

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

ROBERT E. SMITH
SCHOOL OF NURSING

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Accredited by the National Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and by the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

RN-BSN Completion Program - ONLINE PROGRAM

Students applying to this program are Associate Degree (ADN) or Diploma prepared registered nurses with a current RN license. Graduates of this program are prepared to obtain or maintain a management position and seek advanced study.



- Students enroll in the program during the summer term
- Complete Nursing Courses in 12 months
- Flexible and Part-Time course scheduling available
- Clinical Experiences: Students contract for individual clinical sites and BSN clinical preceptor(s)
- Student advisement available online
- Orientation at DSU School of Nursing on the first class day each semester
- Classes meet 2-3 times each semester

MISSION

The mission of the Delta State University School of Nursing is to prepare students for professional nursing practice in a multicultural society as either a generalist at the Baccalaureate level or in an advanced practice role at the Master's level. The program will prepare graduates to pursue advanced study.

ACCREDITATION

Delta State University School of Nursing is accredited by The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Information may be obtained from Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC, 20036-1120, Telephone: (202) 887-8476.

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Delta State University is committed to a policy of equal employment and educational opportunity. Delta State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. This policy extends to all programs and activities supported by the University.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15TH

What should I do first?

Send us an unofficial copy of your transcripts (and copy of your current class schedule if you are presently in school) for evaluation. You may fax, scan/e-mail, or bring your information to us. Our contact information is on the front of this flyer. Remember to include your contact information in order to receive your results.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR THE RN-BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM:

1. Apply to Delta State University and meet admission requirements as outlined in the Delta State University Undergraduate Bulletin.
2. GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
3. Make a grade of "C" or better in all non-nursing (pre-requisite) support courses.
4. Submit the following information to the School of Nursing by February 15 prior to the summer semester of enrollment.
 - A. Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Baccalaureate Program application.
 - B. Proof of Admission to Delta State University.
 - C. Transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. A student entering the School of Nursing who wants to receive credit for prior nursing course(s) from another program must submit a request and credit be negotiated before admission to the School of Nursing and not after the student is enrolled.
 - D. Three current (<1 year) letters of professional/academic reference (at least one must be academic) using the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing forms and criteria.
 - E. A copy of a current license or privilege to practice nursing as a registered nurse in Mississippi. Individuals who hold a restricted license may or may not be eligible for admission.
5. Students must be graduates of an NLNAC accredited program.
6. Prior to enrollment in the School of Nursing, students must comply with Mississippi legislative statues and regulations regarding criminal background checks by having fingerprints taken at an approved health care agency (not a police or sheriff's department) and a criminal background check completed. Any cost of this requirement will be the student's responsibility.
7. After being accepted for admission, each student will be required to submit a completed health and immunization form provided by the School of Nursing, evidence of personal health insurance and malpractice insurance, and Basic Life support (BLS) certification on the RN to BSN orientation date.

TEST-FREE VALIDATION CREDIT / TRANSFER CREDIT

- Credit is awarded to Registered Nurses admitted to the program for comparable prerequisite courses from accredited colleges and universities. Students may transfer approved online course credits.
- Validation credit for other nursing courses (taken in an associate or diploma program) equitable to DSU nursing courses will be awarded after the student successfully completes NUR 311, NUR 331, NUR 312 and NUR 358.

NON-DEGREE SEEKING OPTIONS

Prior to admission, students may enroll as non-degree seeking (ND) students in NUR 311, NUR 331 & NUR 312. Upon successful completion of these courses and admission to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing, students may apply course credit toward the RN-BSN program.

You may print a BSN APPLICATION off the Programs of Study page of our website:

[HTTP://NURSING.DELTASTATE.EDU](http://nursing.deltastate.edu)

NON-NURSING (PRE-REQUISITE) SUPPORT COURSES

All non-nursing (pre-requisite) support courses must be passed with a "C" or better.

COURSE	SEM. HRS.
BIO 230 Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIO 231 Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIO 217 Microbiology	4
CHE 101 Gen. Chem. (lecture)	3
CHE 103 Gen. Chem. (lab)	2
CIS 205 Microcomputer Applications	3
COM 101 Public Speaking	3
ENG 101 English Composition	3
ENG 102 English Composition	3
ENG 300/301, CAAP, PPST or GRE Analytic Score [MUST have a passing score as determined to meet requirements]	0-1
FCS 345 Nutrition	3
Fine Arts Elective (<i>ART 101, 212, 401, 402; MUS 114, 115; THE 225</i>)	3
History Elective (100 or 200 level)	6
Human Development./Behavioral Science Elective (<i>PSY 307, PSY 313, PSY 403, FCS 326, CEL 300</i>)	3
Literature	6
MAT 104	3
PSY 101 General Psychology	3
SOC 101 Principles of Sociology	3
Perspective on Society (<i>ANT 101; ECO 210, 211; GEO 201, 303; PHI 201, PSC 103, 201</i>)	3
Statistics (<i>MAT 300; PSY 200</i>)	3

RN-BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM PLAN OF STUDY

SEMESTER	COURSE	SEM. HRS.
Summer	NUR 311 Comprehensive Health Assessment	1.5
	NUR 331 Comprehensive Health Assessment Practicum	.5
	NUR 312 Basic Pathophysiology	3
	NUR 358 Transition to Professional Nursing	4
Fall	NUR 309 Nursing Research	3
	NUR 314 Health Policy and Ethical Decision Making	2
	NUR 403 Community Health Nursing	2.5
	NUR 443 Community Health Nursing Practicum	1.5
Spring	NUR 402 Management of Client Care	2
	NUR 442 Management of Client Care Practicum	3
	NUR 407 Directed Study	4
	NUR 409 Evidence Based Practice	2

Delta State University Robert E. Smith School of Nursing
offers *quality education with a personal touch!*



For Future Consideration:

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING ONLINE PROGRAM

Nurse Administrator ▪ Nurse Educator ▪ Nurse Practitioner ▪ Post Master's Options

Nurse Practitioner Tracks: FNP Family Nurse Practitioner; GNP Gerontological Nurse Practitioner; PMHNP Psych Mental Health Nurse Practitioner with Adult or Family focus option

Full-time Study - 2 Years ▪ Part-time Study Available

Non-traditional Class & Clinical Schedule

- Online courses combined with strategically scheduled campus seminars
- Online classes feature frequent chat and discussion activities with other students and faculty
- Clinical learning opportunities *may* be scheduled in facilities and agencies *near* the student's home community with approval of faculty

The Master of Science in Nursing provides study beyond the Baccalaureate in Nursing. The role specialties are nurse administrator, nurse educator, and family nurse practitioner. Clinical specialties are adult and family.

In addition, the School of Nursing offers the gerontological and psychiatric mental health (adult and family) nurse practitioner programs of study through the Mississippi Education Consortium for Specialized Advanced Practice Nursing (MECSAPN). The mission of the MECSAPN is to serve the needs of the vulnerable populations for specialized healthcare by: providing advanced practice nursing leaders to improve access to quality health care and reduce health disparities in vulnerable populations; and, optimize access to specialized education for advanced nursing practice leaders. The aim of the MECSAPN is to provide an innovative, collaborative model of advanced specialized nursing education in Mississippi.

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