

The University of Southern Mississippi School of Nursing Application

Deadline: February 1 for Fall; September 1 for Spring. You may only apply to one location:

Gulf Coast Campus _____ Accepts applications fall
 Hattiesburg Campus _____ Accepts applications fall and spring

Are you a licensed RN? YES NO IF YES, this is the incorrect application. Contact the RN-BSN Coordinator at, (601)266-6512.
 Have you ever been admitted to and started attending another Nursing Program? YES NO IF YES, written verification of satisfactory progression in that program is required. Contact your former nursing program and request a letter to be sent to the USM School of Nursing verifying your status. This is a standard letter and Schools of Nursing regularly send these.
 Are you a Licensed Practical Nurse(LPN)? YES NO IF YES, The LPN license must be unrestricted to be eligible for admission into the BSN Program.
 Have you been fully admitted to USM as an undergraduate? YES NO IF NO, urgently contact admissions to complete the process. Applicants must be accepted to The University of Southern Mississippi to be considered for admission to the Nursing Program. USM Admissions: (601)266-5000 website: <http://www.usm.edu/admissionsApplication.html>

Application requirements:

- 1) Applicants must have a **minimum composite national ACT score of 21**, earn a **C or better in each prerequisite course** and have an overall minimum **prerequisite GPA of 2.5**.
- 2) 3 of the 5 required science courses must be **completed at the time of application; this means only two required science courses/L can be UNGRADED at the time of applying.**
- 3) Applicants may only retake/repeat one required science course one time.
- 4) Applicants must have completed approximately 75% of the required prerequisites at the time of application.
- 5) Applicants must be in good academic standing (cannot be on probation or suspension).

Completed Application Requirements:

Copies of all transcripts must be attached, even USM transcripts. This is the applicants' responsibility. The School of Nursing will not be responsible for obtaining transcripts for applicants. Even if transcripts have been sent to the USM Admissions Office, students must also attach copies with the completed application to USM School of Nursing. Unofficial copies are acceptable.
Written verification of minimum composite national ACT score of 21 must be attached by the applicant. This is the applicants' responsibility. The School of Nursing will not be responsible for obtaining ACT scores for applicants. Even if ACT scores have been sent to the USM Admissions Office, students must attach copies. Unofficial copies are acceptable. This information can be requested at www.actstudent.org. This information **should be attached and not sent separately.**

Students must complete the prerequisite checklist portion of the application. All required prerequisite courses must be listed by the applicant by either entering an earned grade, semester enrolled, or semester planning to enroll.

Today's Date: _____ I am applying for semester _____ Year _____				
SSN _____ - _____ - _____		EMPL ID _____		Date of Birth _____
		Gender _____		Race _____
Name: _____				
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name
Maiden Name				
Current Address (address you would like your letter sent to):			Permanent Address:	
_____ Apt# _____			_____ Apt# _____	
City _____ State _____			City _____ State _____	
Zip Code _____			Zip Code _____	
County of Residence _____			Mississippi Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Composite ACT Score (Minimum required is 21) _____			Date Taken: _____	
Preferred Phone # _____			Email _____	
Do you have an undergraduate degree? YES NO IF YES, what was your major? _____				
Do you have an associate's degree? YES NO IF YES, degree _____ from _____				
How did you learn of the USM School of Nursing? _____				
Have you ever attended USM? YES NO IF YES, List dates attended: _____				
Are you currently enrolled at USM? YES NO IF NO, Where, are you currently enrolled? _____				

<p>DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE: FOR SCHOOL OF NURSING USE ONLY</p> <p>Verified ACT _____ Date _____</p> <p>Prerequisite GPA _____ on _____ hrs _____</p> <p>Mississippi Resident: YES NO _____</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	Date Application received Received By
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Have you ever been admitted to the USM School of Nursing? YES NO
 If yes, When? _____ Reason for leaving _____

Have you ever attended any other institutions' nursing program? YES NO
If yes, to qualify for admission to USM Nursing, students must have left their previous nursing program in good standing and qualified to progress in that program. If YES, please provide the following:

Name of School: _____ Location: _____

Date of Entrance: _____ Date of Leaving: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

Are you eligible to return to this school? YES NO

If YES, a letter of good standing from this institution is required to finish your application.

If NO, why not? _____

List all previous colleges attended /Years attended Copies of transcripts must be attached for each institution.	Initial Here Transcript Attached	# of Hrs Taken	Cumulative GPA
Example: JCJC Attended 2000 - 2002		24	3.0

Licensure Information for Applicants: Any individual having been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony may not be allowed to write the NCLEX for RN licensure. At their discretion, the Mississippi Board of Nursing has the authority to refuse licensure to anyone convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. (See State of Mississippi Laws, Rules and Regulations, Mississippi Board of Nursing Section §73-15-29 (1) (b))

Criminal Background Check: Pursuant to an amendment to Mississippi House Bill HB 1077, Section §43-11-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, all applicants to the School of Nursing must undergo the criminal background check before beginning clinical experiences. If the student is disqualified for clinical training at an agency, the School of Nursing may determine that the student cannot maintain student status since clinical training is an essential part of the nursing program.

Routine Alcohol and Drug Screening: Every student enrolled in a clinical nursing course is required to undergo a drug screening test at least every twelve months to determine the presence of alcohol, drugs, and controlled substances. If the results of the drug screening are positive for alcohol, drugs, and/or other controlled substances, the student may not continue in clinical nursing courses. The student is responsible for costs associated with the drug screening and confirmation.

REQUIRED LETTER OF "WHY I WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IF ADMITTED:"

Typed one page summary "Why I would be successful if admitted to the Southern Miss School of Nursing."

