MISSION

The mission of the Siena Heights University Nursing Program is to educate prospective and practicing nurses in the art and science of nursing. Based upon a liberal arts foundation, the faculty and students collaborate in a dynamic teaching and learning environment that embraces caring, diversity, and creativity. Siena Heights University nurses strive to continually become more competent, purposeful, and ethical in all interactions with individuals, groups, and communities while providing health care. Respectful of the dignity and worth of all people, Siena Heights University nurses are prepared to provide high-quality nursing care in ever-changing health care systems.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE COMPLETION

The Siena Heights University Nursing Program is modeled after Florence Nightingale’s Christian spirit of service and compassion. In fact, the Adrian Dominican Sisters, the congregation who founded Siena Heights, first arrived in Michigan in the 19th century to establish a hospital for injured railroad workers and the poor. Siena Heights is both honoring its past and looking to the future in establishing nursing.

As a Catholic institution in that Dominican tradition, we believe in the dignity and worth of every human being. That philosophy is embedded into every aspect of SHU’s Nursing Program. When designing our RN to BSN degree program, we listened to what working nurses told us they needed. That means the courses are practical and relevant to today’s health care professional. Students can tie their personal professional experience into the coursework. Classes such as Ethical, Cultural and Spiritual Nursing Practice and Leadership and Health Care Organizations have a strong thread of ethics, leadership and knowledge of health care systems woven into them.
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion

RN–BSN PROGRAM
The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Degree for Registered Nurses (RN–BSN program) was designed for licensed RN’s to earn a bachelor’s degree in nursing. Students admitted to the RN–BSN program must have graduated from an accredited program of nursing – either a two year associate degree nursing program or a diploma degree hospital based program.

Requirements for admission into the RN–BSN program:
• An unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse (RN).
• 40 semester hours of transfer credit in approved nursing courses.

Requirements for graduation with a BSN:
A total of 120 credit hours with a minimum of 64 hours in approved nursing courses. Students can transfer up to 90 semester hours of required courses:
• English Composition 6
• Anatomy/Physiology 5 - 10
• Chemistry 4
• Microbiology 4
• Social Science, Literature, History, Fine or Performing Arts 3
• Mathematics Proficiency

Residency Requirements:
The required courses below constitute the 30 hours of residency at Siena Heights. All students must apply and be accepted into the Nursing program before enrolling in nursing courses.

Required Nursing Courses:
24 semester hours at Siena Heights University (residency):
NUR 301 Transition to Professional Nursing (Online) 4
NUR 375 Health Care of Communities & Vulnerable Populations 4
NUR 380 Evidenced Based Research in Nursing Practice (Online) 4
NUR 395 Health Policy and Informatics 4
NUR 460 The Art of Ethical, Cultural, & Spiritual Nursing Practice 4
NUR 480 Leadership & Health Care Organizations (Online) 4

Required Non-Nursing Courses:
6 semester hours at Siena Heights University (residency):
• REL or PHIL course 3
• LAS 401 Senior Seminar: Integrated Experience 3

For more information about the RN–BSN program at Siena Heights University please call the admissions office at (517) 264-7131, or email us at admissions@sienaheights.edu.

“I think one of the most important aspects about our program is we look at what nursing truly is within the health care system. It’s the interaction of the nurse and the patient in the moment. It’s an art and a science.”

— Dr. Sue Idczak, Director
Siena Heights University