



# ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

*Mennonite College of Nursing*

**Illinois State University's Mennonite College of Nursing offers an online RN/B.S.N. program. The following information includes the admission requirements, application process and contact information.**

**For additional information, visit our Web site at**

**[Nursing.IllinoisState.edu/RN-BSN/](https://Nursing.IllinoisState.edu/RN-BSN/)**

## **Why get your B.S.N.?**

Here are the top reasons to consider pursuing a B.S.N.:

- Increases your career mobility and marketability
- Positions you as a leader at the bedside and beyond
- Prepares you for graduate school
- Equips you with critical skills for Magnet certification and Institute of Medicine (IOM) expectations

## **Admission Requirements**

Registered Nurses who wish to return to school to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree must:

- Be a graduate from a state-approved diploma school of nursing or an associate degree nursing program.
- Be licensed as a registered nurse in the current state of residence (at the time of admission and not at the time of application). Note—Those students who are completing their ADN Program with intentions of graduating in a May term must receive notification that they passed their Nursing Licensure Exam in order to start the RN to B.S.N. sequence at MCN in the fall.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Cumulative GPA refers to all courses completed that have generated college credit.
- Have completed (at the time of admission and not at the time of application) a specified portion of the Illinois Transferable General Education Program and the Mennonite College of Nursing prerequisite courses with a minimum of 55 total credit hours earned OR Have completed (at the time of admission and not at the time of application) an Associate's Degree in Arts or Science with all Mennonite College of Nursing prerequisite courses completed.
- Complete the following courses or equivalents with a grade of C or better prior to the start of the fall semester (and not at the time of application):
  1. Chemistry - CHE 110/112 or 140
  2. Statistics - ECO/GEO/POS/PSY 138 or MQM 100 or Math 150
  3. General Psychology - PSY 110
  4. Lifespan Development - PSY 213
  5. Microbiology- BSC 160
  6. Anatomy and Physiology I - BSC 181
  7. Anatomy and Physiology II - BSC 182
  8. Nutrition - FCS 102

(NOTE: Transfer students may refer to [Transferring to Illinois State](#) for information relating to prerequisite courses taken at a college/ University other than Illinois State)

- Hold an unencumbered licensure in every state in which the student holds a license
- Meet health and safety compliance requirements, to include drug testing, a criminal background check, a physical examination, and several immunizations. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in dismissal from the major.
- Consider completing an approved Illinois State global studies course prior to admission into Nursing. Although this course may be completed following admission, earlier completion will allow for a reduced workload upon entrance. Students with an earned Bachelor's Degree in another discipline upon admission are EXEMPT from this requirement. Approved global studies courses may be found in the [Illinois State University Undergraduate Catalog](#).

## Retention in the Major

RN to BSN students admitted to the major as a sophomore must:

- Maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA to remain in the major.
- Obtain a C or better in all nursing courses; dismissal from the major will result when a student receives a grade of less than C in any two nursing courses or twice for the same course.
- Maintain consecutive fall-spring enrollment at the university. Any student who has not been enrolled in ISU coursework for more than one fall or spring semester or who has been academically dismissed from the major must reapply to the major. Readmission will be granted on a selective basis.

Those students who are dismissed from the major will be changed to "Undeclared" major status.

## Application Process

Applications for the online RN to BSN Sequence may be submitted by all CURRENT Illinois State students AND all students not currently attending Illinois State University within one year of anticipated nursing admission. **If a student plans on starting the nursing sequence in Fall 2016, she or he may complete an application between September 1, 2015 and March 15, 2016.**

Official academic transcripts should be sent to the ISU Office of Admissions, Campus Box 2200, Normal, Illinois 61790-2200.

## Students Currently Attending Illinois State University must:

- Complete a Mennonite College of Nursing admission application via iCampus portal at [www.ilstu.edu](http://www.ilstu.edu) by clicking on the "Academics" link.
- Submit a [Reference Form](#) from a current employer or nursing instructor.
- Submit a resume to include: education, certifications, professional/ community memberships or committee involvement, mentoring/ precepting experience, awards, description of non-student based work experience, and scope of responsibility associated with employment positions
- Submit a 2-page maximum, double-spaced essay as follows: Please describe your rationale for pursuing an advanced degree at this time and the circumstances that may affect an admission decision.

*(This is your opportunity to discuss how you have impacted the field of nursing in a way that statistics cannot.)*

## Transfer Students NOT Currently Attending Illinois State University must:

- Complete the [RN-B.S.N. Reference Form](#).
- Complete an [Illinois State University Admission Application](#).
- Submit a [Reference Form](#) from a current employer or nursing instructor.
- Submit a resume to include: education, certifications, professional/ community memberships or committee involvement, mentoring/ precepting experience, awards, description of non-student based work experience, and scope of responsibility associated with employment positions
- Submit a 2-page maximum, double-spaced essay as follows: Please describe your rationale for pursuing an advanced degree at this time and the circumstances that may affect an admission decision.

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## Health and Safety Compliance Requirements for enrollment in Illinois State University's Mennonite College of Nursing programs

Prior to enrolling in nursing coursework students must meet health and safety compliance requirements, to include drug testing, a criminal background check, a physical examination, and several immunizations. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in dismissal from the program.

**Tuition Rates** - For the current tuition rates, please visit [StudentAccounts.IllinoisState.edu/Tuition](http://StudentAccounts.IllinoisState.edu/Tuition)

**Advising** - All Online RN to B.S.N. students are advised by:

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