

YOUR COURSES

PREREQUISITES

Answering the Call to Nursing
Medical Terminology
Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry I
Basic Microbiology (Co-Reg)
Human Anatomy
Oral Communication
Introduction to Chemistry
Writing Course
Introductory Psychology
Developmental Psychology
Introduction to Sociology

NURSING CORE

Nursing Skills for the Journey
Pharmacotherapeutics
Holistic Human Assessment
Disease Paths
Pathways to Professional Nursing
Essentials of Nutrition
Beginnings: Maternal Newborn Nursing
Challenges Along the Journey: Nursing Interventions for Clients with Mental Illness
Challenges Along the Journey: Interventions for Core Body Systems Alterations
Challenges Along the Journey: Intervention for Alterations in Regulatory and Protective Mechanisms
Professional Preparation
Integrating Journey: Complex Concepts & Clinical Immersion
Population Based Nursing
Professional Aspects of Nursing

OVERVIEW

Mount Mercy University's **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** is one of the longest-established and most recognized baccalaureate nursing programs in Iowa.

Our nursing majors today are the **outstanding caregivers, community heroes, and leaders of tomorrow.**

Mount Mercy offers high-quality, integrated theoretical nursing content, clinical lab simulation, and hands-on experience. Our full-time nursing faculty are recognized as the **best in their field.** Nurses from local hospitals and agencies also serve as professors bringing their real-world experience from the bedside into the classroom.

Our **proven legacy** of educating nurses for professional roles prepares Mount Mercy's nursing graduates to achieve a NCLEX-RN national exam pass rate **above the national average.**

Through service and internship opportunities in local hospitals (Mercy Medical Center and UnityPoint–St. Luke's Hospital), with community clinics, and home health, students work directly with a diverse population in the rapidly-changing health care arena.

FAST FACTS

- One of the largest nursing programs in Iowa.
- Part of the new Martin-Herold College of Nursing & Health
- Program approved by the **Iowa Board of Nursing** and accredited by the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.**
- Three years of hands-on nursing education and clinical experience beginning sophomore year.
- **On-campus simulation and cadaver lab** for skills practice and clinical.
- **MMUANS** club is active on campus, volunteers around the Cedar Rapids Community, and attends both state and national level conferences each year.

**IOWA'S
BEST**

— college —

Named Iowa's Best
College for Your Money by
Time's MONEY magazine.

**ONE OF THE
HIGHEST IN
THE STATE**

— passing rate —

on the NCLEX-RN
(first time test takers)



"At Mount Mercy, my advisor and mentors have encouraged me to define my career goals in the abstract, and then build my career trajectory around those terms."

— Tessa Friason '16
Registered Nurse

PeaceHealth, Vancouver, Washington
Intern, Centers for Disease Control
Undergraduate Public Scholars

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A NURSING DEGREE?

Popular career choices include staff nurse, advanced practice nurse, nurse educator and nurse administrators. Our graduates have gone on to work regionally and nationally:

- UnityPoint, St. Luke's Hospital | Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Mercy Medical Center | Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics | Iowa City, Iowa
- Mayo Clinic | Rochester, Minnesota
- University of Wisconsin Hospital | Madison, Wisconsin
- Veterans Administration Medical Center | Iowa City, Iowa
- CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center | Omaha, Nebraska

In addition to our traditional BSN program, Mount Mercy also offers **RN to BSN online** and an **accelerated program**.

Our **Masters of Science in Nursing** expands opportunities beyond a bachelor's degree with tracks in health advocacy, nursing education, nursing administration, nursing informatics, and forensic nursing.



INTERNSHIPS

Nursing majors have opportunities to apply classroom education in the real-world through clinicals and internships. Mount Mercy has partnerships with a variety of clinical environments, enabling students to **practice direct patient care**.

Past students have interned with agencies such as:

- Mercy Medical Center
- UnityPoint Health St. Luke's Hospital
- VA Medical Center
- Mayo Clinic, Rochester
- University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

Students have also interned with agencies that provide rehabilitation, home care, long-term care, school nursing, and clinic nursing.

YEAR ONE

FALL TERM		WINTER TERM		SPRING TERM	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry.....	3	Core Domain.....	3	Basic Microbiology.....	4.5
Intro to Chemistry.....	3			OR Oral Communication.....	3
Writing Competency.....	4			Developmental Psychology.....	3
Portal Course.....	3			Human Anatomy.....	4.5
Intro to Psychology.....	3			Medical Terminolog.....	1
TOTAL	16		3	Answering the Call to Nursing.....	1.5
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OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Students must maintain a C or above in all nursing courses, and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- Students must meet requirements for the application process including completing prerequisites, proof of CPR, physical exam and immunization records, health insurance, CNA course completion, Mandatory Reporter Certification, and background check.



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