COMPLETED APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Initial that the following are attached:

- Initial _____ Copies of all transcripts (can be unofficial).
- Initial _____ Copies of written verification of ACT national scores (minimum composite of 21 required).
- Initial _____ Completed prerequisite checklist. All courses must be accounted for: completed, enrolled, planning to enroll.
- Initial _____ Letter of "Why I would be successful..."

Certification: By initialing above and signing below, I affirm that the information in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that falsification of information is grounds for dismissal from the School of Nursing. I hereby make application for admission to the School of Nursing at The University of Southern Mississippi and agree to abide by the regulations and policies of the School of Nursing while I am a student. I also understand attaching all required documents is my responsibility, and an incomplete application may not be considered for admission.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Mail complete application packet with all required attachments to:

USM School of Nursing HATTIESBURG CAMPUS
ATTN: HBG NURSING APP FOR ADMISSION
118 College Drive #5095, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

USM School of Nursing GULF COAST CAMPUS
ATTN: USMGC NURSING APP FOR ADMISSION
730 East Beach Blvd, Long Beach, MS 39560



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BSN Prerequisite Checklist.

Student Name: _____ EMPL ID _____ Advisor Name _____

Questions for the student to answer:

- 1) Is your ACT 21 or above? YES NO If no, you must retake to earn minimum 21.
- 2) Have you ever earned a D or an F in a college science course? YES NO If yes, which course(s)? _____
If a student has a D/F in more than one required science course, he/she does not qualify to apply to the Southern Miss Nursing program.
- 3) Do you have a C or better in each course on this list? YES NO Grade of C or better with overall prereq GPA minimum of 2.5 required.

Admission and application requirements for the Southern Miss Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree: **1)** Minimum national composite ACT score of 21; minimum grade of C in each prerequisite course with prerequisite GPA of 2.5; **2)** Three of the five required science courses must be complete at time of application. **3)** Of the required science courses, only one natural science course may be repeated one time. **4)** All prerequisites courses must be completed before nursing classes begin. **5)** Students cannot be on probation, probation continued, or suspension. **6)** Fall admission deadline February 1: Minimum 38 hours of prerequisite courses must be completed by the application deadline. Spring admission deadline September 1: Minimum of 48 hours of prerequisite courses must be completed by the application deadline.

Fill in ALL GRADES EARNED. If you <u>have taken a class more than once</u>, list all grades you have earned in the class.	HRS	Exact Course Taken	Grade Earned	Grade Earned	Grade Earned	Quality Pts for GPA calculation
Southern Miss Course Number Ms Community College (course number)	3	ENG 2323				
BSC 110 or BSC 107. Principles of Biology or Human Biology. From transfer institution this must be the Biology for PRE MED majors. (BIO 1133/1131; 1134; 1134H)	3					
BSC 110L or BSC 107L. From transfer institutions, this must be the Biology lab for PRE MED majors.	1					
CHE 106. General Chemistry. Cannot be CHE 100. From transfer institutions, this must be the Chemistry for PRE MED majors. (CHE1213/1211; 1214; 1214H)	3					
CHE 106L. General Chemistry lab. From transfer institutions, this must be the Chemistry lab for PRE MED majors	1					
BSC 250 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 2513/2511/ 2514)	3					
BSC 250L Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1					
BSC 251 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 2523/2521/2524)	3					
BSC 251L Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1					
BSC 381 or BSC 380. Microorganisms in Health & Disease /Microbiology or General Microbiology. (Bio 2923/2921 or 2924)	3					
BSC 381L or BSC 380L. Microbiology LAB or General Microbiology Lab	1					
ENG 101 Composition One (ENG 1113 OR 1213)	3					
ENG 102 Composition Two (ENG 1123 OR 1223)	3					
ENG 203 World Literature (ENG 2413, 2423, OR 2453)	3					
Art, Dance, Theatre, or Music Appreciation: ART 130, DAN 130, MUS 365, THE 100 (ART 1113, 1233, MUS 1113 OR SPT 2233)	3					
HIS 101 World Civilizations I (HIS 1113, 1143, OR 1163)	3					
HIS 102 World Civilizations II (HIS 1123, 1153, OR 1173)	3					
MAT 101 College Algebra (MAT 1313)	3					
NFS 362 Nutrition (HEC 1253) (FCS 1253, BIO 1613) **Cannot be CDT 1513	3					
PSY 110 General Psychology (PSY 1513)	3					
PSY 360 OR CHS 440 OR CSS 211 Statistics (BAD 2323) (MAT 2323) Course title must include the word statistics	3					
PSY 275 Developmental Psychology (EPY 2533) At Southern Miss this class was previously PSY 375; it is now PSY 275.	3					
SCM 320 Business & Professional Speaking (SPT 1203, 2163, 1113) Course title may be oral communication or public speaking	3					
SOC 101 Principles of Sociology (SOC 2113)	3					
SOC 214 The Family (SOC 2143)	3					

What is the best way to make my application as competitive as possible when I apply to the Southern Miss School of Nursing?

- 1) When you apply to nursing school, you are competing against other students. You want your application to be as strong as possible.
- 2) Required minimum national composite ACT score of 21. A composite ACT of 23 and higher makes your application more competitive.
- 3) Don't make a D or an F in a science course on this prerequisite sheet. To have a stronger application, don't make a D or an F in any course on this list.
- 4) Pass your prerequisite courses the first time. It is best if you do not have to repeat courses on this list to make better grades. So, try not to make grades of D or F in a course on this list.
- 5) Remember there is a rule about D or F grades in sciences to make an application. See above.

Q Pts _____ divided by Cr Hrs _____ =GPA _____