

Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Completion Option

Metropolitan State University of Denver's **B**accalaureate **R**egistered **N**urse **C**ompletion **O**ption (**BRNCO**) is an RN to BS program, is exclusively online, and is designed for two distinct types of students who wish to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

1. Students who have graduated from an associate degree or diploma nursing program.
 - a. These students must have a current unencumbered RN License in their state of residence prior to beginning the first nursing course in the BRNCO program.
 - b. Students will be required to submit a copy of their RN license when applying to the BRNCO program.
2. Students who are currently enrolled in a nationally accredited Associate Degree in Nursing program.
 - a. These students must obtain their RN license before taking the course, NUR 4020 Population Health Nursing Practicum.
 - b. Students must provide proof of current enrollment in an associate degree in nursing program when applying to the BRNCO program.

Students may begin BRNCO courses in Spring, Summer, or Fall semesters, dependent on sufficient enrollment. Please contact Jill Todd with questions or for assistance: jtodd32@msudenver.edu.

First Step: Apply to MSU Denver

Interested students must first apply and be accepted to MSU Denver.

- <https://www.msudenver.edu/apply/>
- Apply as a degree-seeking student and choose the major 'UNN' (Undeclared Nursing Interest).

Official transcript(s) of all previous college level courses including AP scores must be submitted.

- To submit your transcripts: <https://www.msudenver.edu/admissions/sendit/>
- Students may transfer up to 80 credit hours into the BRNCO program.
- For questions, contact: transcripteval@msudenver.edu.

Next Step: Apply to the BRNCO Program

Complete the online **BRNCO Application**. If you are unable to use the link above, you can find the application through the “APPLY NOW” button on the website: www.msudenver.edu/online/rn-to-bs/, or email jtodd32@msudenver.edu to request the link.

1. A personal essay and resume must be submitted with the BRNCO application.
2. Applications are reviewed by the Nursing Admissions Committee, and students are notified by email approximately one week after application is received.
3. The priority application deadlines for the BRNCO program are:
 - December 1st (Spring Start)
 - May 1st (Summer Start)
 - August 1st (Fall Start)

Applications received after the deadline will be accepted on a space-available basis. Students should also be aware of MSU Denver Admissions Application Deadlines, which are found on the <https://www.msudenver.edu/apply/> webpage.

Note: for out-of-state students, please contact jtodd32@msudenver.edu to confirm that we are allowed to teach in your state since some states have restrictions.

BRNCO Program Admission Requirements

1. Paperwork and an online orientation with the Department of Nursing is required before beginning nursing courses. Information will be provided after acceptance.
2. Applicants must successfully pass a criminal background check and a drug screen prior to full admission. The drug screen will test for controlled substances, including marijuana and marijuana derivatives. Re-testing is not allowed. Students may need to meet additional requirements for the department including immunization records and CPR certification. Students are responsible for the cost of these additional requirements.
3. All applicants must have completed 6 credits of written communication, 3 credits of oral communication and 3 credits of Statistics by the end of their first semester in the BRNCO program.
4. To check if your courses will transfer to MSU Denver as equivalent courses, please access: <https://www.msudenver.edu/admissions/transfer-toolbox/>
5. An advising appointment is **strongly recommended** to review previous coursework, discuss onboarding steps, and answer your questions. If you are not contacted, you request an appointment: jtodd32@msudenver.edu.

BRNCO Curriculum

All BRNCO courses are **8 weeks** long including summer terms.

NUR 3120 Introduction to Exemplary Professional Practice - must take first
NUR 3770 Care Coordination of Acute and Chronic Disease Management
NUR 3810 Multicultural Care of Patients and Their Families
NUR 3160 Nursing Ethics and Professional Nursing Practice
NUR 3400 Evidence-Based Practice Through Nursing Research
NUR 4040 Quality Care & Patient Safety Using Nursing Informatics
NUR 4310 Transformational Nursing Leadership
NUR 4010 Population Health Nursing
NUR 4020 Population Health Nursing Practicum (includes 45 project hours)
NUR 4860 Culmination of the Magnet Journey: Nursing Senior Capstone

There is some flexibility in course order provided you follow these sequencing requirements.

