



"I will have celebrated my 51st birthday before receiving my BSN in August of 2009.

I earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from MSU in 1980 with the intention of pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology... [but] for the next 25 years opted to pursue my passions rather than a career.

While pondering my next career move, stories about the nursing shortage increasingly caught my attention. My passion for healthcare was reawakened, and I now believe nursing has become my calling."

Scott R. Piper
BSN Class of 2009
Holt, Michigan

"I absolutely loved my clinical instructors...they were very knowledgeable and approachable, always adding depth to the clinical experience. The small class size enhanced my ability to focus and form lasting professional relationships and friendships.

I am happy with my decision to pursue my second degree in Michigan State's Accelerated program. The year was one of the busiest of my life but also extremely fulfilling."

Beth Roberts, RN
CON BSN '06
Cardiac Stepdown Unit,
Sparrow Health System
Lansing, Michigan

A program designed for students who have earned a bachelor degree or higher in another field and wish to become a nurse.

The healthcare needs of individuals, families and populations demand a highly qualified nursing work force prepared for the challenges of the future. The College of Nursing at Michigan State University has a well-earned reputation for graduating nurses who are leaders in society and who have the capacity for high-level critical thinking while caring deeply about their patients, the profession and their communities.

This full-time, 14-month accelerated option is designed for students who have already earned a Bachelor's degree or higher in another field and seek to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The program is designed to prepare students for practice with individuals, families and communities in many different settings.

This program builds on prior learning to provide a broad professional preparation based on nursing science and grounded in biological, physical and behavioral sciences as well as the humanities. This program is approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Graduates qualify to take the NCLEX-RN, the licensure examination to become registered nurses.

Admission Criteria:

1. Submission of a University application for admission.
2. Completion of a Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited and recognized college or university with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.50 or higher.
3. Completion of prerequisite courses in the following content areas: human anatomy, human physiology, pathophysiology, microbiology, general chemistry, statistics, nutrition, psychology and human development.
4. The anatomy and physiology prerequisite courses must be successfully completed at the time of application. Transcripts recording completion of these courses must be included with the application.
5. A grade of 2.0 or higher in each science prerequisite course.
6. Submission of a college application, two letters of recommendation and a curriculum vita.

Admission to the program is highly competitive, with most candidates exceeding the minimum requirements; therefore, the most qualified candidates are selected from the pool of candidates meeting the minimum criteria.

For additional information, call 800.605.6424 or visit www.nursing.msu.edu



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