

Application Process For Students With Coursework From A Foreign Country (For Both International Students And Citizens/Permanent Residents With Foreign Coursework)

When considering students for admission to our BSN Degree Program, the College of Nursing at the University of Missouri-St. Louis calculates applicants' GPAs based on all attempts of *all* transferable undergraduate courses. All transfer students seeking admission to any of the Prelicensure BSN Options or the BSN Completion Option are required to submit transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities—including foreign institutions.

All transfer applicants with coursework from foreign institutions should take the following steps:

1. Submit the Application for Undergraduate Admission at umsl.edu/admissions/apply-now.html. Follow the steps online to submit your application fee (\$35 for citizens and permanent residents of the United States; \$45 for international students) and official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities (including foreign institutions).
2. International students will be required to submit additional materials to the International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) Office. Please review the ISSS website for details at umsl.edu/services/intelstu/Prospective%20Students/admissions.html.
3. The College of Nursing requires that all transfer applicants with coursework from foreign institutions submit an ECE Report for any coursework completed outside the United States. ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators) is a company that helps us determine how coursework completed in other countries compares to the U.S. educational system (this will help us calculate your transferable GPA in order to determine your eligibility to our BSN Program). You may request an ECE Report by following the steps listed on their website at www.ece.org. Please have your ECE Report sent directly to UMSL's ISSS Office, whether you are a citizen, permanent resident or an international student. Please note that while ECE is *preferred*, AACRAO and WES Reports are also acceptable.
4. For every course you took at a foreign institution, you must also provide *official* course descriptions (in English) so that we can determine whether or not they are equivalent to coursework offered at UMSL. Please contact the institution at which you took such foreign coursework, and have them send these course descriptions directly to UMSL's ISSS Office. They must be sent *directly* from the originating institution; in a sealed, stamped envelope (student-submitted course descriptions will *not* be accepted). For more details, please visit the following website: umsl.edu/services/intelstu/Current%20Students/transfer_credit.html.
5. Once all of your application materials have been received (university application, application fee, official transcripts, ECE Report and course descriptions), the ISSS Office will distribute the course descriptions for your foreign courses to the appropriate faculty members at UMSL, to determine whether or not they will transfer (coursework from domestic institutions—if applicable—is evaluated in a separate manner; no descriptions are needed for such courses).

6. Any foreign courses that are determined to be transferable to UMSL will be counted into your GPA—along with any other transferable courses you may have taken at a U.S. college or university. It is your combined transferable undergraduate GPA among *all* institutions attended that will determine whether or not you are admissible to UMSL’s College of Nursing.
7. The ISSS Office and College of Nursing will work together throughout this process, to determine how your coursework transfers and what your transferable GPA is, before an admission decision can be made.

Additional Notes:

- Applicants who are seeking clinical admission to one (or more) of the Prelicensure BSN Options must also submit a clinical application to the College of Nursing for *each* option for which they are applying (i.e. Traditional, Accelerated or Part-Time). Clinical application(s) must be submitted online at umsl.edu/nursing/apply.html. It is important to note that admission to each of the Prelicensure BSN Options is competitive; therefore, preclinical admission to the nursing major at UMSL does *not* guarantee admission to the clinical track of any of these programs. Clinical application deadlines can be found at umsl.edu/nursing/deadlines.html.
- Applicants who already have an Associate Degree or Diploma in Nursing, and are applying to the BSN Completion Option, must also submit a supplemental application to the College of Nursing. The supplemental application for the BSN Completion Option must be submitted online at umsl.edu/nursing/apply.html. There is no application deadline for the BSN Completion Option; spaces are awarded to qualified applicants on a first-to-enroll basis, as long as spaces remain.
- If you are seeking admission to the BSN Completion Option, and your RN license was obtained in a country outside of the United States, you must become licensed in the United States (with eligibility for licensure in Missouri) *before* you can enroll in BSN coursework. If you have not already done so, you must take the NCLEX for Nurses Educated Outside of the United States. Contact the Missouri State Board of Nursing at 573-751-0681 for further details.
- Foreign coursework will only be evaluated for applicants—*not prospective students*. You must start the application process to the University of Missouri-St. Louis by following the steps above in order to have your foreign coursework officially evaluated.

Please note that this process can be quite time-consuming. It is recommended that applicants start the process *at least one semester* before their planned enrollment term.

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