinction and/or major requirements).

<sup>2</sup>This is a pre-requisite for the BSN.

<sup>3</sup>Only these courses fulfill the requirement of Natural Science with an associated lab or field component. Both the lecture and laboratory must be taken if general education credit is to be received.

<sup>4</sup>This course satisfies the BSN CPR requirement and the KINA 2XX requirement.

✓ This course is approved by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education for statewide guaranteed transfer.

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**Guide to Challenge Exams for RN-BSN Candidates**

This document is to aid the nursing student in discovering when, where and how different courses might be challenged for credit. If credit has not already been earned, it is possible to challenge out of a total of 350 hours of coursework, if the student feels qualified. A list of available challenge exams and the coursework they fulfill follows. For a more extensive list, and additional information, please go to [www.mesastate.edu](http://www.mesastate.edu) and search for CLEP.

| <b>CLEP Subject Exam</b>                            | <b>Course for which Credit is Granted</b> | <b>Minimum Passing Score</b> | <b>Semester Hours Allowed</b> |
|---|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Math</i>   |   |                              |                               |
| College Algebra                                     | MATH 113                                  | 50                           | 4                             |
| <i>English</i>                                      |   |                              |                               |
| College Composition                                 | ENGL 111                                  | 50                           | 3                             |
| <i>Humanities</i>                                   |   |                              |                               |
| American History I                                  | HIST 131                                  | 50                           | 3                             |
| American History II                                 | HIST 132                                  | 50                           | 3                             |
| American Literature                                 | ENGL 261, 262                             | 50                           | 6                             |
| English Literature                                  | ENGL 254, 255                             | 50                           | 6                             |
| Western Civilization I                              | HIST 101                                  | 50                           | 3                             |
| Western Civilization /I                             | HIST 102                                  | 50                           | 3                             |
| <i>Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>                   |   |                              |                               |
| Introduction to Macroeconomics I                    | ECON 201                                  | 50                           | 3                             |
| Introduction to Macroeconomics II                   | ECON 202                                  | 50                           | 3                             |
| American Government                                 | POLS 101                                  | 50                           | 3                             |
| Human Growth & Development                          | PSYC 233                                  | 50                           | 3                             |
| Introduction to (General) Psychology                | PSYC 150                                  | 50                           | 3                             |
| Introduction to Sociology                           | SOC 260                                   | 50                           | 3                             |
| <i>Natural Sciences</i>                             |   |                              |                               |
| General Biology (no lab credit)                     | BIOL 101 or 102                           | 50                           | 3                             |
| General Chemistry (no lab credit)                   | CHEM 121, 122                             | 50                           | 8                             |
|   | CHEM 131, 132                             | 50                           | 8                             |
| <i>Applied Studies</i>                              |   |                              |                               |
| Principles of Accounting                            | ACCT 201, 202                             | 50                           | 6                             |
| College Level French                                | FLAF 111, 112                             | 50, 52                       | 6                             |
| College Level German                                | FLAG 111, 112                             | 50,63                        | 6                             |
| <i>NLN Exam (for returning RNs &amp; LPNs only)</i> |   |                              |                               |
| Nursing Pharm. in Clinical (form 0982)              | NURS 203/304                              | 70%                          | 3                             |

Also, obtain a copy of Colorado Consortium for Independent Study via Correspondence. This book describes general education and nursing elective courses (Ethical Issues and Gerontological Nursing). Check with the appropriate department to get approval *before* registering for a specific course.

**Mesa State College**  
**Department of Health Sciences**  
**RN-BSN Program Information Sheet**

Mesa State College is offering an online RN-BSN program which allows registered nurses to complete nursing classes over two years. Pre-requisites program requirements and general education coursework needs to be completed through local community colleges or online as needed.

