

Nursing BS, Admissions Requirements

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing prepares students for the Professional Registered Nurse Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

To be considered for entry into the BSN program, individuals must first be accepted to UMSL as an undergraduate student. Upon that acceptance, students should work with their College of Nursing Academic Advisor to ensure successful completion of prerequisite courses.

Admission to UMSL does not guarantee admission to the clinical phase in any of the Pre-Licensure BSN tracks. All applicants are placed in Pre-Nursing at time of admission. Clinical spaces are competitive, and the College of Nursing administratively moves students from Pre-Nursing to Nursing (clinical segment) based on cumulative GPA, successful completion of program prerequisite coursework, and available space.

~~Freshman Guaranteed Clinical Criteria~~

~~Applicants to the nursing freshmen guaranteed clinical program will be holistically reviewed using criteria such as high school GPA, ACT test scores, a personal statement, an essay, extra-curricular activities, honors, award recognitions, leadership roles, work/volunteer experiences.~~

~~First-time freshmen and applicants with fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university and who meet the following minimum criteria may earn a *guaranteed* clinical space in the Traditional Full-Time Option:~~

- ~~• Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Undergraduate Application~~
- ~~• Minimum ACT score of 24~~
- ~~• Minimum high school GPA of 3.0 (as calculated by UMSL's Office of Admissions)~~
- ~~• Complete the Traditional BSN Nursing Supplemental Application~~

~~Pre-Clinical Transfer Student Admission Criteria~~

Pre-Nursing Admission Criteria

~~Transfer students who meet the following minimum criteria are eligible to declare Nursing as their major. Such students must still apply competitively for a clinical space during their last semester of general education coursework (see Clinical Admission Criteria below).~~

First-time freshmen and transfer applicants who meet the following minimum criteria will be placed in the Pre-Nursing major.

- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Undergraduate Application
- For first-time freshman applicants, a minimum high school GPA of 2.75
- For transfer applicants, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (including all transferable courses)

Nursing Clinical Admission Criteria: Traditional BSN

- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Undergraduate Application
- ~~Complete the Traditional BSN Nursing Supplemental Application~~
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (including all transferable courses)
- Satisfactory completion of all general education course requirements
- Grade of B- or higher within 5 years of clinical enrollment in the following courses: Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology
- Grade of C- or higher in all ~~other~~ prerequisite ~~nursing~~ courses ~~except in the case of the above-listed science courses~~

~~Clinical spaces are awarded on a competitive and space-available basis for each admission period. Admission to the UMSL and the College of Nursing (as a pre-clinical student) does not guarantee admission into the clinical track of any of the Pre-Licensure BSN Options (Traditional Full-Time or Accelerated), unless a student is admitted to the Traditional Full-Time Option under the Freshman Guaranteed Clinical Criteria (see above).~~

*Students must complete additional requirements prior to attending clinical rotations: pass a required criminal background check, drug screening, register with the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry (MO FCSR), and comply with vaccine and immunization regulations.

Clinical Admission Criteria: Accelerated BSN

~~Clinical track spaces are limited and are awarded to qualified students on a competitive basis. Only students who submit the required clinical application by the appropriate deadline will be considered. Applicants must meet the following minimum criteria 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 in the Accelerated option.~~

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- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Undergraduate Application
- ~~• Submit transcripts from all previous institutions~~
- An **accredited** earned bachelor's or graduate degree from an accredited institution recognized by ~~the University of Missouri-St. Louis~~ UMSL
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (including all transferable courses)
- Grade of B- or higher within 5 years of clinical enrollment in the following courses: Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology
- Grade of C- or higher in Statistics and Human Growth and Development courses
- ~~• Complete the Accelerated BSN Program Supplemental Application, which will require:
 - ~~Personal statement indicating reasons for pursuing a nursing degree (no more than two pages)~~
 - ~~Required essay (directions found in the supplemental application)~~~~

- ~~Resume outlining previous education, work/volunteer experience, extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, honors, and awards~~
- ~~Two recommendation forms:~~
 - ~~Recommenders will need to complete the Recommendation Form and return it to UMSL College of Nursing by emailing it to nursing@umsl.edu or by mailing it to the address listed on the Recommendation Form (email preferred).~~

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