This agreement creates a collaborative partnership, henceforth known as the Maverick (Nursing) Advance (Transfer) Plan, or MAP, between the Associate Degree in Nursing at Western Technical College and the RN Baccalaureate Completion degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato. This partnership is rooted in our institutions' shared interest in, and rich history of, producing highly skilled nurses and will align these institutions to best serve the region. Students who participate in the **Maverick Advance Plan** will receive guidance and support from both institutions to ensure a seamless transfer path directly from the Associate Degree in Nursing at Western Technical College to the RN Baccalaureate Completion Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Transfer Agreement:

1. Both institutions will remain committed to the completion of the Associate Degree in Nursing requirements at Western Technical College and, when indicated by the student, the seamless transfer to Minnesota State University, Mankato.
2. Both institutions agree to create joint marketing materials that meet the marketing standards of both institutions, including logos, colors, and all other intellectual property, prior to distribution. Both institutions will use these materials in joint recruitment work, including, but not limited to, digital and print marketing efforts.
3. Students who choose to participate in the **Maverick Advance Plan** will work directly with the advising teams at both institutions to ensure that necessary lower division coursework is completed and that all admissions criteria for Minnesota State University, Mankato are met.
4. Minnesota State University, Mankato advisors will make information about the Western Technical Associate Nursing program available to Minnesota State University, Mankato Pre-Nursing students, when appropriate.

Requirements for Student Participation in **Maverick Advance Plan** at Minnesota State University, Mankato from Western Technical College:

1. Students must successfully complete the 66-credit Associate Degree in Nursing from Western Technical College by the start of the RN-Baccalaureate Completion Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
2. Students must have an Unrestricted RN License by the start of the RN-Baccalaureate Completion Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Students may be in progress or plan to complete the NCLEX-RN examination when applying. Full admission requires RN Licensure.
3. Students must earn a minimum of a C grade in all Western Technical College nursing coursework.
4. Students must have a total cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. GPA waivers will be considered.
5. Interested students will be strongly encouraged to apply to Minnesota State University, Mankato as early as possible to allow for a more comprehensive joint advising experience.
6. Students accepted into the MAP program will be eligible for the transfer student scholarship from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Minnesota State University MANKATO





General Education Advising

Maverick (Nursing) Advance (Transfer) Plan or MAP

Western Technical College

Gen Ed. Goal Areas Fullfilled by Western Technical College

Goal Area	Courses Required by ASN Program
1A Written Communication	801-136 English Composition 1 (3)
1B Communication: Speech and Oral Reasoning	801-198: Speech (3)
3 Natural Sciences	806-197: Microbiology (4)
5 History & Social Sciences	809-198: Intro to Psychology (3)
7 Human Diversity	809-188: Developmental Psychology (3)
8 Global Perspective	809-196: Introduction to Sociology (3)

Gen Ed. Goal Areas May be Needed (check your Degree Audit to determine)

Goal Area	Western Technical Options		MSU 100% Online	
4 Mathematical / Logical Reasoning	804-107 804-135 804-189 804-212 804-240	College Mathematics (3) Quantitative Reasoning (3) Introductory Statistics (3) College Algebra (4) Basic Statistics (4)	SOC 202 STAT 154 PHIL 110 MATH 112	Sociology Statistics (3) Elementary Statistics (3) Intro to Logic (3) College Algebra (4)
6 Humanities & Fine Arts	809-166 801-204 801-212 801-217 801-218 803-211 803-212 803-214 803-225 805-227 809-166 809-223 809-260 809-265 815-200 815-210	Intro to Ethics (3) Introduction to Literature (3) Multicultural Literature (3) American Literature: Beg 1865 (3) American Literature: 1865 Present (3) American History (1607-1865) (3) American History (1865-Present) (3) Native American History (3) The World in the 20th Century (3) Music Appreciation (3) Intro to Ethics Introduction to World Religions (3) Introduction to Philosophy (3) Philosophy of the Arts (3) Art History: Prehistory to Medieval (3) Art History: Renaissance to Modern (3)	ART 160 FILM 114 PHIL 120W PHIL 222W	Intro to Visual Culture (3) Intro to Film (4) Intro to Ethics (3) Medical Ethics (3)
9 Ethical & Civic Responsibility	809-166 809-122 809-221	Intro to Ethics Intro American Gov't American National Government	CIS 100 CJ 101 COMM 110 COMM 280 POL 111 SPED 108	Intro8 to Computing and Applications (4) Intro to Criminal Justice Systems (3) Media and Society (4) Social Media and Society (4) United States Government (4) Human Services & Disabilities (3)
10 People & Environment	806-280	Environmental Issues (4) non-lab	GEOG 100 GEOG 101 HLTH 101	Elements of Geography (3) Intro to Physical Geography (4) Health & the Environment (3)

Please note: This is not an exhaustive list of general education courses available at either institution. Additional options may be available, reach out to advisor for assistance.

