



# 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 or MSU Denver, depending on institution.
4. Contact the MSU Denver Nursing Program Specialist to determine course choices/plans.

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

MSU Denver 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 program is offered online, with the exception of 180 clinical/project hours completed in two courses. 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 at any time during the ADN program, as long as you have completed the written communication, oral communication, and statistics prerequisite requirements. You **do** need to complete the BRNCO program application process to start BSN courses. You will be able to complete the first 6 courses in the BRNCO course sequence (NUR 3100, NUR 3800, NUR 3150, NUR 3700, NUR 3400, NUR 4150). 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?**

At fastest progression, you can complete your BSN 1 year after completing the ADN. We understand that not all students may follow this plan or keep this pace, and we are happy to work with you to create an individual plan.

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

Please see the online 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 MSU Denver Nursing Advisor 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 online 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 the semester before they begin 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, 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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