Missouri Baptist University
School of Nursing
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)
ADMISSION POLICY

Students seeking the Accelerated Bachelor of Science (ABSN) in nursing degree will progress through the nursing curriculum for a period of 12 months. The School of Nursing at Missouri Baptist University (MBU) may admit up to 32 students per academic year into the ABSN.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

1. **Admission to Missouri Baptist University**
    a. **Transfer Students** will submit the Undergraduate application for admission.
    b. **Current MBU students** can skip this step.

2. **ABSN Review Cycle –** The review cycle will open in May of each year for the following start date.
    a. **Transfer Students** will be contacted by an Admissions Counselor after completing the Undergraduate application. Once the student's transcripts have been evaluated and the student has been deemed eligible to apply to the ABSN program, their information will be sent forward for review.
    b. **Current MBU Students** will contact their academic advisor about their interest in the ABSN program. Once the advisor has deemed them eligible to apply, their information will be sent forward for review.
    c. **Students will be reviewed on a rolling basis until seats are filled.**

3. **Admission Requirements**
    a. Minimum 3.2 overall GPA required upon acceptance.

4. **Maintaining Eligibility**
    a. Student must maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA throughout any remaining general education and pre-nursing courses.
    b. Before beginning the ABSN program, students must have completed all general education and pre-nursing courses.
        i. Exceptions apply to Old Testament History, New Testament History, and Nursing Pathophysiology, which can be taken during the ABSN program.
    c. Student must earn a grade no lower than a C in Intro to Chemistry, Intro to Biology, College Algebra, and Probability & Statistics.
    d. Students seeking admission to the nursing program, as well as those already admitted, must earn a grade of **B or higher** in the following science courses:
        1. Anatomy & Physiology I with lab
        2. Anatomy & Physiology II with lab

3. Pathophysiology
4. Microbiology with lab

ii. Each course may only be repeated **one time** in order to achieve the required grade of B or higher and remain eligible for admission or progression in the nursing program.

EVALUATION

Admission to the nursing program is competitive and based on the applicant pool. Fulfillment of the minimum School of Nursing admission criteria **does not** guarantee admission. Factors given consideration during candidate selection include cumulative GPA, science course GPA, quality of the essay, co-curriculars/honors/awards/accolades, certifications/credentials/work experience/life experience, and potential to complete the program. Final applicants accepted to the program will include the most qualified based on the overall application pool. All applicants will receive notification of a decision by March 1.

Each application is considered individually without regard to age, race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sex gender identity, gender expression, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as an individual with a disability, status as a protected veteran, or any other factors which cannot lawfully be considered, to the extent specific by applicable laws.

The School of Nursing reserves the right to refuse admission or progression to an applicant or student who cannot meet, with reasonable accommodations, the functional abilities to practice safely and effectively as defined by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (1996).

Be advised that by current Missouri law, the Missouri State Board of Nursing may discipline or refuse licensure to applicants with certain arrests, misdemeanors, and felonies. For more information, contact the state board of nursing in the state where you intend to practice. The School of Nursing reserves the right to refuse admissions or progression to an applicant or student who has been convicted as a felon or has otherwise committed offenses inappropriate for a nurse.

NON-ACCEPTANCE

Applicants not accepted may be placed on a waiting list of qualified applicants. Students will be notified in order of ranking on the waiting list if openings become available.

NCLEX-RN AND LICENSURE

Be advised that to practice professional nursing, a graduate of the nursing program must apply to take the national licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN) and apply for licensure in the state where the graduate wants to work as a professional registered nurse. A graduate is required to pass the NCLEX-RN before state licensure can be granted. As outlined in the Missouri State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://pr.mo.gov/boards/nursing/npa.pdf):

The practice of nursing is subject to state-specific licensure requirements. For state-specific licensure requirement information, contact the state board of nursing in the state where you intend to practice. By current Missouri law, the Missouri State Board of Nursing has requirements that include, but are not limited to the following: **20 CSR 2200-4.020 Requirements for Licensure.**

In addition, according to the Missouri State Board of Nursing an applicant for licensure by endorsement or licensure by examination who answers yes to one (1) or more of the questions on the application or the fingerprint checks reveal charges and/or convictions which relate to possible grounds for denial of licensure under section 335.066, RSMo shall submit copies of appropriate documents, as requested by the board, related to that answer or the fingerprint check before his/her application will be considered complete. The copies shall be certified if they are records of a court or administrative government agency. An applicant for licensure by endorsement or licensure by examination who the executive director or designee determines may not meet the requirements for licensure or examination shall be notified that the application will be reviewed by the members of the board at the board's next regular scheduled meeting following receipt of all requested documents. The Missouri State Board of Nursing shall notify, by certified mail or delivery, any individual who is refused permission to take an examination for licensure or an individual licensed in another state, territory or foreign country that is denied a license by endorsement without examination. At the time of notification, this individual is to be made aware of his/her avenue of appeal through the Missouri Administrative Hearing Commission