

SCHOOL of PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

BSN APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1 FOR FALL; SEPTEMBER 1 FOR SPRING

Have you ever been admitted to and started attending another nursing program? YES NO IF YES, written verification of satisfactory progression in that program is required. Contact your former nursing program and request a letter to be sent to the Southern Miss College of Nursing and Health Professions verifying your status. This is a standard letter, and schools of nursing regularly send these.

Are you a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)? YES NO IF YES, the LPN license must be unrestricted to be eligible for admission into the BSN program.

Have you been fully admitted to Southern Miss as an undergraduate? YES NO IF NO, urgently contact Admissions to complete the process. Applicants must be accepted to The University of Southern Mississippi to be considered for admission to the Nursing program. You can contact Admissions by phone at 601.266.5000 or visit their website at usm.edu/admissions.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Applicants must have a **minimum composite national ACT score of 21**, earn a **“C” or better in each prerequisite course** and have an overall minimum **prerequisite GPA of 2.5**.
- 2) Three (3) of the five (5) required science courses must be **completed at the time of application; this means only two (2) required science courses/lab can be UNGRADED at the time of application**.
- 3) Applicants may only retake/repeat one (1) required science course one time (for which a “D” or an “F” grade was earned).
- 4) Applicants must have completed approximately 75 percent of the required prerequisites at the time of application.
- 5) Applicants must be in good academic standing (cannot be on probation, probation continued or suspension).
- 6) Nursing Entrance Exam must be completed, or applicant must be registered for exam prior to submission of application.

COMPLETED APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Copies of all transcripts must be attached, even Southern Miss transcripts. Written verification of minimum composite national ACT score of 21 must be attached by the applicant. This is the applicant’s responsibility. The College of Nursing and Health Professions will not be responsible for obtaining transcripts/ACT scores for applicants. Even if transcripts/ACT scores have been sent to the Admissions office, students must also attach copies with the completed application to Southern Miss College of Nursing and Health Professions. Unofficial copies are acceptable. ACT information can be requested at actstudent.org. **This information should be attached and not sent separately. Students must complete the prerequisite checklist portion of the application.** All required prerequisite courses must be listed by the applicant by either entering an earned grade, semester enrolled or semester planning to enroll.

Today’s Date: _____ I am applying for: Semester _____ Year _____

SSN: _____-_____-_____ EMPL ID: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Race: _____

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name Maiden Name

Current Address (address you would like your letter sent to): _____ Apt# _____
Permanent Address: _____ Apt# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County of Residence: _____ Mississippi Resident: Yes No Composite ACT Score: _____ Date Taken: _____
(Minimum required is 21; superscores not accepted)

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Do you have an undergraduate degree? Yes No IF YES, what was your major? _____

Do you have an associate degree? Yes No IF YES, degree: _____ from: _____

How did you learn of the Southern Miss College of Nursing and Health Professions? _____

Have you ever attended Southern Miss? Yes No IF YES, list dates attended: _____

Are you currently enrolled at Southern Miss? Yes No IF NO, where are you currently enrolled? _____

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Empl ID: _____

Have you ever been admitted to the Southern Miss College of Nursing and Health Professions? YES NO *If YES, when?*

Reason for leaving: _____

Have you ever attended any other institution's nursing program? YES NO *If YES, to qualify for admission to the Southern Miss Nursing program, students must have left the previous nursing program in good standing and qualified to progress in that program.*

If YES, please provide the following:

Name of School: _____ Location: _____

Date of Entrance: _____ Date of Leaving: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

Are you eligible to return to this school? YES NO *If YES, a letter of good standing from this institution is required to finish your application.*

If NO, explain why: _____

LIST ALL PREVIOUS COLLEGES ATTENDED / YEARS ATTENDED <i>Copies of transcripts must be attached for each institution.</i>	INITIAL HERE <i>Transcript Attached</i>	# OF HRS. TAKEN	CUMULATIVE GPA
Example: JCJC Attended 2021-22	SON	24	3.0

LICENSURE INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS: Any individual having been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony may not be allowed to write the NCLEX for RN licensure. At their discretion, the Mississippi Board of Nursing has the authority to refuse licensure to anyone convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. (See State of Mississippi Laws, Rules and Regulations, Mississippi Board of Nursing Section §73-15-29 (1) (b).)

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK: Pursuant to an amendment to Mississippi House Bill HB 1077, Section §43-11-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, all applicants to the College of Nursing and Health Professions must undergo the criminal background check before beginning clinical experiences. If the student is disqualified for clinical training at an agency, the College of Nursing and Health Professions may determine that the student cannot maintain student status since clinical training is an essential part of the Nursing program.

ROUTINE ALCOHOL AND DRUG SCREENING: Every student enrolled in a clinical nursing course is required to undergo a drug screening test at least every 12 months to determine the presence of alcohol, drugs and controlled substances. If the results of the drug screening are positive for alcohol, drugs and/or other controlled substances, the student may not continue in clinical nursing courses. The student is responsible for costs associated with the drug screening and confirmation.

