

Traditional BS in Nursing

Traditional BSN Program

The College of Nursing provides coursework leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) through ~~traditional full-time~~ Traditional Full-Time and ~~part-time~~ Part-Time studies.

~~Traditional Full-Time BSN Admission Criteria~~

Pre-Clinical Admission Criteria

~~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, Accelerated or Part-Time Evening/Weekend), unless a student is admitted to the Traditional BSN Option under the Freshman Guaranteed Clinical 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.

Freshman Guaranteed Clinical Criteria

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

- Admission to UMSL
- Minimum ACT score of 22
- Minimum high school GPA of 2.9 (as calculated by UMSL's Office of Admissions)

In order to keep their guaranteed clinical space, students must maintain the following minimum criteria upon enrollment at UMSL:

- Full-time enrollment at UMSL

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (GPA is calculated on all attempts of all undergraduate courses)
- Minimum science GPA of 2.75 (GPA is calculated on first attempts only of: Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II and Microbiology)
- ~~Completion~~ Satisfactory completion of all general education course requirements
- ~~Grade of C- or higher in all prerequisite course except as listed for science courses~~

Revised criteria, applicable to students admitted Spring 2016 and later:

First-time freshmen who meet the following minimum criteria may earn a *guaranteed* clinical space in the Traditional Full-Time Option:

- Admission to UMSL
- Minimum ACT score of 24
- Minimum high school GPA of 3.0 (as calculated by UMSL's Office of Admissions)

In order to keep their guaranteed clinical space, students must maintain the following minimum criteria upon enrollment at UMSL:

- Full-time enrollment at UMSL
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (including transferable course) by the time the student begins clinicals
- 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

Freshman General Admission Criteria

~~First-time freshmen and applicants with fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours¹ from a regionally accredited college or university who do not qualify for a~~

~~Guaranteed Clinical Space but do meet the following minimum criteria may still qualify for admission to the nursing major as a pre-clinical student:~~

- ~~• Admission to UMSL~~
- ~~• Minimum ACT score of 21~~
- ~~• Minimum high school GPA of 2.5 (as calculated by UMSL's Office of Admissions)~~

~~Students admitted under the Freshman General Admission Criteria must still apply competitively for a clinical space during their sophomore year (see Clinical Admission Criteria below).~~

~~Effective Fall 2013, all first-time freshmen and transfer students with fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours who are admissible to UMSL may declare themselves to the Nursing major. UMSL's admission criteria for first-time college students can be found on the website for the Office of Admissions. These students will still have to apply competitively for admission to the clinical track, unless they meet the requirements to earn a guaranteed clinical space (above).~~

First-time freshmen who do not qualify for a guaranteed clinical space, but are still admissible to the university, are eligible to declare Nursing as their major. The freshmen admission criteria for the university may be found on the website for UMSL's Office of Admissions. Such students must still apply competitively for a clinical space during their last semester of general education coursework (see Clinical Admission Criteria below).

Transfer Student Admission Criteria

~~Applicants with 24 or more transferable college credit hours[±] from a regionally accredited college or university may qualify for admission the nursing major a pre-clinical student:~~

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).

- Admission to UMSL

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (GPA is calculated on all attempts of all transferable undergraduate courses)

~~[±] 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: Traditional Full-Time and Traditional Part-Time

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~~ not guarantee admission into the clinical track of the ~~Traditional BSN Option~~ any of the Pre-Licensure of the Traditional BSN Options (Traditional Full-Time, Traditional Part-Time or Accelerated), Option unless a student ~~meets~~ is admitted to the Traditional Full-Time Option under the Freshman Guaranteed Clinical Criteria (see above).

~~Applicants~~ Clinical applicants must meet the following *minimum* criteria to apply for a clinical space in the Traditional ~~BSN~~ Full-Time or Traditional Part-Time Option:

- Admission to UMSL
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (GPA is calculated on all attempts of all transferable undergraduate courses)
- Minimum science GPA of 2.5 (GPA is calculated on first attempts only of: Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II and Microbiology)
- Required science courses (listed above) completed within 10 years prior to enrollment
- Completion of all general education course requirements
- Grade of C- or higher in all *prerequisite* courses except stated above for science courses

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

- Admission to UMSL
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (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 *prerequisite* courses except in the case of the above-listed science courses

Application deadlines 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 dates:

- Fall admission – February 1st
- Spring admission – October 1st

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

~~Undergraduate Degree Requirements~~

General Education **Course Requirements** ~~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) Information literacy, and ~~3~~ 4) Humanities, ~~and 4) Nursing~~, must be completed prior to beginning the clinical ~~major~~ track. See a curriculum planning guide for specific courses and proper sequencing.

1) Natural science course work

BIOL 1131

Human Physiology And Anatomy I

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BIOL 1141	Human Physiology And Anatomy II	4
BIOL 1162	General Microbiology	3
CHEM 1052	Chemistry For The Health Professions (or equivalent)	4
2) Behavioral and social science course work		
PSYCH 1003	General Psychology	3
PSYCH 1268	Human Growth And Development	3
ECON 1000	Economic Issues (or equivalent)	3
3) Information literacy		
MATH 1105	Basic Probability And Statistics (or equivalent)	3
3 4) Humanities		
Any Philosophy course (as part of the University's 3 humanities requirement)		3
4) Nursing		
NURSE 2103	Nutrition And Health (or equivalent)	3
NURSE 2105	Communication In The Nursing Profession	3
NURSE 3799	Quantitative Analysis In The Health Sciences (or equivalent)	3
Nursing Course Work Requirements		
PRE-LICENSURE -- 4 year traditional and part-time evening and weekend options		

Nursing Course Requirements

PRE-LICENSURE: Traditional Option (full-time and part-time)

NURSE 2101	Introduction to Nursing	2
NURSE 2103	Nutrition And Health	3
NURSE 2105	Communication In The Nursing Profession	3

NURSE 3101	Nursing And Health ¹	6
NURSE 3106	Assessment Of Clients In Health And Illness ¹	4
NURSE 3110	Pathophysiological Bases Of Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 3111	Pharmacotherapeutics In Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 3205	Adult Health Nursing I ¹	5
NURSE 3206	Adult Health Nursing II ¹	5
NURSE 3214	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing ¹	4
NURSE 3215	Nursing Of Women And Childbearing Families ¹	4
NURSE 3216	Child And Family Health Nursing ¹	4
NURSE 3804	Ethical And Legal Dimensions Of Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 3807	Research and Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NURSE 3808	Management And Leadership In Nursing	2
NURSE 3817	Introduction to Health and Nursing Informatics	3
NURSE 4300	Community Health Nursing ¹	4
NURSE 4310	Senior Synthesis ¹	6
Nursing elective (required for 4 year traditional track students through Spring 2014 graduating cohort)		
Total Hours		94-95 67

¹ 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. Guaranteed clinical admission: We increased the initial requirements for freshmen to qualify for guaranteed clinical admission from a 22 ACT to a 24, and a 2.9 core high school GPA to a 3.0. In order to keep their guaranteed space, students must earn a 3.0 cumulative GPA in their general education coursework (previously 2.75 cumulative and 2.75 science). Clinical admission: We increased the cumulative GPA requirement from 2.5 to 3.0. Additionally, we eliminated the separate "science GPA" calculation, while raising the grade required in the 4 major science courses (Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II and Microbiology) from a C- to a B- and also requiring that these 4 courses be completed within 5 years of clinical enrollment (previously 10 years).

Removed & edited coursework to reflect requirements for just the BSN Traditional Option (while moving the BSN Accelerated Option information to its own page).