

Title: Admissions	Policy No. APG 1.0	Date: 6/09/08 Rev.: 7/13/09
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Areas Affected: All BSMSON Faculty & Students

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Policy Statement:

To be eligible for admission in any year, the application and all required materials must be received by the School of Nursing by the deadlines below. Classes usually begin in September and January of each year. The deadlines are published on the school's web site. Applications may be accepted after these dates at the School's discretion. Qualified applicants are considered for admission regardless of age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, marital or veteran status, or physical or mental condition(s), as long as the condition(s) do not limit the applicant's ability to perform the essential functions of a nursing student with or without reasonable accommodation.

Admission into the School of Nursing is competitive. **An applicant who meets all admission requirements is not guaranteed admission to the program.** The admission process for all *accepted applicants* involves two stages: conditional acceptance and full acceptance.

Basic Admission Requirements for All Applicants

Graduation from an accredited high school, preferably ranked in the upper one-third of the class

When appropriate, the applicant may complete attestation forms for high school

GED certificate in lieu of a high school diploma

Completion of 11 academic units in Grades 9-12 as follows:

- English 4 units
- Biology 1 unit
- College Prep Chemistry 1 unit
- Algebra I 1 unit
- Social Sciences 2 units
- Electives 2 units

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(Recommended electives include computer science, psychology, physics, sociology, advanced biology, or foreign language)

Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above from high school courses and minimum grade of C in Algebra I, Biology, and College Prep Chemistry. Courses taken after high school may satisfy these requirements based on the decision of the Admissions Committee.

Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above for any regionally accredited college courses taken. Transfer credit is given for a grade of C or above in comparable college non-nursing courses. All math and science courses must be less than or equal to five years in age at the time of the application submission to be considered for transfer credit.

Official transcripts are required from high school, the Graduate Education Development (GED) program, professional schools, and all colleges/universities attended.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) Scores (applicants 22 years of age and older or who have taken a minimum of 18 college credits on or before the deadline are exempt.)

Placement tests that may include English and Math may be taken from a community college such as J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (JSRCC).

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is required after submitting an online application. A minimum score of 60 is required for the math and science sections in order to continue with the application process.

Notice to the school of any convictions or present indictment for any felony or misdemeanor offense other than traffic violations that have not been expunged.

Three letters of reference are required. The letters should be from professional contacts only. References from relatives and friends are not accepted. References should be obtained from each of the following: a teacher, an employer, and a volunteer experience, preferably in a health care setting.

If you have previously or are currently enrolled in a School of Nursing, a letter from the Director of the program verifying academic standing and clinical competence may be requested.

Submitted online application and application fee.

Attendance at a personal interview demonstrating satisfactory oral and written communication skills may be requested.