

last three months medically clearing the student prior to the start of fall classes, (3) a cleared background check, (4) a negative drug screen, and (5) current American Heart Association BLS CPR for healthcare professionals. In addition, Nursing students may be required to return to campus prior to the start of fall classes for orientation and certifications.

Nursing Program students are responsible for any additional expenses related to the physical exams and immunizations as well as other program related costs, including, but not limited to, clothing, transportation to clinical sites, or memberships.

Nursing Program students are required to complete all NUR courses with a grade of B- (80) to progress in the program.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Registered nurses provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members. Career opportunities can be found in a wide variety of areas including hospitals, physician offices, home healthcare services, nursing homes, and dialysis centers. The median pay for a registered nurse is \$68,450 per year, or \$32.91 per hour, but earning potential varies based on the education, experience, and the working environment for the nurse (*BLS.gov*).

THE BSN ADVANTAGE

Earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) immediately opens the gateway to an advanced degree in nursing, such as nurse practitioner (NP), nurse anesthetist nurse leader, or nurse educator. Merit-based salary

increases, clinical ladder progression, and promotions in most hospitals rely on the completion of a BSN. In fact, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing American Organization of Nurse Executives, American Nurses Association, and other leading nursing organizations recognize the BSN degree as the minimum educational requirement for professional nursing practice (*aacn.nche.edu*).

WHY CHOOSE MU NURSING?

- ◆ Outstanding faculty who are proven nurse educators
- ◆ Low student-to-faculty ratio
- ◆ A curriculum that includes NCLEX-RN predictive testing, as well as a face-to-face NCLEX review
- ◆ Access to state-of-the-art MU General Simulation Hospital and exposure to interdisciplinary group simulation experiences
- ◆ Diverse clinical education experiences
- ◆ The opportunity to consider athletics, Greek life, international and national cultural experiences, and membership in professional student nursing clubs (MU Student Nursing Association, National Student Nurses' Association, and Men in Nursing)

THE MU GENERAL SIMULATION HOSPITAL

The MU General Simulation Hospital is complete with an admitting/discharge area, pharmacy, triage, central distribution, two nurses stations, four critical care rooms, a pediatric ward, and a triage suite. Nursing students interact with life-sized, computerized "patients" – an infant, a 6 year old child, an expectant mother, and three adults – to learn and advance skills in patient care. Each clinical simulation experience exposes students to situations they will encounter in actual practice.



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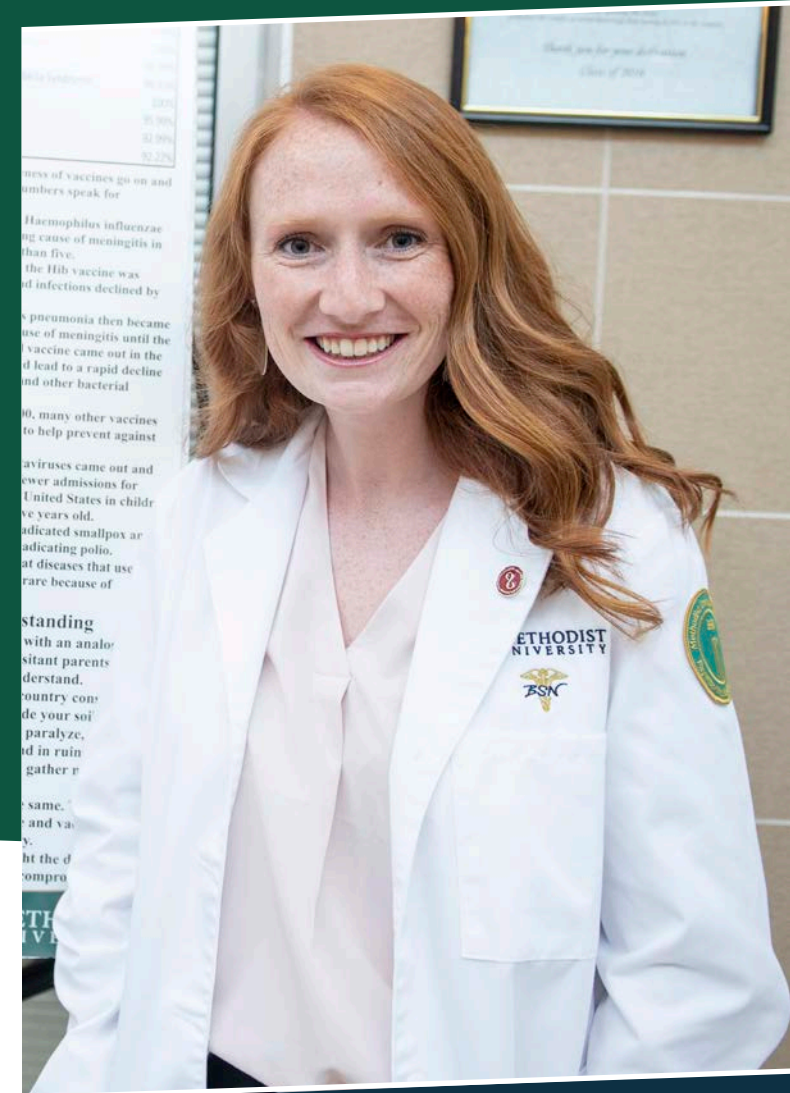
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JOURNEY

Methodist University students participate in an active, engaged classroom environment. They have the opportunity to pursue internships, workplace and community-based learning experiences, and student-faculty collaborative projects and research. Enriched by a community that values leadership, ethics and character development, MU students are exposed to diverse global and cultural perspectives. This journey empowers our graduates, preparing them for success in the workplace and graduate school.

