

HEALTH SCIENCES CLINICAL AND MEDICAL SCIENCES/ MERCY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES (BSN)

Mercy College of Health Sciences offers an accelerated B.S.N. that can be completed in four years while students also complete the four-year B.S. at Drake University. This option provides the shortest time frame for health sciences students to complete a B.S.N. program while also earning a B.S. degree. Each institution grants its own degree with the degrees conferred at the same time so that students do not lose eligibility for certain forms of financial aid.

Mercy College's B.S.N. program is an accelerated curriculum that is completed following the third year of the health sciences program. Upon enrolling in B.S.N. courses, students complete five terms over three semesters (typically fall, spring and summer). During the nursing course work, students will learn about nursing using a concept-based approach that emphasizes nursing content across the life span and diverse acute care and community clinical settings. Graduates are prepared to assume roles involving leadership, education, research, and community health.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) (<http://www.aacnnursing.org/>) and has approval of the Iowa Board of Nursing (IBON) (<https://nursing.iowa.gov/nursing-education-programs/>). For more information on the Mercy B.S.N. program, click here (<http://www.mchs.edu/Academics/Academic-Programs/Nursing/Nursing-BSN/>).

Admission Requirements

1. A 2.25 GPA is required for admission to Mercy College. Admissions to Nursing program requires extracted 3.0 GPA in 8 courses.
2. Be currently enrolled in HSCI program.
3. Successful completion of all pre-requisite courses before starting the program.
4. Evidence of required immunizations.
5. Completion of compliance trainings
6. CPR certification for Health Professionals.
7. A completed background check.

Pre-requisite Requirements

- College Level Math (6 credits) MATH 050 CALCULUS I
- Upper level statistics course HSCI 060 STATISTICS IN HEALTH SCIENCES
- BIO 103 MICROBIOLOGY/BIO 103L MICROBIOLOGY LAB - Microbiology and Lab
- FYS and Written Communication AOI (Composition)
- HSCI 125 MEDICAL PHYSIOLOGY/HSCI 125L PHYSIOLOGY LAB - Medical Physiology and Lab
- HSCI 141 HUMAN ANATOMY/HSCI 141L HUMAN ANATOMY LAB - Human Anatomy and Lab
- PHAR 126 PRINCIPLES OF NUTRITION - Principles of Nutrition
- PSY 001 INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY - Introduction to Psychology

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
BIO 012 & 012L	GENERAL/PRE-PROFESSIONAL BIOLOGY I and GENERAL/PRE-PROFESSIONAL BIOLOGY I LAB	4
BIO 013 & 013L	GENERAL/PRE-PROFESSIONAL BIOLOGY II and GENERAL/PRE-PROFESSIONAL BIOLOGY II LAB	4
BIO 103	MICROBIOLOGY	3
BIO 103L	MICROBIOLOGY LAB	2
CHEM 001 & CHEM 003	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I and GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LAB	4
CHEM 002 & CHEM 004	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II and GENERAL CHEMISTRY II LAB	4
Select one of the following:		3
ECON 002	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	
HSCI 102	PRINCIPLES OF HEALTH ECONOMICS	
FYS 0--	First Year Seminar	3
HSCI 020	INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH SCIENCES	2
HSCI 021	PROFESSIONALISM IN HEALTH CARE	2
HSCI 025	INTRODUCTION TO US HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS	3
HSCI 055	INNOVATION AND LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH SCIENCES	3
Select one of the following:		3
HSCI 060	STATISTICS IN HEALTH SCIENCES	
STAT 060	STATISTICS FOR THE LIFE SCIENCES	
HSCI 095	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	1
HSCI 105	VALUES AND ETHICS IN HEALTH SCIENCES	3
HSCI 106	CULTURE CARE AND HEALTH LITERACY	3
Select one of the following:		4
HSCI 125 & 125L	MEDICAL PHYSIOLOGY and PHYSIOLOGY LAB	
BIO 129 & 129L	MAMMALIAN PHYSIOLOGY and MAMMALIAN PHYSIOLOGY LAB	
PHAR 125	PHYSIOLOGY	
HSCI 141 & 141L	HUMAN ANATOMY and HUMAN ANATOMY LAB	4
HSCI 172	EVALUATING RESEARCH	3
MATH 050	CALCULUS I	3
PSY 001	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	4
Electives		26
Mercy College Bachelor of Sciences in Nursing Coursework		29
Total Hours		120

Program Notes

3+1 BSN students at Mercy College will complete all remaining credits required for completion of their health sciences major through their nursing coursework. Students will be required to send an official transcript to the Drake University Office of the Registrar to apply their transfer coursework to the health sciences major requirements. A minimum of 124 total hours will be required to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from Drake University. Degrees from Drake University and Mercy College will be conferred at the same time. This may result in total program hours higher than 120.

Should students not complete their coursework at Mercy College and decide to return to Drake University, they will no longer be eligible for their Drake tuition guarantee. They will be responsible for the current University tuition rate.

For all dual programs where students do not take HSCI 155, HSCI 156, HSCI 196, and HSCI 197, a maximum of 30 graduate credits will be applied to the bachelor's degree. For all dual programs where students do take HSCI 155, HSCI 156, HSCI 196, and HSCI 197, a maximum of 18 credits will be applied.