Inviting Applications and Nominations

Coordinator of the RN to BSN Degree Program

at Montana State University-Billings
Montana State University Billings has launched a national search for the Program Coordinator of the RN to BSN Degree Completion Program. The Search Committee invites applications, nominations, and expressions of interest for this academic leader who will be charged with establishing this new online nursing program. The RN to BSN Degree Completion program will reside in the Department of Health Care Services in the College of Allied Health Professions at Montana State University Billings.

The Opportunity
Montana State University Billings continues an 89-year tradition of educational access, teaching excellence, civic engagement, and community enhancement in an urban setting. The University serves nearly 4,500 undergraduate and graduate students and awards more than 900 degrees. The rate of job placement of graduates is 96 percent.

Fall 2017, the College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP) will offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) completion degree for registered nurses holding an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN). This BSN completion program, which will be delivered entirely online, advances nurses’ careers by preparing nurses for a range of practice environments, for administrative duties, and for graduate education (including advanced practice nursing to provide access to care in under-served areas of Montana).

The MSU Billings RN to BSN Degree Completion program will target those who hold an Unencumbered Registered Nurse license. The RN to BSN Degree Completion Program is a 49-credit-hour program, with 33 credits in upper division nursing courses and 16 credits in general education requirements. The courses will be offered online, and completion of the degree can be accomplished in three semesters.

The primary responsibility of the Program Coordinator will be to provide overall coordination of the RN to BSN Degree Completion Program, ensuring quality education for undergraduate students. As a tenure-track, nine-month position, the Program Coordinator will be responsible for scholarly and/or creative endeavors, and service to the Department of Health Care Services, College of Allied Health Professions, and Montana State University Billings.

Successful applicants will be expected to use their skills to assist in recruiting, retaining, and contributing to the success of the students, as well as participating in ongoing efforts to improve the quality of the College’s learning-centered environment. This academic leader will be expected to coordinate faculty workloads, develop and deliver upper division nursing courses online, schedule course delivery, advise students, and move the program toward accreditation. The individual also will be expected to share the University’s commitment to continuous quality improvement.
Qualifications

A Master of Science in Nursing degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and a minimum of two years of teaching in an associate and/or baccalaureate program are required. Qualified candidates will have online teaching experience and hold, or be able to acquire, RN licensure in Montana.

Preferred Qualifications

- Doctorate in nursing or related field
- Previous administrative experience in higher education
- Previous experience with collective bargaining unit
- Previous experience in curriculum development

The College of Allied Health Professions

The College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP) was formally launched in spring 2004 and represents the sixth College at Montana State University Billings. The College gives attention to the broader definition of allied health and includes those academic programs in behavioral sciences, therapeutic sciences, and support services.

The College is proud to offer curriculum, faculty, and administrative services that help to prepare students to face the challenges of a changing world. Academic programs in the College prepare students with the technical skills needed to work in the dynamic healthcare field. Programs also prepare students to be critical thinkers in their chosen professions, develop a historical consciousness, broaden their understanding of the diversity of the profession and individuals, and develop a defined sense of values that will guide them in their career.

The CAHP fulfills its higher education mission by:
- Requiring and supporting excellence in teaching, research, and service.
- Requiring high achievement from its students, demonstrated by their academic knowledge, professional skills, commitment, and demeanor.
- Establishing and nurturing ongoing, mutually-beneficial, professional partnerships with health-related professions, agencies, institutions, and professionals.
- Engaging in continuous self-evaluation, program review and revision, and external review.

Montana State University Billings

Since 1927, Montana State University Billings, formerly known as Eastern Montana College, has been an integral part of the Billings community, providing an outstanding student-centered learning environment. Students receive a well-rounded education and training for Associate’s, Bachelor’s and
Opportunities beyond the classrooms include 200 internships, more than 10 study abroad options, and 60 clubs and organizations.

MSU Billings is a member of the NCAA II Great Northwest Conference. Men compete in baseball, basketball, track and field, cross country, golf, and soccer, and women in basketball, volleyball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

About Billings, Montana
If you are attracted to open spaces, a vibrant economy, family-friendly communities, quality schools, and historical treasures, Billings is a place to call home and to enjoy a high quality of life.

The largest city in the state of Montana,
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Billings is the principal city of the Billings Metropolitan Area with a population of 166,855. Located in the south-central portion of the state, Billings continues to experience steady growth and has a strong economy. The city has one of the largest trade areas in the United States, serving as the trade and distribution center as well as retail destination, for much of Montana east of the Continental Divide, Northern Wyoming, and western portions of North Dakota and South Dakota.

The area has restaurants with worldwide cuisine, attractions that bring to life the true west, outstanding shopping, extensive health care offerings, and exceptional cultural arts and events for all ages. Billings offers both affordability and accessibility.

Surrounded by six breathtaking mountain ranges, Billings offers plenty of opportunities for outdoor recreation, including hiking, biking, golf, and viewing rare Montana wildlife. Area attractions include Pompeys Pillar National Monument, the Dinosaur Trail, Pictograph Cave, Chief Plenty Coups State Park, Zoo Montana, and Yellowstone Art Museum. Within 100 miles are Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Red Lodge Mountain Resort, Beartooth Highway, and Yellowstone National Park.


Nominations and Application Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed; nominations are invited.

1. To Apply - Application packet must include:
   a) A letter of interest
   b) Current curriculum vitae
   c) At least five references with full contact information (References will not be contacted without consent from applicants.)
   d) Your answers to the questions at: www.myersmcrae.com/skins/userfiles/file/MMQuestions.pdf

2. Submit application packet to MSUBillings@myersmcrae.com

Nominations should include the name, e-mail, and phone number of the individual being nominated. Submit nominations to MSUB-nominate@myersmcrae.com

For best consideration, submit application materials by February 2, 2017.

Kenny Daugherty, Executive Vice President of Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting, is assisting Montana State University Billings with this search.

Montana State University Billings is an ADA/AA/EEO employer. Qualified women, persons from minority groups, persons with disabilities, and persons with eligible veteran status are encouraged to apply. Contact Human Resources Office, MSU Billings, for more information regarding preference or accommodation; Phone: 406/657-2278 (voice/TTY); Fax: 406/657-2120.