



Mississippi
College

SCHOOL OF NURSING GENERAL INFORMATION

The nursing program at Mississippi College is 4 years in length and leads to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. The curriculum consists of 35 hours of nursing prerequisites, 35 hours of college core courses, and 61 hours of nursing courses. Students are admitted into the clinical portion of the major twice a year in the fall and spring semesters.

The number of students admitted to the nursing major is determined by the administration of the School of Nursing, and may vary depending on the number of qualified applicants and School of Nursing resources. The application process is **competitive**. First consideration for acceptance is given to those students who have taken all of their course work at Mississippi College and meet the minimum requirements. Transfer students are welcome to apply; however, transfer students wishing to be considered for the nursing major are strongly encouraged to complete their sophomore year of prerequisites at Mississippi College*. It is recommended that a **minimum of 12 semester hours of work** be completed at Mississippi College. As a general rule, students who have not completed any Mississippi College course work at the time of application to the nursing major are not considered for admittance.

All nursing prerequisite courses must be completed before admission to the nursing major. All core courses must be completed before graduation, and the clinical nursing sequence can be started with no more than 12 hours of core courses remaining. Remaining core courses can be scheduled in the summer. Except in special cases, core courses may not be taken with the clinical nursing courses.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

The requirements for admission to the Mississippi College School of Nursing are:

- ! Completion of all prerequisite courses;
- ! Successful completion of college core courses or a faculty-approved plan for completing these in a timely fashion;
- ! A cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher based on work completed at Mississippi College;
- ! A minimum grade of C in psychology, sociology, anatomy & physiology, microbiology, chemistry, nutrition, algebra, and computer science;
- ! A minimum score at the 50 percentile or higher in the Composite/All category on the National League for Nursing Pre-Nursing and Guidance test (PNG)**;
- ! A critical-thinking test and reading skills test (Administered by Mississippi College School of Nursing)**;
- ! Successful completion of ENG 101 and ENG 102; and
- ! Credit hours at Mississippi College (a minimum of 12 hours is suggested).

*The last 65 hours of work toward a degree from Mississippi College must be taken at a senior college. The last 33 hours must be taken in residence at Mississippi College. To avoid any loss of academic credit, it is advisable to first check with a Mississippi College School of Nursing advisor before taking courses at another institution; however, final decision regarding transfer of credit is determined by the Office of the Registrar.

**The NLN Pre-Nursing and Guidance test, and the critical-thinking and reading skills tests are given at Mississippi College each semester; arrangements to take them can be made through the School of Nursing office. Students who have already taken the NLN PNG test can submit proof of their scores.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students interested in entering the nursing program must first apply to and be accepted by Mississippi College. Applications for the School of Nursing are distributed by the School of Nursing office mid-semester fall and spring. The deadline for application to the School of Nursing is March 1 for fall admission and October 1 for the spring semester admission. The Admissions and Progression Committee of the School of Nursing meets after those dates and admits the class for the following semester. Each application is evaluated individually with respect to the applicant's potential for success in the nursing major. Special consideration is given to each student's Mississippi College grade point average, total number of hours taken at Mississippi College, overall grade point average, nursing prerequisite courses grade point average, ACT score (if available), and scores on standardized admission tests. Students who applied and were not admitted in one semester may submit a written request to be considered and re-evaluated with the next semester's applicants. No waiting list is maintained.

This information is provided to answer some of the commonly asked questions about the Mississippi College nursing program. It is not binding and does not replace the catalog or academic advising. If you are interested in pursuing a BSN degree at Mississippi College, please contact the School of Nursing for an appointment.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE CORE COURSES:

English Composition
Literature
History
Fine Arts
Old Testament
New Testament
Physical Education
(activity courses required)
Guided Elective
Behavioral Science Elective
(Child, Adolescent, or Developmental
Psychology is recommended)

Hours	NURSING PREREQUISITE COURSES:	Hours
6	Chemistry	8
6	(2 4-hour laboratory courses)	
6	Anatomy and Physiology	8
3	(2 4-hour laboratory courses)	
3	Microbiology	4
3	(laboratory course)	
2	Sociology, Principles	3
	Psychology, Introduction	3
3	Statistics	3
3	College Algebra	3
	Computer Science, Introduction	3