Early admission to the BSN program allows students who meet specific criteria and choose Southern Miss as freshmen to know that they will be admitted to the BSN program when they complete nursing prerequisite courses as long as they maintain eligibility for early admission. This option is available at both the Hattiesburg campus and Gulf Park campus. The students admitted via this option are referred to as College of Nursing Dean Scholars.

Application Requirements:

1. Completed application for early BSN admission postmarked by the first Monday in April during the student’s senior year of high school
2. High School GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4.0 as computed by USM Admissions
3. Minimum ACT composite score of 24 at the time of application
4. Entering first year student at the University of Southern Mississippi

The criteria to maintain eligibility for early admission:

1. Maintenance of an overall 3.0 or higher GPA in all college courses prerequisite to admission to the nursing major
2. Remain enrolled as a full time USM student during the academic year
3. Maintain eligibility for admission to the BSN program

Each student who has been accepted for early admission is required to send a notification of intent to begin the nursing program by September 1st for a spring semester start date and by February 1st for a fall semester start date. If a student fails to maintain requirements for early admission, the student may apply to the BSN program by the posted deadlines along with the regular pool of nursing applicants.

I am submitting this application for the College of Nursing Early BSN Admission.

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Signature                                              Date

Return to:
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