The courses required for current RNs to complete this degree are listed in the following table:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Education Requirements</b></p> <p>ENGL 111 – English Composition (3)<br/>         ENGL 112 – English Composition (3)<br/>         History elective (3)<br/>         Humanities electives (3)<br/>         Applied Studies elective (3)<br/>         Natural Science elective (3)<br/>         Natural Science elective with lab (4)<br/>         Fine Art elective (3)<br/>         2 KINA electives (P.E. activity) (2)<br/>         KINE 100 – Health and wellness (1)</p> | <p>PSYC 150 – General Psychology (3)<br/>         PSYC 233 – Human Growth &amp; Development (3)<br/>         MATH 113 – College Algebra (4)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Foundation Courses</b></p> <p>BIOL 209/209L – Anatomy &amp; Physiology (4)<br/>         BIOL 210/210L Anatomy &amp; Physiology II (4)<br/>         BIOL 241 – Pathophysiology (4)<br/>         STAT 200 – Probability &amp; Statistics (3)</p> |
| <b>Nursing major courses for RN-BSN</b>  |  |
| <b>Fall</b>  | <b>Spring</b>  |
| <p>NURS 300 – Professional Transition (3)<br/>         NURS 302 – Family Nursing (3)</p>   | <p>NURS 202 – Health Assessment (3)<br/>         NURS 202L – Health Assessment Lab (1)<br/>         NURS 415 – Business of Health Care (2)</p>   |
| <b>Fall</b>  | <b>Spring</b>  |
| <p>NURS 403 – Public Health Nursing (4)<br/>         NURS 403L – Public Health Nursing Lab (2)</p>   | <p>NURS 411 – Leadership (2)<br/>         NURS 411L – Leadership Lab (1)<br/>         NURS 407 – Nursing Research (3)</p>  |
| <b>Upper Division Nursing Elective (2) - Choose <u>one of the following</u></b>  |  |
| <b>NURS 396/496 - Topics</b>   |  |
| <p>NURS 417 – Forensic Science (only taught on main campus)<br/>         NURS 450 - Intensive Care Areas Specialty Practice (only taught on main campus)<br/>         NURS 495 – Independent Study</p>   |  |

**Total Hours: 120**

General Education, Foundation Courses, Kinesiology: 44

Program Requirements: 12

Prior Nursing Degree: 38 (The articulation model in Colorado permits us to award credit for prior nursing coursework completed in the A.D.N. program for current RNs.)

BSN Nursing Courses: 26

**RN-BSN Degree Plan**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

|   |        |   |        |
|---|--------|---|--------|
| Fall<br>NURS 300 – Professional Transition (3)<br>NURS 302 – Family Nursing (3)   | Winter | Spring<br>NURS 202 – Health Assessment (3)<br>NURS 202L – Health Assess Lab (1)<br>NURS 415 – Business of Health Care (2) | Summer |
| Fall<br>NURS 403 – Public Health Nursing (4)<br>NURS 403L – Public Health Lab (2) | Winter | Spring<br>NURS 411 – Leadership (2)<br>NURS 411L – Leadership Lab (1)<br>NURS 407 – Nursing Research (3)                  | Summer |
| Fall  | Winter | Spring  | Summer |
| Fall  | Winter | Spring  | Summer |

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**RN-BSN Program Information Sheet (*Spring Start*)**

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| <b>Spring</b>  | <b>Fall</b>  |
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| <b>Spring</b>  | <b>Fall</b>  |
| NURS 411 – Leadership (2)<br>NURS 411L – Leadership Lab (1)<br>NURS 407 - Nursing Research (3)   | NURS 403 – Public Health Nursing (4)<br>NURS 403L – Public Health Nursing Lab (2)  |
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**RN-BSN Degree Plan (Spring Start)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

|   |        |   |        |
|---|--------|---|--------|
| Spring<br>NURS 202 – Health Assessment (3)<br>NURS 202L – Health Assess Lab (1)<br>NURS 415 – Business of Health Care (2) | Summer | Fall<br>NURS 300 – Professional Transition (3)<br>NURS 302 – Family Nursing (3)   | Winter |
| Spring<br>NURS 411 – Leadership (2)<br>NURS 411L – Leadership Lab (1)<br>NURS 407 – Nursing Research (3)                  | Summer | Fall<br>NURS 403 – Public Health Nursing (4)<br>NURS 403L – Public Health Lab (2) | Winter |
| Spring  | Summer | Fall  | Winter |
| Spring  | Summer | Fall  | Winter |

**MESA STATE COLLEGE**  
**Health Sciences**  
**RN to Baccalaureate Nursing Program**  
**Summary Sheet: Application**


You may fax items to the Department of Health Sciences (970) 248-1133.

