

# Nursing BS, 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. Applicants 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.

Due to higher education regulation changes, the University of Missouri–St. Louis cannot admit students from all states for online programs. Please see the authorization web page for more information:

<https://www.umsl.edu/services/academic/nc-sara-authorization/index.html>

## Admissions Criteria

- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Undergraduate Application
- Graduate or enrolled for dual enrollment in either an accredited diploma or associate degree program in nursing.
- Evidence of current RN licensure or eligibility for RN licensure if in an associate degree program for dual enrollment.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale) ~~on a minimum of 30 transferable credit hours (excluding nursing course work)~~

### **Justification for request:**

Right now – “transfer applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 (including all transferable course is required)”

Considerations:

1. Student comes from High School with a 3.5 GPA
  - a) We admit them
  - b) Their GPA gets set to 0
  - c) They don't have a GPA until the end of the first Semester

2. Transfer Student comes in with a 3.0 GPA

- a) We admit them
- b) We place all transcript info into DARS and do a degree audit
- c) DARS discovers the Psychology course listed does not equate to UMSL's Psychology Course
- d) The Course gets placed in a bucket of "unused courses"

3. DARS:

- a) DARS is supposed to be the degree audit which shows these are the courses you've successfully taken
- b) DARS is supposed to say these are the courses you still need to take
- c) Here is your GPA based on the above
- d) The CON wasn't looking at the Admissions GPA, The CON was looking at the DARS GPA b/c that was the only way to get a GPA

Scenario:

- a) The CON admits a Student with a 2.8 GPA
- b) They get put into DARS
- c) An Audit is done, and they fall to a 2.4
- d) The CON is looking at the DARS gpa to get a transferable course GPA
- e) At the end of a successful term all the courses are put in and their GPA has an upsell w

It is believed the intention was to have the DARS GPA be above a 2.75; So, the CON needs to raise CON GPA requirement so the DARS GPA stays above a 2.75

If that is not a concern, then just the transferable language needs to be taken out