# RN-BSN PROGRAM

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

### CURRENT RN APPLICANTS (RN):
- Graduated from an associate degree program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
- Current unrestricted Mississippi RN license or current unrestricted multistate RN license from a compact state

### APPLICANTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING (ADN) PROGRAM:
- Maintains current enrollment and ‘eligible to progress’ status in an Associate Degree Nursing Program within the state of Mississippi.
- Minimum 21 ACT score and minimum GPA 2.0 on prerequisite courses.

### ALL RN-BSN APPLICANTS:
- Earned at least a ‘C’ 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
- May only repeat/retake one required science prerequisite course one time
- May only repeat/retake one associate degree nursing (ADN) course one time
- Successfully completed all prerequisite courses before beginning courses in the RN-BSN Program [At the time of application, two of the three natural sciences courses must be completed]
- Proof of current CPR certification, physical exam, immunizations (MMR, TDAP, Hepatitis B, varicella vaccine or titer), TB skin test, criminal background check, & controlled substances drug screen before beginning the nursing program
- Must be in good academic standing at all institutions (cannot be on probation, probation continued or suspension)

## PRE-ADMISSION ADVISEMENT

### Call your RN-BSN adviser (601.266.5454) or (228.865.4555) for transcript evaluation before applying for admission to the RN-BSN program.

### You will receive guidance about the following:
- Which courses complete prerequisite requirements
- Which courses you may still need to take
- Online options for taking needed prerequisite courses
- Financial aid and scholarships

### What will you need to do to apply to Southern Miss and the RN-BSN program?
- Submit applications to the following:
  1. The University of Southern Mississippi (Undergraduate Program)
  2. The RN-BSN program in the College of Nursing
# RN-BSN Program

## Application Instructions

### Application to the University of Southern Mississippi

- Complete and submit online "Application for Undergraduate Admission" to The University of Southern Mississippi if you are not a current student at Southern Miss.

### Sending Transcripts

- Request that official transcripts (hard copies not electronic copies) from each college and university attended since high school be sent to the following:
  - One (1) official copy to the Admissions office
  - One (1) photo copy to the College of Nursing

### Directions for Completing Applications:

1. To apply to the university, go online to [www.usm.edu/admissions](http://www.usm.edu/admissions).
2. Click "Apply."
3. Click "Application Checklist" to identify all information and required documents that will be needed to complete your application.
4. Click "Apply Online" and follow directions for online application. **Note:**
   - On question that asks, "I am an incoming...," select "TRANSFER STUDENT."
   - On question that asks, "I plan to attend classes in...," select "ONLINE FORMAT."

### Directions for Sending Transcripts:

- **Set 1:** Original Transcripts are mailed to
  - The University of Southern Mississippi
  - Office of Admissions Gulf Coast Campus
  - 730 East Beach Blvd. #5128
  - Long Beach, MS 39560
- **Set 2:** Copy of Transcripts are mailed to
  - The University of Southern Mississippi
  - College of Nursing Gulf Coast
  - 730 East Beach Blvd. #5128
  - Long Beach, MS 39560

**Note:** If you are currently taking prerequisite courses, you will need to request that another official transcript be sent to the Office of Admissions and a copy to the College of Nursing once official grades have been posted for these courses.

### Application to College of Nursing

- Complete and submit a copy of the "Application for Admission to RN-BSN Program" (page 1) and "Outstanding Prerequisites Plan of Study" (page 2) to the College of Nursing.
- Submit transcripts from each college and university attended since high school.
- **Note:** Unofficial copies are accepted at the College of Nursing, but official transcripts are to be sent to the university Admissions office.

- Mail completed “Application for Admission to RN-BSN Program” to the College of Nursing:
  - The University of Southern Mississippi
  - College of Nursing Gulf Coast
  - 730 East Beach Blvd. #5128
  - Long Beach, MS 39560
# College of Nursing
## AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO RN-BSN PROGRAM

**Applying for Semester/ Year**
- [ ] Spring Semester (year)
- [ ] Summer Semester (year)
- [ ] Fall Semester (year)

**Name**
- First Name
- Middle Name
- Last Name
- Maiden Name (if applicable)

**Identification Information**
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Race/Ethnicity
- Social Security Number

**Address** (Communication will be sent to current address unless other wise requested.)
- Current Address:
- Permanent Address:

**Contact Information**
- Home Phone
- Cell Phone
- Email Address

**Mississippi Resident?**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**RN License (if applicable)**
- License #
- State:

**Employer**
- Name and Location of Agency
- Phone Number

### LIST ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (INCLUDING SOUTHERN MISS) THAT YOU HAVE ATTENDED SINCE HIGH SCHOOL

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<th>Name of College/University and Location</th>
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I affirm that the information in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that falsification of information is grounds for dismissal from the College of Nursing. I hereby make application for admission to the College of Nursing at The University of Southern Mississippi and agree to abide by the regulations and policies of the College of Nursing while I am a student. I also understand providing all required documents is my responsibility and applications with missing documentation will not be considered for admission.

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________

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**Example:** MGCCC, Gulfport, MS
- Years Attended: 2010-2012
- Number of Hours Taken: 50
- Cumulative GPA: 3.45
- Degree Earned: A.D.N
- Initial if Transcripts Included in Packet: IN
# OUTSTANDING PREREQUISITES PLAN OF STUDY (54 Hours)

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