Military/Veterans BSN Pathway (VBSN)
Application Process and Deadline

Application Process:

Application to the VBSN Pathway is a three-step process. Applicants must successfully: 1. apply to the University; 2. supply all required documentation; and 3. apply to the VBSN Pathway before the enrollment deadline; Current USM students may skip step 1. Select military/veteran status AND select nursing as your major.

1. Submit a USM Gulf Coast Admissions Application

Applicants who meet minimum published VBSN Pathway criteria should apply to the Gulf Coast Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Submit a degree-seeking transfer application (Health Sciences major) to USM-GC Undergraduate Admissions. For questions regarding undergraduate admissions, call 228.214.3444. Be sure to request that your military transcript be posted to your student record.

2. Submit Required Documentation

Request 1 copy of ACT/SAT scores and official transcripts from every college or university attended, including military transcripts. Have one copy of these scores and transcripts sent directly to the following address:

USM-GC Office of Undergraduate Admissions
730 East Beach Blvd.
Long Beach, MS 39560

Admission will not be considered until the above documents are received, opened, and processed in the system by the Undergraduate Admissions office. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions will decide which courses are transferable to the University.

3. Submit a VBSN Application to USM College of Nursing and Health Professions

Once you have completed steps 1 and 2, complete, print, sign, and mail the VBSN application as instructed on the VBSN website’s Apply Now! button. The VBSN application requires a USM student identification number. All students receive their student ID# at the time of application to the University (Step 1). A second copy of your scores and transcripts - which do not need to be official (see Step 2) - must be sent to:
Southern Miss College of Nursing and Health Professions  
ATTN: VBSN Pathway Application for Admissions  
118 College Drive, #5095  
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001  

**Application Deadline:**

The College of Nursing and Health Professions accepts students into the VBSN Pathway every Fall. All prerequisite courses must be completed no later than the end of the semester before nursing classes begin.

The enrollment deadline for Fall is **February 1st** at 5:00pm.

We strongly suggest that applications be submitted as early as possible.

*Note: For an application to be considered, all required documents must be received on or before the deadline.*

**Nursing Mandatory Orientation Date:**

Upon acceptance to the VBSN Pathway, you will receive a packet of information that will include the mandatory orientation date. All VBSN students must attend the mandatory College of Nursing and Health Professions Orientation. Students who cannot attend the orientation may forfeit their seat in the program.