

# Nursing: BSN

## Where can you go with a Nursing Degree?

A degree in Nursing can take your career in many directions. Most students choose to enter the workforce right after graduation, and many continue their education after a few years in the workforce. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for a career as a(n): Registered Nurse, Public Health Nurse, Forensic Nurse, Health Services Administrator, Licensed School Nurse, Long Term Care Administrator, Nurse Informaticist.

### First Year

#### Academics

- Start taking LASC coursework as well as pre-requisite Nursing courses and set academic goals.
- Need a little help in your classes? Look into [tutoring with the Academic Success Center](#).
- Learn study skills by connecting with your pre-nursing advisor.

#### On-Campus Experience

- Sign up to participate in the [Nursing Learning Community](#).
- Explore major and interest-related student organizations like the [Student Nursing Organization](#).

#### Connect to the Community

- Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations such as [Sanford Health, Essentia Health](#), or one of the area's senior living communities.
- Attend on-campus Employer Visits as often as possible. Make sure to engage with the representatives and collect contact information to follow up.

#### Understand Your Career

- Start researching potential career paths on [O\\*Net](#). Here, you can find valuable information, including typical tasks associated with the profession, the skills and knowledge required, the necessary education and licensures, wages and employment trends, professional organizations, and related occupations. Search for careers such as [Registered Nurse](#).

### Second Year

#### Academics

- Take a deeper dive into the discipline of Nursing.
- Schedule an appointment with a Career Coach to discuss how to connect your academics to your future career.
- Stay connected with your assigned academic advisor.

#### On-Campus Experience

- Find an on-campus job or begin your leadership journey by applying for a student leadership position. Visit [Handshake](#) to see open positions.
- Find time to participate in events and activities. See a list of upcoming opportunities in [DragonCentral](#).

#### Connect to the Community

- Volunteer or explore part-time jobs in the healthcare field at one of the area's clinics, hospitals, or senior living communities.
- Attend on-campus Employer Visits as often as possible. Make sure to engage with the representatives and collect contact information to follow up.

#### Understand Your Career

- Schedule an appointment with the [Career Development Center](#) for career planning to learn how to make the most of your time here at MSUM.

## Third Year

### Academics

- Prepare for the National Council Licensure Examination.
- Look into the graduation checklist and ensure you submit your application for graduation on time and complete the graduate follow-up survey, letting us know your career or continuing education plans.

### On-Campus Experience

- Continue your leadership journey by running for an officer position in a student organization or consider getting involved in student senate.
- Explore becoming a [\*\*student tutor or learning assistant\*\*](#).

### Connect to the Community

- Join the [\*\*American Nurses Association\*\*](#) to foster professional development.

### Understand Your Career

- [\*\*Attend professional development-related events\*\*](#) on campus, and connect with faculty to learn more about the field and gain insights on how to be successful in your job search.
- Find an internship or part-time job with a local or regional company or organization to learn the ins and outs of your chosen career. Prepare for the application & interview process by working with the [\*\*Career Development Center\*\*](#).

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### What skills will you need?

To be successful in the world of Nursing, you will need the following skills: Clinical Reasoning, Critical Thinking, Communication, Compassion, Detail Oriented, Emotional Intelligence, Ethics, Judgement, Physical Stamina, Prioritization, Team Player, Resiliency, and Work-Life Balance.

Thankfully, through coursework, on-campus involvement, part-time employment, and internships, you will be well-prepared for life after graduation.