

NURSING BROCHURE

Registered Nurses with Baccalaureate Degrees continue to emerge as leaders in our nation's health care system. Nursing is an honored profession, steeped in historic events, and unique from other health disciplines.

Graduates of Missouri Southern State University Bachelor Degree Nursing Program provide hands-on care to persons of all ages in urban or rural hospitals and communities. They are highly recognized for their positions in administration, education, graduate studies, military service, etc.

The Department of Nursing continues tradition in the nursing program by offering a contemporary curriculum including core and nursing courses that prepares graduates to provide care to people in all settings. The International Mission of the University integrated in the curriculum expands knowledge of health care and nursing practice globally.

An exciting career in nursing begins at Missouri Southern State University with a low cost and high quality nursing education program. Consider taking the step toward becoming a nursing major and pursuing opportunities for an exciting career.

HIGH QUALITY

The Department of Nursing is unique for its affordable and high quality program for numerous reasons:

- One hundred percent employment rate for all graduates through May 2008
- Highly qualified faculty
- Small classes with an average size of 30 that offer personal attention
- Day, evening and online access for many of the core courses in the nursing curriculum
- Enrollment in selected online nursing courses
- International travel through the Department of Nursing with support from the Institute for International Studies
- Study abroad opportunities
- Community based curriculum that offers learning experiences in a variety of health care settings
- Active Student Nurses Association that offers leadership development through extracurricular activities
- Missouri State Board of Nursing Full Approval
- National accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

ADMISSION

Admission begins with an application to Missouri Southern. Nursing major is declared on application to the University.

Application to the Nursing Program is provided through the Department of Nursing

with Sophomore rank and Faculty advisement.

Admission to the Nursing Program is competitive.

The applicant is responsible for submitting the Department of Nursing Application and Missouri Southern State University transcript with verified transcribed courses from other colleges and/or universities to the Department of Nursing by January 31. A non-refundable application fee is required.

Students who meet all admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree Nursing Program at Missouri Southern State University will be given preference on admission.

REQUIREMENTS

- Continuous enrollment, readmission, or transfer admission
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 minimum based on completion of freshman and sophomore courses in the Suggested Order of Study by the Junior Year
- Completion of the following required science courses with a grade of “C” or higher:

Bio 121 Anatomy and Physiology I	(4 cr)
Bio 221 Anatomy and Physiology II	(5 cr)
Bio 231 General and Medical Microbiology	(5 cr)
Bio 308 Pathophysiology	(4 cr)
Chem 100 Introductory Chemistry	(5 cr)
Kine 385 Nutrition for Human Development	(3 cr)
- Criminal Record Check ^+
- State of Missouri CareGiver Background Screening+
- Drug/Alcohol Screen^
- Physical exam with health requirements documented

+APPLICATION FOR REGISTERED NURSE LICENSURE

According to Section 335.066 Missouri Nursing Practice Act (1-16), granting of the Bachelor Degree Nursing does not guarantee eligibility to sit for the licensure examination or guarantee issuance of a license to practice nursing in the state of Missouri. Eligibility requirements to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) as specified in section 335.046-1 of the Missouri Nursing Practice Act in addition include that the applicant: 1) be of good moral character; 2) has completed high school or equivalent; 3) has successfully completed basic professional curriculum in accredited school of nursing.

Section 335.066 Missouri Nursing Practice Act (1-2) to (1-16) provides rules for denial, revocation, or suspension of license, grounds for civil immunity for providing information. The board may refuse to issue any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license stated in subsection 2 of this section. Detailed information may be obtained through the Missouri State Board of Nursing Website – www.pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp. Completion of the nurse education program does not guarantee eligibility to take the licensure exam.

^CLINICAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENT

RSMo 660.317.6 prohibits a hospital from knowingly allowing those guilty of Class A and B felonies as defined by state law to give care to clients in their agency. Students entering Missouri Southern State University are assigned to do clinical practice in cooperating hospitals and because they will be in contact with patients, they must meet these requirements. A criminal record check is required for admission to the Nursing Program. Students who have been found guilty of Class A and B felonies will be ineligible to enter the Nursing Program.

Applicants must demonstrate evidence of personal characteristics and integrity that indicate high probability of successful degree completion, and must meet application

criteria necessary to complete the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN)

OPTIONS

The Department of Nursing recognizes the educational backgrounds of applicants and their accomplishments. Academic advisement is provided for the freshman student, transfer student, student with an earned AA, graduate with an earned baccalaureate degree in another discipline, licensed practical nurse, and registered nurse.

