

# School of Nursing

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The nursing program at MU began in 1901 with the establishment of Parker Memorial Hospital Training School. Today, the Sinclair School of Nursing is committed to promoting, maintaining and improving health and health-care delivery in Missouri and worldwide through nursing education, research and service. Nursing faculty combine research and education to offer students hands-on experience in the art and science of nursing.

The School of Nursing is approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and has national accreditation.

The undergraduate program is approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. The Baccalaureate Program at the University of Missouri is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

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## Admissions

### Traditional BSN Option

The freshman and sophomore years are designated as the “pre-nursing” years. The junior and senior years are designated as the “clinical nursing major” years. *Pre-nursing students apply for admission to the clinical major during the last semester of general education and prerequisite coursework.* Students are admitted to the clinical nursing major on a competitive and space-available basis when prerequisite courses have been completed. Any student who is a Nursing Scholar is guaranteed admission into the clinical nursing major. Please see the Nursing and/or Honor’s College websites for eligibility information and application details.

Each student’s application is reviewed systematically and considered holistically for each admission period. The School values MU’s Commitment to Diversity and the call of the American Nurses Association that the nursing workforce should reflect the diversity of the population. The School is also committed to rural health care and to educating nurses for practice in rural Missouri. Therefore, the School seeks to ensure that the student body includes persons from rural Missouri and persons of backgrounds that are underrepresented in the nursing workforce.

Clinical application and admission criteria include:

- Successful completion of all general education and prerequisite coursework prior to beginning clinical coursework;
- Satisfactory grades from biology, chemistry, and two of the three advanced lab sciences (microbiology, anatomy, physiology) to be eligible to apply for the clinical nursing major;

- Minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for all college/university courses;
- Competitive grade-point average in nursing prerequisite courses;
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 for any nursing prerequisite courses;
- Evidence of capacity to uphold the practice standards and ethical codes of the nursing profession; and
- Evidence of motivation toward a nursing career

### RN to BSN Option

The RN to BSN online option is for registered nurses who have earned a diploma or associate degree in nursing with a cumulative GPA of a 2.8 or higher and seek a bachelor’s degree in nursing. RN to BSN courses are offered via the Internet with limited trips to campus for some nursing course.

RN to BSN registered nurse applicants must meet the same admission standards described above for the Traditional BSN Option. They must be currently licensed to practice nursing (or eligible for licensure) in Missouri or another state. Completion of the program includes 120 credit hours. The length of the program varies, depending on equivalent prerequisite courses completed and choice of part-time or full-time enrollment.

### BSN Accelerated Option

The BSN Accelerated Option is a 15 month program designed for individuals who hold a non-nursing degree at the baccalaureate level or higher.

Students are admitted to the Accelerated BSN Option based on the following criteria:

- A baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university.
- Two letters of reference from individuals that can attest to the student’s motivation and ability to complete a course of intensive study.
- Statement of career goals.
- Description of the applicant’s view of nursing as a profession.
- A personal interview.
- Evidence of academic achievement of a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale on undergraduate degree.
- Completion of prerequisite courses with a minimum of a C or better.
- Evidence of potential and motivation for nursing.
- Evidence of prior work success and/or ability to handle a fast-paced academic program.

A Bachelor of Science (BSN) degree is awarded at graduation, and the graduate may be eligible to take the licensing examination to become a registered nurse (RN).

### Transfer Students

Students transferring to MU from another accredited institution of higher education or other schools and colleges within the University are subject to the regulations established by the MU Faculty Council concerning transfer of credit.

For more information regarding the transfer guidelines for the School of Nursing, call (573) 882-0277. Prior to admission, transfer students must have the following:

- Appropriate GPA for credit hours attempted, 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher

- Approval from the associate dean's office

Transfer students must apply for admission through the MU Admissions Office.

## International Students

In addition to the admission criteria described above, international students must meet the following criteria:

- Test of Written English (TWE) score of 4 or higher
- Test of Spoken English (TSE) score of 50 or higher
- TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based) or 250 (computer-based) or 100 (internet-based)
- English Language Support Program Test taken with success

## Advising

The academic advisor's office is in room S235 of the School of Nursing Building, (573) 882-0277. In addition, each clinical nursing major is assigned a faculty advisor who is available for consultation about academic or professional matters.

## Health Care

Nursing students participate in a variety of on- and off-campus educational experiences. The School of Nursing does not assume responsibility for health-care expenses incurred in either setting. Students assume responsibility for all health care for illness and injury, including emergency treatment. Student Health is located at University Physicians Medical Building, 1101 Hospital Drive, (573) 882-7481. For additional information, visit their web site at <http://studenthealth.missouri.edu/>.

## Graduate

### Nursing Graduate Programs

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### About the Sinclair School of Nursing

Nursing was an integral part of the Parker Memorial Hospital Training School, which served as the university's first hospital in 1901. Although a nursing program was not officially established until 1920 within the School of Medicine, MU graduated its first nursing class in 1904. Sixteen years later, the Curators approved a Graduate Nursing designation. Today, the Sinclair School of Nursing provides a rich and rewarding learning environment for our students. Our faculty includes knowledgeable and skillful teachers, respected scholars and researchers in the nursing profession, and experienced, caring practitioners. The master's program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

## Technology Requirements

Students should refer to the Sinclair School of Nursing website (<http://nursing.missouri.edu/for-students/technology-requirements>) for technology needs.

## Career Preparation

The **DNP program** prepares nurses to develop clinical programs based on the latest evidence. The student will choose an area of study (Adult

or Pediatric CNS, FNP, PNP, or FMHNP) on which to focus their clinical practice. Successful completion of the program prepares nurses for an advanced clinical practice in primary care, hospital and community settings as well as leadership roles in practice settings and clinical faculty positions.

**Note:** Prospective graduate students must apply to *both* the degree program of interest and to the MU Graduate School. In most cases, the entire application process may be completed online. Find admission and application details by selecting the degree program of interest in the left navigation column.