REQUIRED LETTER: "Why I would be successful if admitted"

COMPLETED APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS *Initial that the following are attached:*

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| _____ Copies of All Transcripts <i>(can be unofficial)</i> | _____ Completed Prerequisite Checklist. <i>All courses must be accounted for: completed, enrolled, planning to enroll.</i> |
| _____ Copies of Written Verification of ACT National Scores <i>(minimum composite of 21 required)</i> | _____ Letter on "Why I Would Be Successful if Admitted" |

Certification: By initialing above and signing below, I affirm that the information in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that falsification of information is grounds for dismissal from the School of Professional Nursing Practice. I hereby make application for admission to the School of Professional Nursing Practice at The University of Southern Mississippi and agree to abide by the regulations and policies of the College of Nursing and Health Professions while I am a student. I also understand attaching all required documents is my responsibility, and an incomplete application may not be considered for admission.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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BSN PREREQUISITE CHECKLIST

QUESTIONS FOR THE STUDENT TO ANSWER

- 1) Is your ACT 21 or above? YES NO *If NO, you must retake to earn minimum score of 21.*
- 2) Have you ever earned a “D” or an “F” in a college science course? YES NO *If a student has a “D/F” in more than one required science course, he/she does not qualify to apply to the Southern Miss Nursing program. If YES, which course(s)?*
- 3) Do you have a “C” or better in each course on this list? YES NO *Grade of “C” or better with overall prerequisite minimum GPA of 2.5*

ADMISSION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

FOR THE SOUTHERN MISS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

- 1) Minimum national composite ACT score of 21 and minimum grade of “C” in each prerequisite course with prerequisite GPA of 2.5 are required.
- 2) Three of the five required science courses must be complete at time of application.
- 3) Of the required science courses, only one natural science course may be repeated one time.
- 4) All prerequisite courses must be completed before nursing classes begin.
- 5) Students cannot be on probation, probation continued or suspension.
- 6) Fall admission deadline is February 1. Spring admission deadline is September 1. Students having completed approximately 75 percent of the prerequisite nursing courses may make application to the BSN program.
- 7) Would you consider admission to one of our academic partnerships, should you not be granted admission to USM? YES NO

If not selected for admission into the BSN program at USM, your application may be considered for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) or Practical Nursing programs at Pearl River Community College or Jones College, as well as the BSN or ADN programs at Alcorn State University as a part of our academic partnerships with those institutions.

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET WITH ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

COLLEGE of NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

ATTN: NURSING APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

118 College Drive #5095

Hattiesburg, MS 39406

601.266.5445 | usm.edu/nursing-health-professions

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Empl ID: _____

Fill in ALL GRADES EARNED. <i>If you have taken a class more than once, <u>list all grades</u> you have earned in the class.</i>	HRS.	EXACT COURSE TAKEN	GRADE EARNED	GRADE EARNED	GRADE EARNED	QUALITY PTS. FOR GPA CALCULATION
Southern Miss Course Number/Mississippi Community College (Course Numbers)		ENG 2323				
GEC 01–GEC 06 MET: ONLY FOR ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES						
MUST HAVE 9 HOURS OF HUMANITIES: ONLY FOR ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES						
BSC 250: HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (BIO 2513/2511/2514)						
BSC 250L: HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I LAB (BIO 2511)						
BSC 251: HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (BIO 2523/2521/2524)						
BSC 251L: HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II LAB (BIO 2521)						
BSC 282 or BSC 283: MICROORGANISMS IN HEALTH AND DISEASE/ MICROBIOLOGY OR GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY (BIO 2923/2921 or 2924)						
BSC 282L or BSC 283L: MICROBIOLOGY LAB OR GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY LAB						
CHE 106: GENERAL CHEMISTRY OR CHE 110: FUND. OF GENERAL, ORGANIC AND BIOCHEMISTRY. **CANNOT BE CHE 100. FROM TRANSFER INSTITUTION, THIS MUST BE THE CHEMISTRY FOR PRE-MED MAJORS. (CHE 1213/1211; 1214; 1214H).						
CHE 106L: GENERAL CHEMISTRY LAB OR CHE 110L: FUND. OF GENERAL, ORGANIC AND BIOCHEMISTRY LAB. FROM TRANSFER INSTITUTION, THIS MUST BE THE CHEMISTRY FOR PRE-MED MAJORS.						
MAT 101: COLLEGE ALGEBRA (MAT 1313) MATH 101 IS A DEGREE REQUIREMENT.						
NFS 362: NUTRITION (HEC 1253) (FCS 1253, BIO 1613) **CANNOT BE CDT 1513						
PSY 110: GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (PSY 1513)						
PSY 275: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (EPY 2533)						
PSY 360 or DPH 440 or CSS 211: STATISTICS (BAD 2323) (MAT 2323) COURSE TITLE MUST INCLUDE THE WORD "STATISTICS."						
SOC 101: PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY (SOC 2113)						
SOC 214: THE FAMILY (SOC 2143)						