

## MSU Denver and Community College of Aurora Nursing Information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in earning your BSN with MSU Denver. As a CCA student, you may have multiple options for completing a BSN with us and this document is intended to help you determine your preferred option and your next steps. We encourage each student to consider timing, cost, and flexibility, among other things, when looking into programs for BSN completion. Students may also consider applying to multiple program types to keep options open. Nursing is an incredibly competitive field and it is important to explore all options and be aware of program admission criteria.

### Nursing Dual Enrollment Pathway

- Intended for students pursuing an **Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN)** at a partner community college, with the plan to **bridge to the BSN at MSU Denver** through the BRNCO (RN to BSN) program while Dual Enrolled
- **CCA does not offer an ADN program or a Dual Enrollment partnership with MSU Denver**; students will need to transfer to a community college that offers these programs and then officially Dual Enroll with MSU Denver
  - Students should consider ADN admission criteria and transfer limits when deciding when to transfer
- Prior to transfer, students may contact the Nursing Program Specialist for advising assistance related to the BSN completion at MSU Denver. This advising will include additional courses required for a BSN that the student may not otherwise complete in an ADN program.
  - The goal is to ensure students are transferring to MSU Denver with as many credits as possible, but without taking unnecessary courses and wasting valuable time and money
- Students completing an ADN program will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX exam to earn an RN license. Once the student completes the BRNCO program with MSU Denver, the student will earn a BSN.
- BRNCO courses are mostly online and students will not need to attend courses on the MSU Denver campus.
- Students who Dual Enroll are granted provisional acceptance to the BRNCO program, pending completion of BSN prerequisites and ADN coursework.

### **Traditional Nursing Option (TNO)**

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- Intended for students pursuing a first bachelor's degree.
- Student would transfer from CCA to MSU Denver in order to apply for the TNO Program.
  - Students should consider MSU Denver Nursing criteria for acceptance when deciding when to transfer, including points given to students with 30+ MSU credits.
  - Students should also be aware of MSU Denver restrictions on transfer credits.
- 24 students accepted into program during Fall Semester for a Spring Semester program start.
- Program is full time, on campus, 4 semesters long with summers off.
- Students who are accepted and successfully complete the TNO program will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX Exam to earn an RN license, and will complete the program with a BSN.

### **Accelerated Nursing Option (ANO)**

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- Intended for students pursuing a second bachelor's degree.
- Student would transfer from CCA to MSU Denver in order to apply for the ANO Program.
  - Students should consider MSU Denver Nursing criteria for acceptance when deciding when to transfer.
  - Students should also be aware of MSU Denver restrictions on transfer credits.
- 48 students accepted into program during Fall Semester for a Spring Semester program start.
- Program is full time, on campus, 17 months long and include a summer.
- Students who are accepted and successfully complete the ANO program will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX Exam to earn an RN license, and will complete the program with a BSN.