

# SCHOOL of PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

## RN-BSN APPLICATION

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1 FOR SPRING; APRIL 1 FOR SUMMER; JUNE 1 FOR FALL**

Are you a Registered Nurse (ADN)?  YES  NO If YES, License # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
(RN license must be unrestricted to be eligible for admission into the RN-BSN program.)

Have you been fully admitted to Southern Miss 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. You can contact Admissions at 601.266.5000 or visit [usm.edu/admissions](http://usm.edu/admissions).

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Applicants must have graduated from an associate degree nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.
- 2) Applicants must have a current unrestricted Mississippi RN license or current unrestricted multi-state RN license from a compact state.
- 3) Applicants must have at least a "C" in each nursing course in the ADN program with a minimum nursing GPA of a 2.0 on a 4.0 point scale, a "C" or better in each prerequisite course, and at least a "C" in each nursing course in the ADN program with a minimum nursing GPA of a 2.0 on a 4.0 point scale.
- 4) Applicants may only retake/repeat one (1) required science course one time (for which a "D" or an "F" grade was earned).
- 5) Applicants may only retake/repeat one (1) associate degree nursing (ADN) course one time (for which a "D" or an "F" grade was earned).
- 6) Applicants must have successfully completed all prerequisite courses before beginning courses in the RN-BSN Program (At the time of application, two of the three natural science courses must be completed).
- 7) Applicants must be in good academic standing at all institutions (cannot be on probation, probation continued or suspension).
- 8) Applicants must provide unofficial final transcripts to the College of Nursing and Health Professions.
- 9) Applicants must provide official final transcripts to the Southern Miss Admissions office.

### COMPLETED APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Copies of all transcripts must be attached, even Southern Miss transcripts.** This is the applicant's responsibility. The College of Nursing and Health Professions will not be responsible for obtaining transcripts for applicants. Even if transcripts have been sent to the Admissions office, students must also attach copies with the completed application to Southern Miss College of Nursing and Health Professions. Unofficial copies are acceptable. **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 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Mississippi Resident:  Yes  No Composite ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken \_\_\_\_\_  
(Minimum required is 21)

Preferred Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an associate degree?  Yes  No IF YES, degree \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (name/location of agency) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended Southern Miss?  Yes  No IF YES, list dates attended. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled at Southern Miss?  Yes  No IF NO, where are you currently enrolled? \_\_\_\_\_

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been admitted to the Southern Miss College of Nursing and Health Professions?  YES  NO *If YES, when?*  
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, explain why:*

LIST ALL PREVIOUS COLLEGES ATTENDED / YEARS ATTENDED <i>Copies of transcripts must be attached for each institution.</i>	INITIAL HERE <i>if transcript is attached</i>	# OF HRS. TAKEN	CUMULATIVE GPA	DEGREE EARNED
<b>Example:</b> JCJC Attended 2017-18	SON	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 1077, Section §43-11-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, all applicants to the College of Nursing and Health Professions must undergo the criminal background check before beginning clinical experiences. If the student is disqualified for clinical training at an agency, the College of Nursing and Health Professions 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 12 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.

**COMPLETED APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS** *Initial that the following are attached:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Copies of All Transcripts *(can be unofficial)*  
\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of RN License

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Prerequisite Checklist  
*All courses must be accounted for: completed, enrolled, planning to enroll.*

**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 Professional Nursing Practice. I hereby make application for admission to the School of Professional Nursing Practice at The University of Southern Mississippi and agree to abide by the regulations and policies of the College of Nursing and Health Professions 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## RN-BSN PREREQUISITE CHECKLIST

### QUESTIONS FOR THE STUDENT TO ANSWER

- 1) Have you ever earned a “D” or an “F” in a college science course? YES NO *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. If YES, which course(s)?*
- 2) Do you have a “C” or better in each course on this list? YES NO *Grade of “C” or better with overall prerequisite minimum GPA of 2.0*

## ADMISSION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### FOR THE SOUTHERN MISS RN-BSN PROGRAM

- 1) Two of the three required science courses must be complete at time of application.
- 2) Of the required science courses, only one course may be repeated one time.
- 3) All prerequisite courses must be completed before RN-BSN courses begin.
- 4) Students cannot be on probation, probation continued or suspension.
- 5) Spring admission deadline is November 1. Summer admission deadline is April 1. Fall admission deadline is June 1. Students having completed approximately 75 percent of the prerequisite nursing courses may make application to the RN-BSN program.

**MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET WITH ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

Southern Miss College of Nursing and Health Professions  
ATTN: RN-BSN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION  
118 College Drive #5095, Hattiesburg, MS 39406



COLLEGE of NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

118 College Drive #5095 | 601.266.5445  
usm.edu/nursing-health-professions

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<b>Fill in ALL GRADES EARNED.</b> <i>If you have taken a class more than once, <u>list all grades</u> you have earned in the class.</i>	HRS.	EXACT COURSE TAKEN	GRADE EARNED	GRADE EARNED	GRADE EARNED	QUALITY PTS. FOR GPA CALCULATION
Southern Miss Course Number/Mississippi Community College (Course Numbers)		ENG 2323				
BSC 250: HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I* (BIO 2513/2514)						
BSC 250L: HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I LAB* (BIO 2511)						
BSC 251: HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II* (BIO 2523/2524)						
BSC 251L: HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II LAB* (BIO 2521)						
BSC 283: MICROORGANISMS IN HEALTH AND DISEASE* (BIO 2923/2924)						
BSC 283L: MICROORGANISMS IN HEALTH AND DISEASE LAB* (BIO 2921)						
ENG 101: COMPOSITION I (ENG 1113 or 1213)						
ENG 102: COMPOSITION II (ENG 1123 or 1223)						
ENG 203: WORLD LITERATURE (ENG 2413, 2423, 2433 or 2453)						
ART 130, DAN 130, MUS 165, THE 100 (ART 1113, DAN 1233, MUS 1113 or SPT 2233): ART, DANCE, THEATRE OR MUSIC APPRECIATION						
HIS 101 or 102: WORLD CIVILIZATION I OR II (HIS 1113, 1143, 1163, 1123, 1153 or 1173)						
HIS 101 or 102 or PHI 151 or REL 131: WORLD CIVILIZATION I OR II, INTRO. TO PHILOSOPHY OR COMPARATIVE RELIGION (HIS 1113, 1143, 1163, 1123, 1153 or 1173; PHI 2113 or 2613)						
MAT 101: COLLEGE ALGEBRA (MAT 1313)						
NFS 362: NUTRITION (HEC 1253, FCS 1253, BIO 1613) **CANNOT BE CDT 1513						
PSY 110: GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (PSY 1513)						
PSY 360 or DPH 440 or CSS 211: STATISTICS (BAD 2323 or MAT 2323) COURSE TITLE MUST INCLUDE THE WORD "STATISTICS."						
PSY 275: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (EPY 2533)						
SOC 101: PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY (SOC 2113)						
SOC 214: THE FAMILY (SOC 2143)						
CMS 320: BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING (SPT 1113)						

\*May only repeat/retake one required science prerequisite course one time.