



# Nursing Dual Enrollment Program Option

## **What is Dual Enrollment?**

The MSU Denver Dual Enrollment pathway allows students to complete some credits towards a BSN while they are completing required pre-requisites and ADN nursing courses at a Community College.

## **How do I become a Dual Enrollment Student?**

1. Apply to both MSU Denver (as an undeclared nursing major) and one of the Community Colleges listed online at <http://www.msudenver.edu/nursing/programinformation/dualenrollment/>. Send any transcripts from all previous institutions to MSU Denver for evaluation. (Please note: applications to nursing programs are separate from applications to the institutions).
2. Attend a nursing information session at the community college, if required/desired.
3. Complete the attached Intent to Dual Enroll form and return to Community College Nursing Department.
4. Contact the MSU Denver Dual Enrollment Coordinator to determine course choices/plans.

## **How many courses will transfer to MSU Denver?**

MSU Denver now accepts **80 credits** of transfer courses from 2-year institutions for students pursuing their BSN through the Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Completion Option (BRNCO) program. This means that all MSU Denver general studies requirements can be taken at your community college in addition to all nursing prerequisites and courses. Community College Nursing courses will transfer in as a block of 30 credits.

## **Are my MSU Denver Nursing Courses online?**

The BRNCO curriculum is offered online, with the exception of 180 clinical/project hours completed in two courses. Clinical/project hours can be completed in your community and you do not need to come to Denver to complete them.

## **Do I need to complete my ADN before beginning MSU Denver Nursing courses?**

No. As a Dual Enrollment student, you may begin MSU Denver Nursing courses after you have completed 2 semesters of ADN coursework, as well as the written communication, oral communication, and statistics requirements. You will be able to complete the first four courses in the BRNCO course sequence (NUR 3100, NUR 3800, NUR 3150, NUR 3700). Progression to the remainder of the course sequence is dependent on ADN completion and RN licensure.

## **How long does it take to get my BSN?**

Based on a fall semester start at your community college, the fastest route to your BSN will take 11 semesters, or about 3.5 years. We understand that not all students may follow this plan or keep this pace, and we are happy to work with you to create a plan that meets your needs.

## **How much does it cost?**

Please see the attached tuition and fee schedule for cost information for MSU Denver. Students pay per credit for up to 12 credits, with no additional cost for up to 18 credits.

## **Is there a part time option?**

Yes, students can complete the BRNCO program part time. Students would take 2 courses per semester for 5 semesters. Speak with the Dual Enrollment Coordinator about course planning for part time enrollment.

## Application, Admission, and Graduation

### What are the admission requirements for the BRNCO Program?

Upon completion of your Dual Enrollment Intent form, you will be granted a provisional acceptance to the MSU Denver BRNCO program. Before beginning the program, you must also complete the BRNCO application form, located on the MSU Denver nursing website. Progression to clinical courses is contingent upon completion of your ADN and achieving your RN license.

### How do I apply to the BRNCO program?

- Send **official** transcripts from **all** colleges attended directly to: Metropolitan State University of Denver, Office of Admissions and Records, Campus Box 16, P.O. Box 173362, Denver, CO 80217-3362.
- Complete the BRNCO application at [www.msudenver.edu/nursing](http://www.msudenver.edu/nursing) and submit to the Department of Nursing. Additional copies (unofficial acceptable) of transcripts from all colleges attended, a personal essay, and resume must be submitted with the BRNCO application.

### When do I apply?

Dual Enrollment students can apply to the BRNCO program as early as their second semester of ADN coursework OR the semester before they intend to begin BSN courses.

### When can I start?

MSU Denver offers Fall, Spring, and Summer semester start options for BRNCO coursework. Please note, availability of start options will be dependent on number of interested students.

### What is required to graduate from MSU Denver with a BSN?

- A minimum of 120 credit hours which includes 40 credits of upper division coursework.
- All university requirements for General Studies, Multicultural Course, Global Diversity, and Senior Experience.
- One of the following statistics courses: MTH 1210 or PSY 2310.
- All required nursing courses in the BRNCO curriculum.
- Elective credits as needed to meet 120 credits for graduation.

### What else do I need to know?

In addition to academic requirements, MSU Denver Department of Nursing requires other information for students offered admission. This includes drug screening and criminal background checks and may include immunization records, CPR certification, identification requirements, and registration with a compliance tracking system.

### Questions and advising for Dual Enrollment or the BRNCO (RN to BSN) program:

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# Sample Dual Enrollment Course Sequence Guide: Community College and Metropolitan State University of Denver

Location	Course #	Course Name	CR.
<b>Prerequisites - Fall</b>			
CC	BIO 111	General Bio I	5
CC	PSY 101	Intro to Psych	3
CC	ENG 121	English Composition I	3
CC	MAT 103	Math for Clinical Calculations	3

<b>Prerequisites - Spring</b>			
CC or MSU	ENG 122	English Composition II	3
CC	BIO 201	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
CC	PSY 235	Human Growth and Development	3
CC	HWE 100	Nutrition	3
CC or MSU	COM 115 or 125	Public Speaking/Interpersonal Comm.	3

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<b>Semester 1 - Summer</b>			
CC or MSU	Social/Behavioral Science I	See Dual Enrollment Coordinator	3
CC or MSU	Historical	See Dual Enrollment Coordinator	3
CC or MSU	Arts and Humanities	See Dual Enrollment Coordinator	3

<b>Semester 2 - Fall</b>			
CC	BIO 202	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
CC	MAT 135	Intro to Statistics	3
CC	NUR 109	Fundamentals of Nursing	6
CC	NUR 112	Basic concepts of Pharmacology	2

Location	Course #	Course Name	CR.
<b>Semester 3 - Spring</b>			
CC	BIO 204	Microbiology	4
CC	NUR 150	Maternal Child Nursing	6
CC	NUR 106	Med-Surg Nursing Concepts	7
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<b>Semester 4 - Summer</b>			
MSU	NUR 3100	Transitions in Nursing	3
MSU	NUR 3800	Advances in Clinical Practice	3
MSU	NUR 3150	Introduction to Gerontology Nursing	3
MSU	NUR 3700	Health Assessment	3

<b>Semester 5 - Fall</b>			
CC	BIO 216	Pathophysiology	4
CC	NUR 206	Advanced Concepts of Med/Surg Nursing I	6.5
CC	NUR 211	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	4
CC	NUR 212	Pharmacology II	2

<b>Semester 6 - Spring</b>			
CC	NUR 216	Advanced Concepts of Med/Surg Nursing II	5
CC	NUR 230	Transition to Professional Nursing	4
CC or MSU	Arts/Humanities	See Dual Enrollment Coordinator	3

**Complete ADN, Pass NCLEX**

Based on Fall start. For spring start, please see Dual Enrollment Coordinator for assistance.

Example of fastest program completion plan. Students should work with Dual Enrollment Coordinator to customize plan to fit with their needs.

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MSU Denver Nursing Course

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Semester 7 - Summer			
MSU	Upper Division Coursework	1-2 courses	4

Semester 8 - Fall			
MSU	NUR 3400	Nursing Research	3
MSU	NUR 4000	Community Health Nursing *	6
MSU	NUR 4150	Ethics	3

Semester 9 - Spring			
MSU	NUR 4300	Leadership and Management	4
MSU	NUR 4850	Nursing Senior Experience *	5
MSU	Healthcare Elective		3

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\*Clinical/Project Courses

This course sequence guide is not intended to replace academic advising. Please work with Christine Amoresano Gallagher, Dual Enrollment Coordinator, to ensure you are taking the correct courses. 303-352-7371. camoresa@msudenver.edu