**This list is to help you meet the RN-BSN Application requirements.**

The following items need to be in the Health Sciences Office prior to the application deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> (first priority)/July 1<sup>st</sup> (second priority) for Fall and November 1<sup>st</sup> (first priority)/January 1<sup>st</sup> (second priority) for Spring:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Application for RN to Baccalaureate in Nursing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Copy(ies) of all transcript(s) from other colleges/universities, if applicable; transcript evaluation prepared by the Registrar's Office, if applicable; copy of current Mesa State College transcript, if applicable. ***Transcript evaluation by Registrar is required for all courses taken at other colleges.*** Tear off the bottom of this page and send/deliver it to the Office of the Registrar, Mesa State College, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Do not print them yourself from the online records. Remember, it is *your* responsibility to make sure the transcripts arrive in the Health Sciences Office! (Check with Health Sciences, not with the Registrar!)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Copy of appropriate Registered Nurse License
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Copy of appropriate CPR certification, CPR/AED for Professional Caregiver (ARC) or CPR for the Healthcare Provider (AHA).

\*Please tear or cut off the form below and take/mail it to the Office of the Registrar, Mesa State College, 1100 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501 so they can send us copies of your transcripts. **It is still the student's responsibility to make sure all necessary paperwork is received in the Department of Health Sciences Office prior to the deadline.**

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(Tear off this portion and deliver/mail to Mesa State College Registrar's Office)

**For RN-BSN Program.** Registrar: Please send copies of the following to the Mesa State Health Sciences Office: (1) all transcripts from other colleges, if applicable; (2) transcript evaluation prepared by the Office of the Registrar, if applicable; (3) current Mesa State College transcript, if applicable. Please complete the grey area.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name (please print clearly)

700 \_\_\_\_\_  
MSC Student ID #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY:**  
Has applicant been accepted at MSC? Yes  No  In what program? Baccalaureate  Associate   
Other colleges attended transcripts: Attached:  Xtender:  Transcript evaluation: Attached:  Xtender:   
Current Mesa State College transcript: Attached:  Xtender:

***RN-BSN Application***

**MESA STATE COLLEGE**  
**Health Sciences Department**  
**Application for RN-BSN Program**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial Maiden Name

Application Date \_\_\_\_\_ MSC ID # 700

Permanent home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

Present mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above) Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

Email Address (*print clearly*): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number with area code: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative College GPA \_\_\_\_\_

School of Nursing Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Complete Address)

Current License Number \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

If nursing school was out of state, was program NLN accredited?  Yes  No

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip



**2010-2011 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET**  
**Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing**  
**Major: Nursing- RN-BSN Option**  
[www.mesastate.edu/academics/programs.html](http://www.mesastate.edu/academics/programs.html)

**About This Major . . .**

The Registered Nurse to Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program is accredited by the Colorado State Board of Nursing (CCNE). This program is designed for Associate degree and Diploma RNs. The two-year program provides educational experiences to prepare a professional nurse generalist to practice in a variety of health care settings. The program integrates nursing theory, practice, and science with a broad liberal arts education. The program has been developed to prepare a highly competent professional with the education necessary to meet the increasing need for quality health care in society today and provides students with the foundation for graduate study in nursing.

Mesa State's BSN nursing program started in 1988 and has been fully accredited since its inception. The RN-BSN program began originally in 1979; the new program provides all nursing courses in an online format to provide better access to registered nurses.

**POLICIES:**

1. It is your responsibility to determine whether you have met the requirements for your degree. Please see your MSC Catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. You must turn in your "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office by **September 15 if you plan to graduate the following May, and by February 15 if you plan to graduate the following December.**
3. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to your advisor during the **semester prior to the semesters of graduation, no later than October 1 for spring graduates, no later than March 1 for fall graduates.**
4. Your advisor will sign and forward the Program Sheet and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature.
5. Finally, the Department Head or the department administrative assistant will take the signed forms to the Registrar's Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
6. If your petition for graduation is denied, it will be your responsibility to reapply for graduation in a subsequent semester. Your "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.
7. NOTE: The semester before graduation, you will be required to take a Major Field Achievement Test (Exit Exam).

