

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI



EARN YOUR BSN DEGREE

The **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** program offers a curriculum based upon courses in the liberal arts and sciences and culminating in upper-division nursing courses. The BSN program is five semesters; the plan of study consists of 55 credit hours of non-nursing prerequisite courses and 69 credit hours of upper-division nursing courses for a total of 124 credit hours. The purpose of the baccalaureate program is to prepare the graduate for entry-level positions in a variety of health care services. The program provides the foundation for graduate study in nursing.

The University of Southern Mississippi College of Nursing and Health Professions is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Mississippi State Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Successful admission to The University of Southern Mississippi as an undergraduate student
- Applicants must be in good academic standing (cannot be on probation, probation continued or suspension).
- A minimum national composite ACT of 21 or above is required. ACT superscores are not accepted.
- Nursing Admission Exam must be completed or registered for prior to submission of application.
- Applicants must have earned a "C or higher" in each prerequisite course and have an overall minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.5.
- Three of the four required science prerequisite courses must be completed at the time of application.
- Only one required science course may be repeated, one time.
- All prerequisite courses must be completed with transcripts on file before nursing classes begin.
- Applicants transferring from another nursing program must provide a letter directly from the dean/director of the school stating the applicant is in good standing and eligible for progression in said program.
- Applicants must provide a statement addressing why they would be successful in the BSN program.
- Proof of current CPR certification, physical exam, vaccines or titers (Hepatitis B, MMR, Tdap, and Varicella) and Tuberculosis screening are required AFTER acceptance into the BSN program.
- The nursing program requires all students to participate in clinical experiences. Clinical experiences require students to have substance screenings and criminal background checks.

Note: A misdemeanor or felony conviction may disqualify a student from clinical experiences, thereby making the student unable to complete the program.

For program and scholarship information, contact the College of Nursing and Health Professions (askCNHP@usm.edu).



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