

## **BSN Traditional Admission Criteria**

### **Traditional BSN Program**

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

### **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.

### **Freshman Guaranteed Clinical Criteria**

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 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.

All applicants must submit the following materials:

- UMSL application for admission
- Nursing Freshmen Guaranteed 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

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 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)

### **Freshman General Admission Criteria**

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~~ **freshman** 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).

### **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 UMSL
- Minimum cumulative GPA of ~~3.0~~ **2.75** (including all transferable courses)

### **Clinical Admission Criteria: Traditional Full-Time and Traditional Part-Time**

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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 Full-Time and Part-Time Traditional 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
- 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 above).

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

- Admission to UMSL
- Minimum cumulative GPA of ~~3.0~~ 2.75 (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

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

The UMSL College of Nursing BSN Traditional Admission Criteria has been updated to include the revised holistic admission criteria information. The UMSL College of Nursing BSN Traditional Admission Criteria has been updated to include the revised holistic admission criteria information.