[Engage. Enrich. *Empower.*]

Students in the MU BSN Program graduate with competencies in providing patient-centered care, working within interdisciplinary teams, employing evidence-based practice, applying quality improvement, utilizing informatics, and functioning in an environment of integrated processes within a global society. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse to become licensed as a registered nurse.

MISSION

The mission of the MU Nursing Program is to educate nursing students to be professional, competent, and caring nurses who can think critically, communicate with compassion, and contribute to positive health outcomes for the people they serve. This will be accomplished by providing a learning community of holism which promotes a partnership among administration, faculty, students, nurses, and community associates.

VISION

The MU Nursing Program will provide a learning community of holism which promotes a partnership among administration, faculty, students, nurses, and community associates.

GOALS

1. To provide the necessary education for entry-level nursing students to successfully achieve a B.S. in Nursing.
2. To prepare nursing students to pass the NCLEX-RN on their first attempt.
3. To prepare entry-level BSN graduates to contribute needed nursing talent in the face of a worldwide nursing shortage.
4. To prepare entry level registered nurses who sustain a career as a nurse past the national rate of RN attrition during year one of employment.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Methodist University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING | Suggested Four-Year Plan*

FRESHMAN (Pre-Nursing)

Fall	Spring
MUJ 1100	ENG 1020 or ENG 1040
ENG 1010	History
BIO 1530 (as Lib Arts)	Religion
MAT 1050 (or higher)	MAT 2200
CSC 1000	PSY 1010
Fine Arts Appreciation	ACL 1510
Library Competency	
18 Semester Hours	18 Semester Hours

JUNIOR (Nursing)**

Fall	Spring
MUJ 3300	NUR 3060
NUR 3000	NUR 3070
NUR 3010	NUR 3600
NUR 3040	HCA 3500
NUR 3110	
17 Semester Hours	18 Semester Hours

SOPHOMORE (Pre-Nursing)

Fall	Spring
MUJ 2200	BIO 2970
PNU 2030	BIO 2120 or BIO 3080
BIO 2110 or BIO 3060	WEL 2180
CHE 1510	Global Elective
IDS 2100	Literature (2000 & up)
HCA 2300	
16 Semester Hours	17 Semester Hours

SENIOR (Nursing)**

Fall	Spring
NUR 4020	NUR 4010
NUR 4060	NUR 4040
NUR 4070	NUR 4500
15 Semester Hours	15 Semester Hours

*Please note that this is a recommended sequence. Check the academic catalogue for course descriptions, prerequisites, and course availability for each semester.

**Requires formal admission to the Professional Nursing Studies Program (see admission criteria elsewhere in this brochure).

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING COURSES

- NUR 3000 Introduction to Nursing (3 s.h.)
- NUR 3010 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (3 s.h.)
- NUR 3040 Fundamental Nursing Care (6 s.h.)
- NUR 3060 Adult Health Nursing I (7 s.h.)
- NUR 3070 Community Health Nursing (5 s.h.)
- NUR 3110 Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing (4 s.h.)
- NUR 3600 Nursing Informatics (3 s.h.)
- NUR 4010 Research for Professional Nursing Practice (3 s.h.)
- NUR 4020 Nursing Leadership and Health Policy (3 s.h.)
- NUR 4040 Maternal Child Nursing (7 s.h.)
- NUR 4060 Adult Health Nursing II (7 s.h.)
- NUR 4070 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (5 s.h.)
- NUR 4500 Nursing Capstone Seminar (5 s.h.)
- HCA 3500 Economics and Finance of HCO (3 s.h.)

s.h. = semester hours

ADMISSION CRITERIA

1. Successful completion of the following Pre-nursing courses with a grade of “C” or higher (not C-): Nursing Notes, Medical Terminology, General Psychology, Statistics, General Chemistry I, two semesters of Anatomy & Physiology, and Microbiology.
2. Successful completion of the science courses A&P I, A&P II, and Microbiology with a “C” or higher (not C-) within the past five years.
3. Courses considered for admission to the Nursing Program must appear on the student’s Methodist University transcript.
4. Students may be considered for conditional acceptance to the Nursing Program with General Education core semester hours still outstanding. No more than three General Education core classes outstanding is recommended. All remaining General Education core requirements must be completed by the end of the summer semester prior to entering the senior year of nursing courses.
5. Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
6. Completion of the required nursing entrance exam.
7. Signed validation of the Nursing Program Essential Functions for Admission, Progression, and Graduation form.
8. Submission of a completed supplemental application to the Nursing Department by the advertised deadline with all required supporting documents.
9. Interview with the Nursing Program Admissions Committee.
10. Applicants to the Pre-Licensure B.S.N. Program must be current Methodist University students. Transfer students may be accepted but should read the section titled “Transfer Students” in the student nursing handbook. Transfer students may be accepted but should read the section titled “Transfer Students” in the student nursing handbook.

Following acceptance into the Nursing Program, all students must provide documentation of (1) required immunizations, (2) a physical exam occurring within the

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