

# Paramedic to RN

## Associate in Applied Science

Career Pathway and Career Cluster: *Health Sciences*

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Program Advisor: Admissions  
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Nursing Website: [www.swmich.edu/nhs](http://www.swmich.edu/nhs)

**NOTE:** *Graduates of SMC's nursing program can complete a Bachelor's degree through Ferris State University. For additional information contact Ferris State University at (231) 591-2094/800-433-7747, ext. 2094. SMC also has articulation programs with IUSB and other four year institutions. Please see program advisor for specifics.*

Students will be given credits for an active Paramedic license from an Accredited Program with one year of experience. Students will be given credit for the following courses: NURS 164, 165, 177, 178, and 180, after successfully completing NURS 190.

Registered Nurses (RN) provide total patient care under the jurisdiction of a physician or dentist. Positions are available in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, physicians' offices and home health care. Employment opportunities are good to excellent depending on geographic area and nursing specialty. National median salary is \$55,000.

### Licensing

- ◆ Students will be eligible to earn their license after completing semesters two and three of the nursing program. Students must take the National Licensing Examination to earn the RN designation. Students do not retake the license exam when completing the BSN degree.

### Prerequisites

- ◆ All applicants must present a current Paramedic license and proof of work experience for a minimum of one year.
- ◆ Applicants must meet all admissions criteria for the School of Nursing. See Program Advisor for admissions specifics.
- ◆ Students will need to demonstrate proficiencies in reading, mathematics and English based on SMC assessment tests, ACT or SAT scores, or by taking the recommended courses.
- ◆ Some of the courses in this curriculum have specific prerequisites that may not be listed as part of the degree requirements. These are described in the course descriptions.
- ◆ Students will be required to undergo a criminal background check and drug screening. Students concerned with possible findings on their background check should speak with the Dean of the School of Nursing before registering for classes.
- ◆ Students will need to demonstrate competency in Fundamentals of Chemistry and Introductory Algebra. If unable to demonstrate, appropriate courses must be taken (CHEM 100, MATH 101).

### General Education Requirements

- ◆ In order to graduate with a college degree, all students are required to take, and pass with a C or better, certain general education courses that meet the Michigan Transfer Agreement. These include communications, mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. These are included in the following listing of courses.

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## Course Sequence

- ◆ Students must be admitted to the nursing program to enroll in any NURS course. See the program advisor for admission specifics.
- ◆ Paramedic to RN transition courses are offered summer only and allow the student access to the nursing program for one year.
- ◆ Semesters two and three of the nursing program must be completed in sequence. The listing that follows is the mandatory sequence of classes for a full-time student. Part-time options are available but not advised.
- ◆ Please be sure to consult the course description as some courses may not be offered every semester.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
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### Program Prerequisites

BIOL 214	Basic Human Anatomy	4
ENGL 103	Freshman English II	3
HEED 107	Math for Meds	2

### Semester I

BIOL 215	Principles of Human Physiology	4
NURS 190	Paramedic to RN Transition-Lab	3
NURS 190	Paramedic to RN Transition-Theory	6

### Semester II

NURS 201	Maternal & Women's Health Nursing	4
NURS 228	Pharmacology II	2
NURS 240	Nursing Care of Adult III	4.5

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### Semester III

NURS 202	Child Nursing	4
NURS 212	Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 241	Nursing Care of Adults IV	4.5

<b>Total Program Credits</b>	<b>44</b>
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### Recommended Program Electives

BIOL 202	Microbiology	4
CNUR 100	RN Licensure Prep 1	1
CNUR 200	RN Licensure Prep 2	1
ENGL 104	Freshman English III	3
HEED 101	Medical Terminology	3
HEED 118	Introduction to Health Care Systems	1
HEED 170	Developing Skilled Learners in Nursing and Allied Health	3
MATH 150	Statistics	4
SPAN 170	Spanish in the Workplace	3