

Accelerated BSN Program Admission Requirements

Pre-Clinical Admission Criteria

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 3.0 (including all transferable courses)

Clinical Admission Criteria: Accelerated

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. Applicants will be selected using inclusive and balanced admission criteria that measure 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 Accelerated Nursing Clinical program will be holistically reviewed using criteria such as GPA, academic performance in required pre-nursing courses, a personal statement, an essay, extra-curricular activities, honors, award recognitions, leadership roles, work/volunteer experiences.

All applicants must submit the following materials:

- UMSL application for admission
- Transcripts from all previous institutions

- Two letters of reference
- Nursing Clinical program supplemental application including:
 - Personal statement indicating reasons for pursuing a nursing degree (no more than 2 pages)
 - Required essay (directions found in the supplemental application)
 - Resume outlining previous education, work/volunteer experience, extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, honors and awards

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 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 ([see the Traditional BSN information](#)).

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

- Admission to UMSL
- A bachelor's or graduate degree or a minimum of 100 hours towards a bachelor's degree in another field.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of ~~3.2~~ 3.25 (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

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

The UMSL College of Nursing Accelerated BSN Program Admission requirements have been revised to update the holistic admission criteria information. The UMSL College of Nursing Accelerated BSN Program Admission requirements have been revised to update the holistic admission criteria information.