Military/Veterans BSN Pathway
Admission Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be admitted to Southern Miss as a nursing undergraduate (with the USM Gulf Coast campus as their home campus).
  - Be sure to include your medical training on the USM Application as noted on your military transcript(s) and request the Admissions Office to post your military transcript to your student record.

- Have completed specific military medical education and practice. Please contact the USM-GC College of Nursing and Health Professions at 228.214.3285 to discuss this requirement.

- Have a healthcare specialist rating while serving in the military and if a veteran, be discharged within the last 3 years (within 5 years for those who have been employed in a civilian healthcare role).
  - If a veteran, provide a DD Form 214 “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty” showing proof of health specialist rating.

- Have a minimum national composite ACT score of 21 or above.

- Have a GPA of at least 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale in non-nursing prerequisite courses and at least a 2.0 in each course.

- If needed or desired, may repeat a required science course one time.

- Submitted your Military/Veterans BSN (VBSN) application prior to the February 1st application deadline.

- Have taken the Kaplan Admission Test prior to the February 1st VBSN application deadline.

- Have completed all BSN Program prerequisite courses before beginning nursing courses and being enrolled in the Military/Veterans BSN Pathway.

- Be in good academic standing at Southern Miss (cannot be on probation, probation continued, or suspension).

- If transferring from another nursing school, provide a letter from the program’s dean/director verifying that the applicant is in good standing in the program and eligible for progression.

- Proof of current CPR certification, physical exam, immunizations (MMR, Tdap, Hepatitis B), varicella vaccine or titer, and TB skin test at time of admission.

Note: We have a traditional BSN program for students without the required military medical training.