- Students must have successfully completed English 2 and Statistics before taking NUR 3400 EBP.
- Any needed General Studies courses should be taken as they fit into your schedule.
- These courses **must** be taken in order:
 - NUR 3120 Exemplary Practice
 - NUR 3400 Evidence-Based Practice (may be taken with NUR 3120)
 - NUR 4040 Informatics
 - NUR 4310 Transformational Leadership
 - NUR 4860 Senior Capstone
- These courses may be taken at any time during the program:
 - NUR 3160 Ethics
 - NUR 3810 Multicultural Care
 - NUR 3770 Care Coordination
- You **must** submit a copy of your RN license **before** taking 4020 Pop Health Practicum.

Courses offered per semester (8w1 or 8w2):

Fall	Spring	Summer
NUR 3120 Exp Practice (8w1)	NUR 3120 Exp Practice (8w1)	NUR 3400 EBP
NUR 3400 EBP (8w1)	NUR 3400 EBP (8w1)	NUR 3810 Multicultural
NUR 3160 Ethics (8w2)	NUR 3160 Ethics (8w2)	NUR 4040 Informatics
NUR 4040 Informatics (8w1)	NUR 4040 Informatics (8w1)	NUR 4860 Sr. Capstone
NUR 3810 Multicultural (8w2)	NUR 3770 Care Coord (8w2)	
NUR 4310 Leadership (8w1)	NUR 4010 Pop Health (8w1)	
NUR 4860 Sr. Capstone (8w2)	NUR 4020 Pop Health Pract (8w2)	

** This schedule is subject to change. Please check with your advisor each semester. **

Notes about course offerings: NUR 3770 Care Coordination, NUR 4010 Pop Health and NUR 4020 Pop Health Practicum are **ONLY** offered spring semester. NUR 4310 Leadership is **ONLY** offered fall semester.

We recommend that students complete the BRNCO program on a part-time basis, taking one course each 8 weeks. Students may accelerate their courses to complete the program more quickly. Please talk with an advisor or email jtodd32@msudenver.edu for assistance.

Cost and Financial Aid

The **estimated** and **approximated** tuition and fees for the BRNCO program, nursing courses only:

In-State Students with COF*	\$11,000
In-State Students without COF*	\$14,000
WICHE-WUE State Students**	\$19,000

*COF is Colorado's College Opportunity Fund: <https://www.msudenver.edu/college-opportunity-fund/>

**WICHE-WUE states: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, ND, OR, SD, UT, WA.

<https://www.msudenver.edu/admissions/residency/wichewue/>

MSU Denver's tuition and fees table: <https://www.msudenver.edu/cost/>

MSU Denver Financial Aid (including general scholarships): <https://www.msudenver.edu/financial-aid/>

Scholarships for Online MSU Denver Students: <https://www.msudenver.edu/online/scholarships/>

Requirements for Graduation

To graduate with a bachelor's degree from MSU Denver, you must meet the following requirements.

- A minimum of 120 credit hours which includes 40 credits of upper division coursework.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher for all coursework.
- University General Studies requirements, which may be completed at or transferred to MSU Denver. For more information, please visit: <https://www.msudenver.edu/general-studies/>
- University requirements for Multicultural Course and Senior Experience.
 - The BRNCO program curriculum includes a Multicultural course
 - Senior Experience must be taken at MSU Denver
- All required nursing courses in the BRNCO curriculum.
- For academic residency requirements, completion of either:
 - a minimum of 30 semester hours of academic credit applicable to the degree at MSU Denver, **including the last 12 semester hours applicable to the degree**
 - a minimum of 45 semester hours applicable to the degree at MSU Denver
- Apply for Graduation the semester prior to completing coursework.

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The Nursing Program at Metropolitan State University of Denver is accredited by:
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The Colorado Board of Nursing approves the MSU Denver Nursing program.