Nursing BSN

Freshman Guaranteed Clinical Criteria
Applicants to the nursing freshmen guaranteed clinical program will be holistically reviewed using criteria such as high school GPA, ACT test scores, a personal statement, an essay, extra-curricular activities, honors, award recognitions, leadership roles, work/volunteer experiences.

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

• Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Undergraduate Application
• Minimum ACT score of 24
• Minimum high school GPA of 3.0 (as calculated by UMSL’s Office of Admissions)
• Complete the Traditional BSN Nursing Supplemental Application

Pre-Clinical Transfer Student Admission Criteria
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 the University by completing the UMSL Undergraduate Application
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (including all transferable courses)

Clinical Admission Criteria
• Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Undergraduate Application
• Complete the Traditional BSN Nursing Supplemental 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

Clinical spaces are awarded on a competitive and space-available basis for each admission period. Admission to the UMSL 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 or Accelerated), unless a student is admitted to the Traditional Full-Time Option under the Freshman Guaranteed Clinical Criteria (see above).

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) Information literacy, and 4) Humanities, must be completed prior to beginning the clinical track. See a curriculum planning guide for specific courses and proper sequencing.

1) Natural Science Courses
- 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 (MOTR CHEM 100) (or equivalent) 4

2) Behavioral and Social Science Courses
- ECON 1000 Economics in Everyday Life (MOTR ECON 100) (or equivalent) 3
- PSYCH 1003 General Psychology (MOTR PSYC 100) 3
- PSYCH 2268 Lifespan Developmental Psychology (MOTR PSYC 200) 3

3) Information literacy
- MATH 1105 Basic Probability and Statistics (or equivalent) 3

4) Humanities
- PHIL 2256 Bioethics 3

Nursing Pre-Major Courses
- NURSE 1000 Cultural Diversity in Healthcare 3
- NURSE 1050 Communication for the Healthcare Professional 3
- NURSE 2050 Pathophysiology 3
- NURSE 2000 Nutrition in Health 3

Total Hours 12

Nursing Major Courses
- NURSE 3000 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Concepts Across the Lifespan 3
- NURSE 3010 Foundations of Professional Practice 3
- NURSE 3020 Fundamental Concepts of Nursing Care 3
- NURSE 3030 Health Assessment Concepts 3
- NURSE 3040 Concepts of Evidence-Based Practice 3
- NURSE 3050 Concepts of Pharmacology 3
- NURSE 3060 Behavioral Health Concepts 5
- NURSE 3070 Concepts of Caring for Adults I 5
- NURSE 4010 Concepts of Caring for Adults II 5
- NURSE 4020 Concepts of Caring for Women and the Childbearing Family 3
- NURSE 4025 Care of Women and Children Clinical 2
NURSE 4030  Concepts of Caring for Children and Families  3
NURSE 4050  Concepts of Community Focused Care  5
NURSE 4060  Synthesis of Concepts in Professional Nursing  4
NURSE 4065  Synthesis of Professional Practice Immersion Clinical  4
NURSE elective  3

Total Hours  57

All undergraduate nursing students must have access to transportation to their clinical practice experiences. Students must provide their own transportation to and from clinical agencies, which may be scheduled throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area, including Jefferson County and Illinois. Students who must use public transportation must inform their Program Director.

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (Pass/Fail) Grading

Undergraduate nursing majors may not take required prerequisite general education or nursing courses on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

Credit by Transfer Examination

Credit may be granted for selected general studies. Please contact an advisor for information.

Latin Honor Requirements

In accordance with the University's Latin Honors policy, candidates graduating from the College of Nursing in the 2021-2022 Academic Year must meet the following GPA qualifications:

- Summa Cum Laude  3.973
- Magna Cum Laude  3.893
- Cum Laude  3.742

Learning Outcomes

- Integrate into practice theories and evidence-based concepts from nursing, the arts, sciences, and humanities to provide comprehensive nursing care in a variety of settings.
- Integrate principles of quality care, patient safety, health education, and management of care when organizing, coordinating, and engaging in professional nursing practice across the healthcare continuum.
- Use evidence-based practice to promote health and wellness, manage illness, and prevent injury among individuals, families, communities, and populations.
- Utilize health care technology and information management systems to promote quality care and patient safety.
- Apply knowledge of health care policies in a regulatory environment and their influence on health care access and quality.
- Utilize communication to enhance relationships with patients, families, and communities and collaboration among members of the healthcare team.
- Provide culturally competent, compassionate, holistic care to promote optimal health for diverse individuals, families, communities, and populations throughout the lifespan in an effort to improve health equity.
- Accept responsibility and accountability for decisions and actions based on professional intrapersonal values, ethical and legal obligations, standards of practice, social justice, and economics.
- Demonstrate motivation and self-direction in activities that contribute to lifelong personal, professional, and intellectual development.
- Synthesize clinical reasoning and problem solving in professional practice.

Sample Four Year Plan

Students who were admitted prior to Fall 2018 should follow the plan from the year they were admitted. Four Year plans for each catalog year prior to Fall 2018 can be found in the Archives Section.

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PLEASE NOTE: This plan is an example of what an academic plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor. All requirements are subject to change.