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 faculty, advanced curriculum, and dynamic clinical partners.

Admission Criteria for the full-time freshman seeking a Guaranteed Clinical Space

First-time freshmen may qualify for a guaranteed clinical space in UMSL's full-time traditional BSN program.

Initial Admission Criteria

To qualify for guaranteed clinical admission, students must meet the following criteria:

- Admissible to the University of Missouri – St. Louis (please visit the Office of Admissions website for the University's admission policies)
- Core high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (as calculated by the University Office of Admissions)
- ACT score of 24 or higher

Maintaining Status As A Guaranteed Clinical Space Student

Upon enrollment in the Nursing Program, students must maintain the following minimum criteria:

- Maintain full-time enrollment at UMSL
- Earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Earn a minimum grade of B- in Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I & II, and Microbiology
- Complete all general education course requirements with a satisfactory grade

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.
Sample Plan of Study  Sequencing of courses may vary

**Freshman Year**  General Education Term 1
- English Composition 1* (3)
- Contemporary Math or higher* (3)
- Human Biology* (3)
- Chemistry for the Health Professions** (4)
- Social Science Elective (3)
- University Studies (1)  
  **Total hours: 17**

General Education Term 2
- Anatomy & Physiology 1** (4)
- Statistics* (3)
- Economics* (3)
- General Psychology* (3)
- American History or Govt (3)  
  **Total hours: 17**

**Sophomore Year**  General Education Term 3
- Anatomy & Physiology 2** (4)
- Human Growth and Development* (3)
- Humanities Elective (3)
- Microbiology** (3)
- Philosophy* (3)  
  **Total hours: 17**

Clinical Term 1
- Introduction to Nursing (2)
- Nutrition and Health (3)
- Nursing Communications (3)
- Pathophysiology (3)
- Health Assessment (4)  
  **Total hours: 17**

**Junior Year**  Clinical Term 2
- Nursing and Health (6)
- Pharmacotherapeutics (3)
- Ethical and Legal Dimensions of Nursing (3)
- English Composition - Junior Level* (3)  
  **Total hours: 17**

Clinical Term 3
- Adult Health Nursing I (5)
- Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing (4)
- Nursing Informatics (3)
- Nursing Research (3)  
  **Total hours: 17**

**Senior Year**  Clinical Term 4
- Adult Health Nursing 2 (5)
- Women and Child Bearing Families (4)
- Child and Family Health (4)
- Humanities Elective (3)  
  **Total hours: 17**

Clinical Term 5
- Community Health Nursing (4)
- Management and Leadership (2)
- Senior Synthesis (6)  
  **Total hours: 17**

Transfer Students From Other Nursing Programs
Transfer students must be able to provide a letter of good standing from that program. Students who have been dismissed from other nursing programs, or who have left another nursing program while not in good standing, are ineligible for admission to the clinical track of UMSL’s College of Nursing.

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.

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.

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.

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

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