Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The basic baccalaureate nursing degree (BSN) requires a minimum of 120 credit hours and prepares students for the professional nurse licensure examination (NCLEX). General education requirements have a strong liberal arts component to prepare students for advancement in the nursing profession. Nursing courses include theory and clinical experiences. Practice in the nursing arts laboratory and experience in acute care and community nursing prepares students for diverse practice settings.

UMSL BSN Graduates...

• Are prepared for the professional nurse licensure examination (NCLEX). Our pass rates are consistently above the State and National Average.
• Have the academic, clinical and research experience to become exceptional nurses and leaders in the field.
• Are skilled clinicians, critical thinkers, and valuable members of the health care team.
• Are sought after by employers to practice nursing roles in a variety of health care settings.
• Continue their education to earn advanced degrees and take on advanced practice nursing roles.
• Share in success that we attribute to our outstanding

Admission Criteria

Preclinical Track

All applicants to the nursing major at UMSL must first be admitted to the preclinical track. Admission to the preclinical track does not guarantee enrollment in the clinical track of the Traditional Option. To be considered for the nursing major:

First-time freshmen must be admissible to the University of Missouri–St. Louis (please visit the Office of Admissions website for the University’s policies).

Transfer Students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Clinical Track

Clinical track spaces are assigned on a competitive and space-available basis for each admissions period. Applicants must meet the following minimum criteria in order to be considered for clinical admission (please note that meeting the following minimum criteria does not guarantee that a student will earn a clinical space):

• Admissible to the Preclinical Track
• Minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA
• Minimum grade of B- in Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, and Microbiology
• Satisfactory completion of all general education requirements
• Required science courses (Chemistry, A&P I, A&P II, and Microbiology) must be completed within 5 years of enrollment

General Education Requirements

English Composition (3) *
Biology (3) *
Chemistry (4) **
Microbiology (3) **
Anatomy & Physiology I & II(4) **
General Psychology (3) *
Human Growth & Development (3) *
Philosophy Elective (3) *
2 Humanities Electives (6)
Social Science Elective (3)
Contemporary Math or higher (3) *
Statistics (3) *
Economics (3) *
American History or Govt (3)
Interpersonal Communication (3) *
Nutrition (3) *
English Composition – Junior Level (3) ***

* Indicates that a grade of C- or higher is required.
** Indicates that a grade of B- or higher is required.
*** Must be taken at UMSL with grade of C- or higher required. Waived with prior baccalaureate degree.

The UMSL BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the pre-licensure options are fully approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.
Full-Time Sample Plan of Study*

**Summer - Clinical Term 1**
N 3120  Foundations of Nursing (7)  
N 3121  Clinical Foundations of Nursing (3)  
N 3820  Introduction to Evidence-Based Nursing Practice and Informatics (5)

**Fall - Clinical Term 2**
N 3804  Ethical and Legal Dimensions of Nursing Practice (3)  
N 3330  Nursing of Adults 1 (5)  
N 3331  Clinical Nursing of Adults 1 (3)  
N 3340  Behavioral Health Nursing (2.5)  
N 3341  Clinical Behavioral Health Nursing (1.5)

**Spring - Clinical Term 3**
N 3350  Nursing of Adults 2 (5)  
N 3351  Clinical Nursing of Adults II (3)  
N 3360  Maternal-Child Nursing (5)  
N 3361  Clinical Maternal-Child Nursing (3)

**Summer - Clinical Term 4**
N 4520  Population Focused Nursing (2)  
N 4521  Clinical Population Focused Nursing (2)  
N 4530  Leadership Development and Professional Nursing Practice (4)  
N 4531  Clinical Leadership Development and Professional Nursing Practice (4)

*Progression through the program may vary from the sample plan of study, which is subject to change.*

Application Process

**All applicants must submit:**
- University Application for Undergraduate Admission
- $35 Nonrefundable Application Fee ($40 for international students)

First-time freshmen and applicants with fewer than 24 college credit hours must submit:
- Official high school or GED transcript
- ACT or SAT score
- Official transcripts from each college/university from which credit has been earned, if applicable (must be sent directly from originating institution)

Transfer students with 24 or more college credit hours must submit:
- Official transcripts from each college/university from which credit has been earned (must be sent directly from the originating institution)

**Clinical Track Applicants**
Applicants completing general education course requirements must also submit a separate clinical application to the College of Nursing to be considered for a clinical space. Apply on our website: nursing.umsl.edu

Priority Deadline- October 1; Final Deadline- February 15 (applicants applying by final deadline will be reviewed if spaces available)

All application materials must be received and processed by UMSL's Office of Admissions by the appropriate deadline. It is highly recommended that applicants submit all materials at least four-six weeks prior to deadline.

Students With International Coursework
Students who have earned college credit at an institution outside the U.S. are required to submit course descriptions for all such courses. For more information, contact International Student & Scholar Services (ISS) at iss@umsl.edu.

Curriculum, admission criteria, fees and application requirements are subject to change. For detailed instructions and more information, please call the Office of Student Services at 314-516-6066 or visit nursing.umsl.edu.

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