

Health Sciences (Clinical & Medical Sciences) & Mercy College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing 3+1

Admissions Requirements & 4-Year Guide

Eligibility:

- This option is for Drake students who have completed at least 6 semesters in the HSCI major.
- The degrees will be conferred at the same time so students do not lose eligibility for certain forms of financial aid. Each institution would grant their own degree.

Purpose:

Mercy College of Health Sciences offers an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) that can be completed in four years while students also complete the four-year Bachelor of Science (BS) at Drake University. This option provides the shortest time frame for health sciences students to complete a BSN program while also earning a BS in Health Sciences degree.

Mercy College's BSN program is an accelerated curriculum that is completed following the third year of the health sciences program. Upon enrolling in BSN courses, students complete five terms over three semesters (typically fall, spring and summer). During the nursing course work, students will learn about nursing using a concept-based approach that emphasizes nursing content across the life span and diverse acute care and community clinical settings. Graduates are prepared to assume roles involving leadership, education, research, and community health.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the [Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education \(CCNE\)](#) and has approval of the [Iowa Board of Nursing \(IBON\)](#). For more information on the Mercy BSN program, [click here](#).

Admission Requirements:

- A 2.25 GPA is required for admission to Mercy College. Admissions to the Nursing program requires an extracted 3.0 GPA in 8 courses.
- Be currently enrolled in the HSCI program.
- Successful completion of all pre-requisite courses before starting the program.
- Evidence of required immunizations.
- Completion of compliance trainings.
- CPR certification for Health Professionals.
- A completed background check.

Pre-requisite Requirements (3.0 GPA required):

- Anatomy – HSCI 141/141L: Human Anatomy and Lab
- Physiology – HSCI 125/125L: Medical Physiology and Lab
- Microbiology – BIO 103/103L: Microbiology and Lab
- English Composition – FYS: First Year Seminar and Written Communication AOI
- Psychology – PSY 001: Intro to Psychology
- College-level Math – MATH 050: Calculus I
- Statistics –HSCI 060: Statistics in Health Sciences
- Nutrition – PHAR 126: Principles of Nutrition

Should students not complete their coursework at Mercy College and decide to return to Drake University, they will no longer be eligible for their Drake tuition guarantee. They will be responsible for the current University tuition rate.

4-Year Guide

First Year					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
FYS ---	First Year Seminar	3 CR	HSCI 021	Professionalism in Health Care	2 CR
HSCI 020	Introduction to Health Sciences	2 CR	BIO 013/L	Pre-Professional Biology II & Lab	4 CR
PSY 001	Introduction to Psychology	4 CR	MATH 050	Calculus I (<i>QUAN AOI</i>)	3 CR
BIO 012/L	Pre-Professional Biology I & Lab (<i>SCI AOI</i>)	4 CR	ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	6 CR
ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	3 CR			
Total Semester Credit Hours		16	Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Second Year					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
CHEM 001/3	General Chemistry I & Lab	4 CR	CHEM 002/4	General Chemistry II & Lab	4 CR
HSCI 141/L	Human Anatomy/Lab	4 CR	HSCI 125/L	Physiology/Lab ¹	4 CR
HSCI 025*	Introduction to the US Health Care System	3 CR	HSCI 060*	Statistics in Health Sciences ³	3 CR
HSCI 102	Health Economics ²	3 CR	HSCI 106*	Culture Care & Health Literacy (<i>GLOB/CITZ AOI</i>)	3 CR
			ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	3 CR
Total Semester Credit Hours		14	Total Semester Credit Hours		17
Third Year (Apply to Mercy ABSN Program)					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
HSCI 172	Evaluating Research Literature (<i>INFO AOI</i>)	3 CR	HSCI 105	Values & Ethics in Health Sciences (<i>VE AOI</i>)	3 CR
HSCI 055*	Innovation & Leadership in Health Sciences	3 CR	BIO 103/L	Microbiology/Lab	5 CR
HSCI 095*	Medical Terminology	1 CR	ELEC ---	Elective (PHAR 126*: Principles of Nutrition)	2 CR
ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	6 CR	ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	6 CR
Total Semester Credit Hours		13	Total Semester Credit Hours		16
Total Program Hours: 91					

Bolded courses must be taken in the designated semester unless prior approval by the College is provided.

***Asterisked HSCI courses** have multiple offerings each year; they should be taken within the designated year but can be taken during an alternative semester.

1 = BIO 129/L – Mammalian Physiology or PHAR 125 can be substituted for requirement (courses offered only in fall semester)

2 = ECON 002 – Microeconomics can be substituted for requirement (HSCI 102 offered only in fall semester)

3 = STAT 071: Statistics I – an exception to program policy request may be submitted to fulfill this requirement

Electives (minimum 45 credits): Elective credits include [Drake Curriculum](#) requirements not fulfilled by required coursework (outlined below) as well as non-required coursework that permits exploration of and/or advanced study in areas of professional interest within the student's primary degree. Students should review the [student handbook](#) for the complete elective policy. A maximum of 30 credits from Mercy College can be equated to this undergraduate Health Sciences degree.

Drake Curriculum Areas of Inquiry not fulfilled by required coursework (12 credits): Artistic Literacy, Engaged Citizen, Historical Foundations, and Written Communication.

Mercy ABSN Course Equates (29 credits): For students who complete the 3+1 program, Mercy College ABSN coursework will fulfill the following undergraduate requirements, resulting in earning a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree.

Electives – 19 credits

HSCI 155 & 156 – Guided Research I & II – 4 cr.

HSCI 196 & 197 – Health Sciences Internship I & II – 6 cr.

****For students who complete the 3+1 program, the ABSN coursework will fulfill remaining undergraduate requirements, resulting in earning a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree. If not admitted to the ABSN program at Mercy, all credit minimums for **Electives** must be fulfilled. The senior capstone (HSCI 155, 156, 196, & 197) must also be completed at Drake to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree.**

Students will be required to send an official transcript to the Drake University Office of the Registrar to apply their transfer coursework to the health sciences major requirements. **A minimum of 120 total hours will be required to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from Drake University.** Degrees from Drake University and Mercy College will be conferred at the same time. This may result in total program hours higher than 120.