This Guide is intended for the use of students who plan on transferring from Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) to the University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL) to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing through one of the Pre-Licensure programs. This guide is intended for use under advisement of a UMSL Transfer Coordinator.

Students pursuing a Pre-Licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing at UMSL have the option to follow one of the three programs: Traditional, Part-Time Evening/Weekend, and Accelerated. Each program consists of a pre-clinical sequence of coursework that can be completed either at UMSL or transferred in from another school. Upon completion of this sequence a student will apply for the clinical program they wish to pursue. For more information on these programs, please visit the UMSL College of Nursing’s website. Also, it is highly recommended that prospective Nursing students meet with the UMSL College of Nursing as early as possible to make sure that they have all information relevant to their degree progress. The UMSL College of Nursing can be reached at (314) 516-6066 to schedule an information session.

PRE-CLINICAL SEQUENCE

The following requirements must be completed for a student to be eligible to begin Nursing Clinical coursework at UMSL. Included in this guide are any SWIC courses that can fulfill these requirements in transfer. It is not recommended for a prospective Pre-Licensure Nursing student to pursue an Associates degree and should, instead, complete only this exact list of requirements. Note: Accelerated program students may have additional Pre-Clinical coursework to complete upon transfer to UMSL before beginning Clinical coursework.

Clinical Application

A student should begin the application process to UMSL and their chosen Clinical program at the start of their final semester of their Pre-Clinical courses and must meet the following educational standards:

- Completion of all course requirements listed below.
- B- or higher in each of the core science prerequisites.
- Minimum cumulative Nursing GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale, including all transferred and UMSL coursework.
- Completion of all Core Science courses within 5 years prior to application to Clinical programs.
- Admission to UMSL and submission of a Clinical program application before posted deadlines.

Note: Only a certain number of students are accepted into the Nursing Clinical programs each semester. Entrance is extremely competitive and based on GPA, and so prospective Pre-Licensure Nursing students must achieve the highest grades possible to increase their chances of being accepted into a program. Emphasis is given to the grades achieved in the Core Science courses.
Nursing Core Science Prerequisites
Students must complete these courses with a B- grade or higher in each and within 5 years prior to application to Clinical programs and a 3.0 GPA must be achieved.
- Anatomy & Physiology I - BIOL 157 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (5)
- Anatomy & Physiology II - BIOL 158 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (5)
- Microbiology - BIOL 250 Microbiology (4)
- Chemistry - CHEM 101 Introductory Chemistry (5) or another approved Chemistry course

Nursing Prerequisites
Courses must be completed with a C- grade or higher to fulfill the requirements of this program.
- First-Year Writing - Complete 1 of the following courses:
  - ENG 101 Rhetoric & Composition I (3)
  - ENG 102 Rhetoric & Composition II (3)
- General Biology - BIOL 100 General Biology: Ecology, Evolution and Genetics (4)
- General Psychology - PSYC 151 General Psychology (3)
- Human Growth & Behavior Psychology - PSYC 210 Life-Span Development (3)
- Mathematics Proficiency - Complete 1 of the following courses:
  - MATH 111 Liberal Arts Mathematics (4)
  - MATH 112 College Algebra (4)
  - Other Higher-Level MATH Courses with Approval
- Statistics - Complete 1 of the following courses:
  - BUS 205 Economic and Business Statistics (4)
  - MATH 107 General Education Statistics (4)
  - MATH 191 Introduction to Statistics (4)
- Economics - Complete 1 of the following courses:
  - ECON 115 Introduction to Economics (3)
  - ECON 201 Principles of Economics I (Macro) (3)
  - ECON 202 Principles of Economics II (Micro) (3)
- Philosophy - Complete 1 of the following courses:
  - PHIL 150 Introduction to Philosophy (3)
  - PHIL 151 Introductory Logic (3)
  - PHIL 152 Ethics (3)
  - PHIL 153 Intro to History of Philosophy I: Classical Thought (3)
  - PHIL 154 Intro to History of Philosophy II: Contemporary Thought (3)
  - PHIL 155 Non-Western Philosophy (3)
  - PHIL 156 Biomedical Ethics (3)
  - PHIL 160 Intro to Philosophy of Religion (3)

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**Nursing General Education**
- American History or Government - Complete 1 of the following courses:
  - AOJ 100 Intro to Administration of Justice (3)
  - HIST 180 U.S. History to 1865 (3)
  - HIST 181 U.S. History, 1865 to the Present (3)
  - HIST 230 African-American History (3)
  - POLS 150 Intro to American Government (3)
  - POLS 262 American Government(State & Local) (3)
- Social Sciences - Complete 1 of the following courses in addition to those already completed for above requirements:
  - Any ANTH Course
  - Any ECON Course
  - Any HMS Course
  - Any POLS Course
  - Any PSYC Course (Exceptions: Not PSYC 200 and PSYC 252)
  - Any SOC Course
  - AOJ 100 Intro to Administration of Justice (3)
  - AOJ 103 Introduction to Corrections (3)
  - AOJ 105 Police Administration (3)
  - AOJ 153 Juvenile Delinquency (3)
  - AOJ 155 Community Policing (3)
  - AOJ 156 Issues in Criminal Justice (3)
  - AOJ 160 Criminology (3)
  - AOJ 203 Criminal Law & Admin. of Justice (3)
  - AOJ 251 Rules of Criminal Evidence (3)
- Humanities - Complete 2 of the following courses in addition to those already completed for above requirements:
  - Any ART Courses (Exceptions: Not ART 230, 231, 290, 291)
  - Any HIST Courses
  - Any LIT Courses
  - Any MUS Courses (Exceptions: Not MUS 154, 155, 201, 250, 251, 252, and 255)
  - Any PHIL Courses
  - Any THEA Courses
  - ENG 107 Creative Writing (3)
  - ENG 207 Advanced Creative Writing (3)
  - ENG 299 Special Topics in English (1-4)
  - FILM 115 Film Appreciation (3)
  - FILM 205 Screenwriting II (3)
  - FILM 215 Film History (3)
  - FILM 225 Film & Literature (3)
  - FREN 202 Intermediate French II (4)
  - GER 202 Intermediate German II (4)
  - SPAN 202 Intermediate Spanish II (4)
  - SPAN 211 Conversational Spanish I (3)
  - SPCH 220 American Playhouse (3)

For any questions regarding this guide please contact the UMSL Office of Transfer Services at (314) 516-5162.

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