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: Effective Fall 2017

**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.

**Preclinical 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 3.0 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

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* 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.
Part-Time Sample Plan of Study*

**Clinical Term 1**
N 2101 Introduction to Nursing (2)
N 2103 Nutrition and Health (3)
N 2105 Communication in the Nursing Profession (3)

**Clinical Term 2**
N 3106 Assessment of Clients in Health and Illness (4)
N 3110 Pathophysiologic Bases of Nursing Practice (3)

**Clinical Term 3**
N 3111 Pharmacotherapeutics in Nursing Practice (3)
ENGL 3100 English Composition - Junior Level (3)

**Clinical Term 4**
N 3101 Nursing and Health (6)

**Clinical Term 5**
N 3214 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (4)
N 3817 Introduction to Nursing and Health Informatics (3)

**Clinical Term 6**
N 3205 Adult Health Nursing 1 (5)
N 3807 Research and Evidence Based Nursing Practice (3)

**Clinical Term 7**
N 3215 Nursing of Women & Childbearing Families (4)
N 3216 Child and Family Health Nursing (4)

**Clinical Term 8**
N 3206 Adult Health Nursing 2 (5)
N 3804 Ethical & Legal Dimensions of Nursing Practice (3)

**Clinical Term 9**
N 3808 Management and Leadership in Nursing (2)
N 4300 Community Health Nursing (4)

**Clinical Term 10**
N 4310 Senior Synthesis (6)

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

**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](http://nursing.umsl.edu)

**Fall Semester Clinical Enrollment Deadline: February 15**

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](http://nursing.umsl.edu).

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