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STUDENT ID #** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I, (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I have completed (or will complete) all the courses listed on the Program Sheet. I further certify that the grade listed for those courses is the final course grade received except for the courses in which I am currently enrolled and the courses which I complete next semester. I have indicated the semester in which I will complete these courses.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Department Head \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Registrar \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

**Students should work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting and scheduling courses prior to registration.**

**Degree Requirements:**

- 120 semester hours total (A minimum of 28 taken at MSC)
- 40 upper division credits (A minimum of 15 taken at the 300-400 course levels within the major at MSC)
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all MSC coursework
- 2.00 GPA or higher in coursework toward the major content area.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- When filling out the program sheet a course can be used only once.
- A student must follow the MSC graduation requirements either from 1) the program sheet for the major in effect at the time the student officially declares a major; or 2) a program sheet for the major approved for a year subsequent to the year during which the student officially declares the major and is approved for the student by the department head. Because a program may have requirements specific to the degree, the student should check with the faculty advisor for additional criteria. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of, and follow, all requirements for the degree being pursued. Any exceptions or substitutions must be approved by the student's faculty advisor and Department Head.
- See the "Undergraduate Graduation Requirements" in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.
- 38 credits will be awarded for prior registered nursing coursework according to the Colorado Articulation Model.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** (31 semester hours)

See the current Mesa State College catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is on the general education list of options and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection within the general education requirement.

| Course No Title | Sem.hrs | Grade | Term/Trns |
|-----------------|---------|-------|-----------|
|-----------------|---------|-------|-----------|

**English** (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better and must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

|                              |   |       |       |
|------------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| ENGL 111 English Composition | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| ENGL 112 English Composition | 3 | _____ | _____ |

**Math:** (3 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better, must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

|                          |    |       |       |
|--------------------------|----|-------|-------|
| MATH 113 College Algebra | 4* | _____ | _____ |
|--------------------------|----|-------|-------|

\*3 credits apply to the General Ed requirements and 1 credit applies to elective credit

**Humanities** (3 semester hours)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Social and Behavioral Sciences** (6 semester hours)

|                                     |   |       |       |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| PSYC 150 General Psychology         | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| PSYC 233 Human Growth & Development | 3 | _____ | _____ |

(PSYC 150 and PSYC 233 are also program requirements)

**Natural Sciences** (7 semester hours, one course must include a lab)

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**History** (3 semester hours)

|            |       |       |       |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| HIST _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|

**Fine Arts** (3 semester hours)

\_\_\_\_\_

| Course No Title | Sem.hrs | Grade | Term/Trns |
|-----------------|---------|-------|-----------|
|-----------------|---------|-------|-----------|

**OTHER LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS** (6 semester hours)

**Kinesiology** (3 semester hours)

|                              |   |       |       |
|------------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| KINE 100 Health and Wellness | 1 | _____ | _____ |
| KINA 1 _____                 | 1 | _____ | _____ |
| KINA 1 _____                 | 1 | _____ | _____ |

**Applied Studies** (3 semester hours)

\_\_\_\_\_

**FOUNDATION COURSES** (15 semester hours)

|   |   |       |       |
|---|---|-------|-------|
| BIOL 209 Human Anatomy and Physiology I       | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| BIOL 209L Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab  | 1 | _____ | _____ |
| BIOL 210 Human Anatomy and Physiology II      | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| BIOL 210L Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab | 1 | _____ | _____ |
| BIOL 241 Pathophysiology                      | 4 | _____ | _____ |
| STAT 200 Probability and Statistics           | 3 | _____ | _____ |

**NURSING MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

(62 semester hours) Must pass all courses with a grade of "C" or higher.

