

RN to BSN Program Admission Requirements

The UMSL College of Nursing is committed to admitting a diverse group of students who will become nurse leaders responsive to the specific needs of the communities and populations we serve. We value diversity, intellectual discourse and rigor, caring, professionalism, mutual respect and support, innovation, collaboration, and transparency. Applicant will be selected using inclusive and balanced admission criteria that demonstrate their potential in nursing practice, education, research, and scholarship. We measure our success by graduates who become lifelong learners and leaders in their communities and in the profession of nursing.

Applicants to the RN-BSN program will be holistically reviewed using criteria such as GPA, a personal statement, an essay, work/volunteer experiences, professional activities, leadership roles, honors, award recognitions,, etc.

All applicants must submit the following materials:

- UMSL application for admission
- Transcripts from all previous institutions
- Evidence of current RN licensure
- RN-BSN program supplemental application including:
 - Personal statement indicating reasons for continuing nursing education and professional goals (no more than 2 pages)
 - Required essay (directions found in the supplemental application)

Admission Criteria

- Admission to the University
- Graduate of either an accredited diploma or associate degree program in nursing
- Evidence of current licensure as a registered nurse with eligibility for licensure in Missouri **or eligibility for licensure if in the final year of an associate degree program for dual admission applicants**
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (4.0 scale) on a minimum of 30 transferable credit hours (excluding nursing course work)

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale The College of Nursing RN-BSN Program Admission requirements have been updated with the revised holistic admission criteria.