

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 Transcripts from all Colleges and Universities** to the Admissions Office.
- 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

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Admission Requirements

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

Official Documentation

- Provide an official transcript from an accredited diploma or associate degree nursing program, and official transcripts from any other college(s).
- Submit a copy of a current, valid license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the state of Iowa or demonstrate progress toward licensure.

Applicants desiring to begin BSN course work who have not passed the NCLEX-RN examination may take nursing classes for one semester only. Full admission will be granted upon receipt of licensure.

Required Cumulative GPA

- Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Course Delivery

Courses are offered throughout the year; fall, spring and summer. We offer you two options to complete this degree: campus-based and online-delivery.

Campus-Based

Most of the BSN courses meet once each week. Your Liberal Arts and Science (LAS) courses are offered at various times throughout the weekdays and evenings. Some of the courses in the campus-based program are delivered online.

Online-Delivery

Several BSN core courses are currently available online, and the complete implementation of the online delivery of the BSN program will take place in the Fall of 2010.

The BSN program core courses will only be offered online once the course is transitioned to an online format. LAS courses required in the BSN curriculum will continue to be offered online and in the classroom when offered.

bsn curriculum plan

Professional Component

Prerequisite: Professional Component Required

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
	Nursing Licensure RN	36	_____
NSG 280	Caring in a Diverse Healthcare Environment	3	_____
Applied Credit Hours to Program		39	_____

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Courses

(Total 31 Credit Hours)

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
NSG 324	Information Resources in Health Care	3	_____
NSG 402	Community Health Nursing	4	_____
NSG 403	Choose 3 of the following:	3	_____
	NSG 403A Pain/Palliative Care/End of Life Care		
	NSG 403B Social Injustice/Global Health		
	NSG 403C Gerontology		
	NSG 403D Genomics		
	NSG 403E Political Activism		
	NSG 403F Spirituality		
	NSG 403G Health Literacy		
NSG 405	Health Assessment in Nursing	4	_____
NSG 408	Introduction to Research and Evidence Based Practice	3	_____
NSG 411	BSN Professional Role	3	_____
NSG 413	Theories of Leadership and Management	4	_____
NSG 415 / NSG 417	Health Care Financial Management or Principles of Teaching/ Learning	3	_____
NSG 420	BSN Professional Role II	4	_____
BSN Total Hours		31	_____

Liberal Arts and Sciences Courses

Humanities (18 Credit Hours)

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
ENG 101	English Composition I	3	_____
ENG 350	Advanced Composition	3	_____
PHI 110/301	Critical Thinking in a Diverse World	3	_____
PHI 320	Bioethics or PHI 314 Ethics	3	_____
	Art, Music, or Literature	3	_____
	Religion or Philosophy	3	_____
Humanities Total Hours		18	_____

Natural Sciences (25 Credit Hours)

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
BIO 132	Health Science Microbiology (with Lab)	4	_____
BIO 133	Health Science Anatomy (with Lab)	4	_____
BIO 134	Health Science Physiology (with Lab)	4	_____
BIO 302	Pathophysiology	3	_____
CHE 101	General Chemistry (with Lab)	4	_____
PHA 202	Pharmacology	3	_____
NTR 300	Applied Nutrition	3	_____
Natural Sciences Total Hours		25	_____

Social Sciences (9 Credit Hours)

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
CSP 999	Community Service Project	0	_____
PSY 101	General Psychology	3	_____
PSY 202	Developmental Psychology	3	_____
SOC 102	Sociology	3	_____
Social Sciences Total Hours		9	_____

Mathematical Science (3 Credit Hours)

Course #	Course	CR	Completed
STA 402	Statistics	3	_____
Mathematical Science Total Hours		3	_____

BSN Degree Program Total 125

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

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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:

Copy of current, valid license or proof of progress

College(s) & GPA(s): _____

Comments: _____