

# Accelerated BSN Accelerated Program

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In addition to the traditional full-time and part-time options, the College of Nursing offers coursework leading to the Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) through an accelerated ~~program~~ **option**. The program is designed for students to complete ~~degree studies~~ **the clinical track** in 15 months.

### Pre-Clinical Admission Criteria

~~Applicants who plan to complete their general education/prerequisite coursework at the University of Missouri-St. Louis must apply to the university as pre-clinical nursing students. It is important to note that admission as a pre-clinical nursing student does not guarantee admission into the clinical track of any of the pre-licensure BSN options (Traditional full time, Traditional part time, or Accelerated), unless a student is admitted to the traditional BSN option under the Freshman Guaranteed Clinical Criteria.~~

~~Applicants with 24 or more transferable college credit hours<sup>1</sup> from a regionally accredited college or university who meet the following minimum criteria may qualify for admission to the nursing major as a pre-clinical student:~~

All students must apply to the university as pre-clinical nursing students, which is the first step in the admission process for the Nursing major. Admission to UMSL as a pre-clinical nursing student does not guarantee admission into the clinical track of any of the Pre-Licensure BSN Options (Traditional Full-Time, Traditional Part-Time or Accelerated), unless a student is admitted to the Traditional Full-Time Option under the Freshman Guaranteed Clinical Criteria.

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 as they near the completion of their general education coursework (see Clinical Admission Criteria below).

- Admission to UMSL
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (GPA is calculated on all attempts of all transferable undergraduate courses)
- ~~<sup>1</sup> Once an applicant has earned 24 or more transferable college credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university, we do not take ACT score and/or high school GPA into consideration for admissions purposes.~~

Revised criteria, applicable to students admitted Summer 2017 and later:

- Admission to UMSL
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (including all transferable courses)

### Clinical Admission Criteria: Accelerated

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

~~Applicants~~ Clinical applicants must meet the following *minimum* criteria to apply for a clinical space in the Accelerated ~~BSN~~ Option:

- Admission to UMSL
- ~~• A Baccalaureate Degree in another field of study from a regionally accredited college or university or completion of at least 62 college credit hours before the start of the program~~
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for students *with* a ~~Baccalaureate Degree~~ baccalaureate degree in another field of study; ~~or~~ minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 for applicants students *without* a ~~Baccalaureate Degree~~ baccalaureate degree in another field of study (GPA is calculated on all attempts of all transferable undergraduate courses)
- Required science courses (Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II and Microbiology) completed within 10 years prior to enrollment
- Completion of all general education course requirements

- Grade of C or higher in all *prerequisite* courses

**Revised criteria, applicable to students applying for clinical admission Summer 2017 and later:**

- Admission to UMSL
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 (including all transferable courses), regardless of whether or not the applicant holds a baccalaureate degree in another field of study
- 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 *prerequisite* courses except in the case of the above-listed science courses

~~Application deadlines for the Accelerated track~~

~~To be admitted to the accelerated track that begins in May of each year only, all materials must be submitted to the College of Nursing, Office of Student Services by the following dates:~~

- ~~• Early acceptance deadline - September 15~~
- ~~• After September 15, on a space-available basis~~

~~For specific information regarding the B.S.N. degree program, contact Office Student Services at (314) 516-6066 or 1-888-NURSEUM or visit the College Nursing website.~~

**Application deadline for the clinical track**

To be considered for admission to the clinical track, all application materials must be submitted to the College of Nursing by the following date:

- Summer admission - September 15

For instructions on how to apply, go to the College of Nursing's Pre-Licensure BSN Application Process web page.

## General Education Course Requirements

Nursing majors must complete all general education requirements of the university as outlined in this Bulletin.

As part of meeting the university's general education requirements, the prerequisite courses listed under 1) Natural science course work, 2) Behavioral and social science course work, 3) Communication proficiency, 4) Information literacy, and 5) Humanities, must be completed prior to beginning the clinical track. See a curriculum planning guide for specific courses and proper sequencing.

<b>1) Natural science course work</b>		
BIOL 1131	Human Physiology And Anatomy I	4
BIOL 1141	Human Physiology And Anatomy II	4
BIOL 1162	General Microbiology	3
CHEM 1052	Chemistry For The Health Professions (or equivalent)	4
<b>2) Behavioral and social science coursework</b>		
ECON 1000	Economic Issues (or equivalent)	3
HOME EC 1110	Nutrition In Health	3
PSYCH 1003	General Psychology	3
PSYCH 1268	Human Growth And Development	3
<b>3) Communication proficiency</b>		
COMM 1030	Interpersonal Communication I	3
<b>4) Information literacy</b>		
MATH 1105	Basic Probability And Statistics (or equivalent)	3
<b>5) Humanities</b>		
Any Philosophy course (as part of the University's 3 humanities requirement)		3

## Nursing Course Requirements

~~Pre-Licensure-15-month-accelerated-option~~

### PRE-LICENSURE: Accelerated Option

NURSE 3120	Foundations of Nursing	7
NURSE 3121	Clinical Foundations of Nursing <sup>1</sup>	3
NURSE 3330	Nursing of Adults I	5
NURSE 3331	Clinical Nursing of Adults I <sup>1</sup>	3
NURSE 3340	Behavioral Health Nursing	2.5
NURSE 3341	Clinical Behavioral Health Nursing <sup>1</sup>	1.5
NURSE 3350	Nursing of Adults II	5
NURSE 3351	Clinical Nursing of Adults II <sup>1</sup>	3
NURSE 3360	Maternal-Child Nursing	5
NURSE 3361	Clinical Maternal-Child Nursing <sup>1</sup>	3
NURSE 3804	Ethical And Legal Dimensions Of Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 3820	Introduction to Evidence-Based Nursing Practice and Informatics	5
NURSE 4520	Population Focused Nursing	2
NURSE 4521	Clinical Population Focused Nursing <sup>1</sup>	2
NURSE 4530	Leadership Development and Professional Nursing Practice	4
NURSE 4531	Clinical Leadership Development and Professional Nursing <sup>1</sup>	4

<sup>1</sup> Includes a laboratory and/or clinical component.

Students are required to furnish their own transportation to and from campus and clinical agencies. Students must have automobile access for all community experiences through the program. Students are required to complete standardized assessment exams throughout the program and at completion as part of the program evaluation.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

Based on the rigor of the nursing curriculum, we have made several changes that we believe are necessary for student success. Preclinical admission: We increased the cumulative GPA requirement for transfer students from 2.5 to 3.0. admission: We changed the cumulative GPA requirement to a 3.2 for all students (regardless of whether or not the student already holds a baccalaureate degree in another field of study). Additionally, we changed the required grade for prerequisite courses (except the 4 major science courses) from a C to a C-, to be consistent with university requirements. And we changed the grade required in the 4 major science courses (Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II and Microbiology) from a C to a B-, while also requiring that these 4 courses be completed within 5 years of clinical enrollment (previously 10 years).

General Education block is moved into degree requirements with the specific Gen Ed language for the Accelerated BSN Option.