FRESHMAN OPTION

- Admission to Missouri Southern State University
- Follow stated admission process

DIRECT PROVISIONAL ADMISSION (DPA) FRESHMAN OPTION

- Meet all requirements for regular admission to Missouri Southern State University as a first-time freshman
- ACT composite score of 25 or higher
- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average in required courses each semester with a grade of “C” or higher
- Meet all other requirements for admission to the nursing major prior to matriculation

BACCALAUREATE DEGREED APPLICANT OPTION

- Meet all requirements for admission to Missouri Southern State University
- Have a final grade point average of 2.5 or higher on completion of baccalaureate degree
- Completion of required courses from the Suggested Order of Study with a grade of “C” or higher

Bio 121 Anatomy and Physiology I	(4 cr)
Bio 221 Anatomy and Physiology II	(5 cr)
Bio 231 General and Medical Microbiology	(5 cr)
Bio 308 Pathophysiology	(4 cr)
Chem 100 Introduction to Chemistry	(5 cr)
Kine 385 Nutrition for Human Development	(3 cr)

REGISTERED NURSE APPLICANT OPTION

- Meet all requirements for admission to Missouri Southern State University
- Graduate of a state-approved and National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accredited associate or diploma nursing program. Registered nurse applicants from non-NLNAC accredited nursing programs must complete NURS 301 Transitions in Nursing and attain a GPA of 3.0 in the first semester of coursework in order to be granted regular admission status
- Current registered nurse licensure or eligibility in Missouri
- Transcription of 31 credit hours upon completion of Nurs 301 Transitions in Nursing (3 cr) with a grade of “C” or higher. Courses transcribed for credit:
Nurs 310 Health Assessment and Technologies (5 cr)

Nurs 320 Adult Nursing	(7 cr)
Nurs 350 Family Nursing	(9 cr)
Nurs 360 Mental Health Nursing	(4 cr)
Nurs 400 Complex Nursing	(6 cr)

Fee assessed

- Departmental examination for Nurs 305 Pharmacology in Nursing (3 cr), Fee assessed
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LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE APPLICANT OPTION

- Meet all requirements for admission to Missouri Southern State University
- Graduate of a state approved Licensed Practical Nursing Program
- Departmental examination for Nurs 310 Health Assessment and Technologies (5 cr). Fee assessed.

STUDENT TRANSFER FROM BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAM

- Meet all requirements for admission to Missouri Southern State University
- Letter of reference from Dean or Director of Nursing Program previously attended.
- Transfer nursing courses to be evaluated on an individual basis for equivalency.
- Nursing courses with a clinical component must be fully met.
- Transfer is based on space availability.

SPECIAL FEES

Special course fees are assessed for selected Nursing courses in addition to established Missouri Southern State University fees.

- Fall semester Junior year – Nurs 310 Health Assessment and Technologies
\$600.00
- Spring semester Junior year – Nurs 360 Mental Health Nursing
\$350.00
- Fall semester Senior year – Nurs 430 Advanced Health Assessment
\$600.00
- Spring semester Senior year-Nurs 450 Community Health Nursing
\$350.00

DISTANCE LEARNING

The Department of Nursing participates in distance learning through Missouri Southern's offering of core curriculum and support courses through televised instruction and the Internet. Students admitted to the Nursing Program in the new millennium have an option to enroll in nursing courses online. Nursing faculty present classes utilizing various teaching and learning strategies through the Blackboard System. Familiarity with computer usage is required for enrollment in distance learning courses. Contact should be made to the Department of Lifelong Learning or Department of Nursing for more information.

A Tradition of Support

Missouri Southern participates in a variety of financial aid programs. Contact [Kathy Feith, Director of Student Financial Aid](#), Hearnes Hall 117, 417-625-9325 for details. Visit the Financial Aid Web site at www.mssu.edu/finaid. Qualified students also have access to a limited number of scholarship applications through the Department of Nursing. Southern recognizes that not all education takes place in the classroom; therefore, your educational experience is supported by a wide array of student services. The services include Student Services Office, Dean of Students, Residence Life, Student Activities, Billingsly Student Center, Dianne Mayes Student Life Center, International Student Advising, Food Service, and Student Health Services.

Americans with Disabilities Act Implications

Students are required to have completed a physical examination/health verification as a condition of admission to the nursing program. Students will be required to demonstrate physical and/or emotional fitness to meet the essential requirements of each course in the program. Such essential requirements include freedom from communicable diseases, the ability to perform certain physical tasks, and suitable emotional fitness. Any appraisal measures used to determine such physical and/or emotional fitness will be in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Core performance standards for admission and progression which comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 are available in the office of the Department of Nursing

For additional information contact:

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Missouri Southern State University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, handicap or age in its educational programs or activities. Requests for accommodations related to a disability need to be made to the Disabilities Coordinator at (417) 659-3725.

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