|  |    |       |       |
|--|----|-------|-------|
| NURS 202 Health Assessment/Promotion         | 3  | _____ | _____ |
| NURS 202L Health Assessment/Promotion Lab    | 1  | _____ | _____ |
| NURS 300 Professional Transitions            | 3  | _____ | _____ |
| NURS 302 Family Nursing Through the Lifespan | 3  | _____ | _____ |
| NURS 403 Community Health Nursing            | 4  | _____ | _____ |
| NURS 403L Community Health Nursing Lab       | 2  | _____ | _____ |
| NURS 407 Nursing Research                    | 3  | _____ | _____ |
| NURS 411 Leadership                          | 2  | _____ | _____ |
| NURS 411L Leadership Lab                     | 1  | _____ | _____ |
| NURS 415 Business of Health Care             | 2  | _____ | _____ |
| Prior nursing coursework for RN              | 38 | _____ | _____ |

**Electives** (6 credits)

Upper Division Nursing Electives (2 Semester Hours)

|                           |   |       |       |
|---------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| NURS _____                | 2 | _____ | _____ |
| _____                     | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| *MATH 113 College Algebra | 1 | _____ | _____ |

Previous RN degree \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

NLN Accredited: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT-PEP Exams – Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

38 credits will be awarded for prior registered nursing coursework according to the Colorado Articulation Model.

### SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING FOR RN-BSN Program

This is a recommended sequence of course work. Certain courses may have prerequisites or are only offered during the Fall or Spring semesters. It is the student's responsibility to meet with the assigned advisor and check the 2 year course matrix on the Mesa State website for course availability.

#### FIRST YEAR

| <b>Fall Semester</b>                       | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Spring Semester</b>                    | <b>Hours</b> |
|--|--------------|---|--------------|
| ENGL 111      English Composition          | 3            | ENGL 112 English Composition              | 3            |
| General Education Natural Science with Lab | 4            | General Education Natural Science         | 3            |
| PSYC 150*    General Psychology            | 3            | PSYC 233*    Human Growth and Development | 3            |
| General Education Humanities               | 3            | General Education Humanities              | 3            |
| KINE 100     Health and Wellness           | <u>1</u>     | KINA Activity                             | <u>1</u>     |
|  | 14           |   | 13           |

#### SECOND YEAR

| <b>Fall Semester</b>                            | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Spring Semester</b>                           | <b>Hours</b> |
|---|--------------|--|--------------|
| BIOL 209*    Human Anatomy and Physiology I     | 3            | BIOL 210*    Human Anatomy and Physiology II     | 3            |
| BIOL 209L*   Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab | 1            | BIOL 210L    Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab | 1            |
| Elective  | 3            | BIOL 241*    Pathophysiology                     | 4            |
| MATH 113*    College Algebra                    | 4            | General Education Fine Arts                      | 3            |
| General Education Applied Studies               | 3            | STAT 200     Probability and Statistics          | <u>3</u>     |
| KINA Activity                                   | <u>1</u>     |  | 14           |
|   | 15           |  |              |

\*These courses are program pre-requisites. Please note that two program requirements, MATH 113, PSYC 150 and PSYC 233, were counted under general education totals.

#### THIRD YEAR

| <b>Semester I</b>                    | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Semester II</b>                           | <b>Hours</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| NURS 300     Professional Transition | 3            | NURS 202     Health Assessment/Promotion     | 3            |
| NURS 302     Family Nursing          | <u>3</u>     | NURS 202L    Health Assessment/Promotion Lab | 1            |
|                                      | 6            | NURS 415     Business of Health Care         | 2            |
|                                      |              | NURS 396/496 Topics                          | <u>2</u>     |
|                                      |              |  | 8            |

#### FOURTH YEAR

| <b>Semester III</b>                       | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Semester IV</b>            | <b>Hours</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| NURS 403     Community Health Nursing     | 4            | NURS 411     Leadership       | 2            |
| NURS 403L    Community Health Nursing Lab | <u>2</u>     | NURS 411L    Leadership Lab   | 1            |
|   | 6            | NURS 407     Nursing Research | <u>3</u>     |
|   |              |                               | 6            |

NOTE: Students may begin the RN-BSN nursing courses prior to completing all general education and program requirements. The upper division nursing elective (NURS 396/496) can be taken during any semester in the program.