

Admissions Checklist

Applying to Mercy College can be a breeze. Planning ahead helps. Here's a checklist to keep you on track with the application process.

To Do List

- Complete the online **Application for College Admission** or mail your application including the **\$25 Non-refundable Application Fee**. *The fee is waived if you visit campus.*
- Send your **Official High School Transcript** and **GED scores** (if applicable) to the Admissions Office.
- Have your **Official ACT/SAT score report** sent to the Admissions Office.
- Send your **Official Transcripts from all Colleges and Universities** to the Admissions Office
- Sign up for the **150-hour Nursing Assistant course**, if applicable.
- Provide the Financial Aid Office a copy of your **Military Discharge Form (DD214)** or **Basic Eligibility (DD2283)**, if applicable.
- If English is not your native language and you did not graduate from a U.S. high school you need to provide a **TOEFL score of 500** or better or take the COMPASS Reading test and achieve a score of 81 or better.

Application for College Admission

The Application for College Admission may be completed online at mchs.edu/apply. The \$25 non-refundable application fee must be paid by credit card (Master Card, VISA, or Discover) online. The application may also be downloaded and mailed with the application fee. Upon request, the Admissions Office will mail you an application.

An Official Transcript

A transcript is considered official when stamped with the official school seal, signed by the appropriate school official and received in a sealed envelope. During the application process, request that official transcript(s) be sent to the Mercy College Admissions Office from your high school and any colleges you have attended.

Admissions Office Mailing Address
Mercy College of Health Sciences
Admissions Office
921 6th Avenue, Suite A
Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1222

Associate of Science in Nursing Admission Requirements

The successful applicant for admission to the associate of science degree program must be admitted to the College and meet the criteria listed below:

150-hour Nursing Assistant Course Requirement

- Provide evidence of successful completion of a 150-hour nursing assistant course* taught within the past five years.

**If the 150-hour nursing assistant course was taken outside of Iowa, it will be reviewed by the Nurse Aide Course Coordinator to determine similarity of course content and skills competency.*

Course Prerequisites

Demonstrate completion of **one year of high school** or **one semester of college-level work** with a grade of at least 2.0 ("C" not "C-") on a 4.0 scale in each of these required courses:

- Algebra I (or college-level Pre-Algebra or Algebra I)
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English

High School Students

- Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.7 AND
- Minimum ACT composite score of 20 or higher OR
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) composite score of at least 950.

Transfer Students

- Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the last college attended (minimum of 9 credits) AND
- Complete nine college credit hours specific to the Mercy College ASN curriculum, achieve a grade of "C" or higher (not "C-") in each course.

asn curriculum plan *(Fall or Spring Start)*

Semester I

Prerequisite: 1 year high school or equivalent biology

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
BIO 133	Health Science Anatomy (with Lab)	4	_____
ENG 101	English Composition I	3	_____
NSG 101	Introduction to Professional Nursing Concepts	5	_____
NSG 102	Professional Nursing Skills I	1	_____
PSY 101	General Psychology	3	_____
Semester Total Hours		16	_____

Semester II

Prerequisites: BIO 133, NSG 101, NSG 102, PSY 101

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
BIO 134	Health Science Physiology (with Lab)	4	_____
PSY 202	Developmental Psychology	3	_____
NSG 131	Nursing Health Promotions Across the Life Span	5	_____
NSG 132	Professional Nursing Skills II	1	_____
SOC 102	Sociology	3	_____
Semester Total Hours		16	_____

Semester III

Prerequisites: BIO 133, BIO 134, NSG 131, NSG 132, PSY 202, SOC 102

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
BIO 132	Health Science Microbiology (with Lab)	4	_____
BIO 302	Pathophysiology	3	_____
NSG 160	Nursing Care of Patients Across the Life Span I	6	_____
PHI 110	Critical Thinking in a Diverse World	3	_____
Semester Total Hours		16	_____

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Student Name: _____ Date Reviewed: _____

Term: Fall Spring Summer _____ (Year) Reviewed by: _____

Student Status: Admitted to program Pending Prerequisite(s) Provisional

Required Prerequisites Met:

Algebra I English Biology Chemistry 150-hour NA COMPASS Math Test

Semester IV

Prerequisites: BIO 132, BIO 134, BIO 302, NSG 160, 3 semesters of professional program courses

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
NSG 200	Nursing Care of Patients Across the Life Span II	6	_____
NSG 280	Caring in a Diverse Health Care Environment	3	_____
PHA 202	Pharmacology	3	_____
Semester Total Hours		12	_____

Semester V

Prerequisites: PHA 202, NSG 200

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
NSG 230	Nursing Care of Patients Across the Life Span III	6	_____
NSG 231	Role Transition to Professional Practice	6	_____
Semester Total Hours		12	_____
ASN Degree Program Total		72	_____

This is the course sequence for completing the ASN degree requirements. Mercy College reserves the right to change this sequence as necessary.

BSN Liberal Arts Coursework

Students who successfully complete the ASN program have the opportunity to advance into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program. Below are the required Liberal Arts and Sciences for the BSN program that may be taken concurrently with ASN courses if your schedule permits.

Get a head start into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
ENG 350	Advanced Composition	3	_____
PHI 320	Bioethics or ethics Art, Music, or Literature Religion or Philosophy	3	_____
STA 402	Statistics	3	_____
CHE 101	General Chemistry (with Lab)	4	_____
NUT 300	Applied Nutrition	3	_____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation _____

GPA _____ ACT (COMP) _____ ACT (MATH) _____ GED _____

College(s) & GPA(s): _____

Comments: _____

