Admission into the Pre-Licensure BSN Program

Program Overview

The BSN program is designed to prepare students as professional nurses who integrate the liberal arts and sciences with knowledge and skills essential for patient-centered nursing practice. Graduates are caring, ethical health care providers who support the dignity of others and promote holistic, evidence-based practice in a variety of settings.

Nursing majors take classes and participate in on-campus labs and off-site clinical experiences to become effective patient care givers in a variety of settings. The outstanding reputation of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is built upon more than 80 years of experience.

Admission Requirements for the Pre-Clinical Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program:

TRADITIONAL STUDENTS:
- ACT score of 21 or higher/SAT score of 990 (CR + M) or higher.
- High school cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Successfully completed high school chemistry, algebra I and algebra II with a “C” or higher.
- Must submit official high school transcript to University.
- Score above MTH 098 – Intermediate Algebra on COMPASS math placement test.
*ADULT students with no prior college work will be evaluated based on high school credentials and COMPASS.

TRANSFER STUDENTS:
- Submit official transcripts from all high school and previous colleges/universities attended.
- College cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- Passed chemistry with a “C” or higher in high school and/or college.
- Score above MTH 098 – Intermediate Algebra on COMPASS math placement test.

Transfer Courses:
- If transfer students earned less than a “C” in specific category I pre-clinical courses at Mount St. Joseph University or any other college/university, the course must be repeated.
- The course can only be repeated one time.

Category I Courses:
- PSY 103
- SOC 103
- BIO 197/197A
- BIO 198/198A
- CHE 104/104A
- NUR 100

If a transfer student earns less than a “C” in two Category I, II, or III courses at Mount St. Joseph University or any other college/university, the student is denied admission to the pre-clinical program.

“The Mount prepared me well for working as a nurse, especially as a new grad. The classes were difficult, but the professors prepped me with the knowledge and skills to work in diverse clinical locations, which included the Mount’s nursing lab and the simulation center. I have had a very easy transition period and really enjoy my time as a float nurse.

– Julia Bruggeman

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CURRENT PRE-NURSING STUDENTS MUST MEET THE MINIMUM CRITERIA BELOW IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE CLINICAL COMPONENT OF THE BSN PROGRAM:

- Completed 28 credit hours.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.8, including transfer credits.
- Earn a "C" or higher in all Category I or Prerequisite Courses:
  - PSY 103: Introduction to Psychology
  - SOC 103: Our Social World
  - BIO 197/197A: Human Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Sciences 1*
  - BIO 198/198A: Human Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Sciences 2*
  - CHE 104/104A: General and Organic Chemistry*
  - NUR 100: Health Promotion
  *Earn at least one "B" in the lecture portion of only the sciences courses listed above.
- Submit application to the BSN Clinical Program by deadline of February 1.
- Successfully complete a background check and drug screening, if required.

TRANSFER STUDENTS:

Any student transferring course work from another institution is required to submit an official transcript for all previous course work, including a final high school transcript showing an earned grade of a "C" or higher in high school chemistry.

- If a student earns less than a "C" in any Category I (prerequisite) course, whether at Mount St. Joseph University or as a transfer course, the course must be repeated. If a grade less than a "C" is earned a second time, or if the students earns less than a "C" in another Category I course, the student is not eligible for admission into the BSN clinical program.
- Previous course work is included when calculating the admission GPA to the clinical component of the nursing program.
- Submit application to the BSN Clinical Program by deadline of February 1.

All incoming Freshman are required to submit an official, final high school transcript showing an earned grade of a "C" or higher in high school chemistry.

Accreditation:
The BSN Program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

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