Nursing, BS Traditional Admission Criteria

Admission 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.

Pre-Nursing Admission Criteria

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
- 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 enrollment in the clinical major for the following courses: Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology

- Grade of C- or higher in all *prerequisite* courses except in the case of the above-listed science courses

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.

Justification for request:
C- entered in error; C is our correct admissions requirement