

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI



EARN YOUR **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING** ON THE GULF PARK CAMPUS

The **Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) pathway** enables a student with a previous baccalaureate or higher degree to earn a BSN degree. This pathway offers knowledge and skills for you to excel in healthcare and to pursue graduate degrees in nursing (MSN, DNP, PhD). The focus of prerequisites is on science courses that support the required nursing courses. The pathway culminates in upper-division nursing courses during the three semesters of study.

The University of Southern Mississippi College of Nursing and Health Professions is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Mississippi State Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Successful admission to The University of Southern Mississippi as an undergraduate student
- Applicants must be in good academic standing (cannot be on probation, probation continued or suspension).
- Applicants must have a conferred baccalaureate or higher degree to apply.
- Applicants must have no previous nursing course/program failures from any institution in the last two years from the date of application.
- Applicants must have the following sciences:
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II with lab (4 hours each)
 - General Microbiology or Microorganisms in Health and Disease with lab (4 hours)
 - General Chemistry or Fundamentals of General Organic and Biochemistry with lab (4 hours)
- Applicants must have earned a "C" or higher in each prerequisite course and have an overall minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.5.
- All prerequisite courses must be completed with transcripts on file before nursing classes begin.
- Nursing Entrance Exam must be completed or registered for prior to submission of application.
- Proof of current CPR certification, physical exam, vaccines or titers (Hepatitis B, MMR, Tdap, and Varicella) and Tuberculosis screening are required AFTER acceptance into the ABSN program.
- The nursing program requires all students to participate in clinical experiences. Clinical experiences require students to have substance screenings and criminal background checks.

Note: A misdemeanor or felony conviction may disqualify a student from clinical experiences, thereby making the student unable to complete the program.

For program and scholarship information, contact the College of Nursing and Health Professions (askCNHP@usm.edu).



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