Application Information

1. Apply to MSU during the last semester of the ADN program, or after graduation: https://mankato.mnsu.edu/future-students/apply/
2. Additionally, submit the RN-BS Completion Program Application: link.mnsu.edu/rn-bs
   - Submit the program application immediately after the University application
   - Five start dates: fall (August), mid-fall (October), spring (January), mid-spring (March) and summer (May)
   - Refer to the program application webpage above for details on admissions criteria and when applications are reviewed for each start date.

Important Program Information

- A total of 40 credits of General Education is required
  - These 40 credits should include one course in each Goal Area 1A, 1B, 3-10
- Refer to your **MNTC Degree Audit** to see which Goal Areas you have already completed. Some requirements shown on your audit may be adjusted after your degree and transfer credits are officially evaluated.
- RN-BS students are awarded 30 Credits for Prior Learning (CPL) upon beginning the program which will count toward the university's upper division requirement.
- Writing Intensive and Diverse Cultures Requirements are fulfilled with program coursework.
- Zero-Textbook Cost (ZTC) Program

Reach out to our program advisor for your specific academic transfer plan. This guide is not a substitute for academic advising—contact your advisor if you have any questions about scheduling or about your degree requirements.

Advising Notes/Semester Planning

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RN-BS Completion Program

Program

This program is for students who are, or will soon be licensed registered nurses and wish to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Our family-focused curriculum helps students understand how to provide the best possible care to individuals, families and diverse communities.

Quality

The School of Nursing at Minnesota State University, Mankato is highly respected and widely known for providing quality nursing education. We cap class sizes at 25 students to maintain a high standard of instruction and personal attention. You will enjoy partnering with a program advisor dedicated to helping you develop the best plan of study to meet your individual needs. We welcome and support students from every culture and we look forward to helping you reach the next level in your nursing education!

Affordable

Save time and money. Complete the program for $12,709 (2026-2027 tuition/fees $375.25/credit, $48.39 fees/credit). This is a Zero-Textbook Cost (ZTC) Program. In state tuition regardless of residency.

Flexible – 100% Online

Our individualized 30-credit program is designed for the working RN and is offered fully online. You can attend part-time or full-time and are not locked into a cohort format. Take just one course at a time, or up to four courses per semester. The program may completed in just one year with full-time enrollment! We offer eight and 16-week sections fall and spring semesters, and 8-week courses during summer term. All courses offered every term including summer. There are no mandatory login times, no scheduled clinicals or courses. Do your schoolwork around work and family time. We admit students five times per year including fall, mid-fall, spring, mid-spring and summer semesters, so you can start sooner!

Outcomes/Career Opportunities

Completing your bachelor's degree in nursing will not only give you a competitive edge on employment and career advancement, but open doors to graduate education and beyond. Our graduates are also qualified for Public Health Nurse Certification and School Nurse Licensure.

Program Requirements: Major Common Core - 30 Credits / 7 Courses

NURS 320W - Critical Inquiry and Evidence Based Practice for RNs (4cr)

NURS 362 - Family and Societal Nursing for RNs (4cr)

NURS 382 - Holistic Nursing Assessment and Practice (4cr)

NURS 402 - Psychosocial/Inter-Professional Communications for RNs (4cr)

NURS 420 - Quality, Safety, Value and Informatics in Nursing Practice for RNs (4cr)

NURS 482W - Population Focused Care for RNs (6cr)

NURS 492 - Nursing Capstone and Leadership for Baccalaureate Practice (4cr)

Admission Requirements

- Admission is guaranteed for all qualified applicants so long as they are fully admitted to the University and transfer evaluation is complete by the time the application closes
- Apply for admission into Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Apply for admission into the RN-BS Completion Program
- Unrestricted RN License by start of RN-BS Program
- You may apply before you take the RN-NCLEX, and even prior to graduation from your AD Nursing program
- Minimum career grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (may appeal)
- Minimum grade of C in all previous nursing courses
- A statistics course is no longer required!

Degree Requirements

A total of 120 semester credits are needed for the BS in nursing and include the following:

- 30 required major common core credits in the RN-BS Nursing program (listed above).
- 60 Credits (or more if your AD program has more) are transferred in from your AD Program.
- All other college credits you have earned.
- Students admitted to the RN Baccalaureate Completion BS will earn 30 Upper-Division Credits for Prior Learning (CPL) based upon the successful completion of the NCLEX-RN as verified by having an active RN license.

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Implementation agreement between Western Technical College and Minnesota State University, Mankato:

1. Signatures below indicate each individual institution's commitment to the program for a five-year period, at which point the MAP nursing agreement will be re-evaluated.
2. Each institution can withdraw from the agreement with a year's notice, if the program is not achieving the stated goals.

X _____

Dr. Rebecca Hopkins, Vice President of Learning
Western Technical College

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Dr. Laura Schwarz, RN-BS Program Director
Minnesota State University, Mankato