MU Sinclair School of Nursing
Accelerated BSN Application Information

This information is provided for the applicant to organize the application process and packet. Students who have been successful in this option have demonstrated an ability to handle a fast paced learning environment. They possess organizational and time management skills and are highly motivated individuals.

- **ONLY completed packets will be considered** (a checklist is provided)
- Applications will ONLY be accepted between July 1 and the second Friday of October.
  - Applications MUST be received by the School of Nursing Student Advising office (S235) no later than second Friday of October.
- The Accelerated BSN is a 15-month, on-campus option for students who hold a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited college or university in fields other than nursing.
- The Accelerated BSN has a once a year start date.
- The first semester begins at the end of May and concludes the end of the following summer session. You will attend a summer, fall, spring and summer session.
- You will observe all regular scheduled MU breaks and holidays.
- You MUST be able to articulate what the role of a Registered Nurse is.
- International student; if you an international student now or English is your second language the TOEFL is required. You are required to take the TOEFL examination and pass successfully with a minimum score of; Paper Based- 600; Computer Based- 250; Internet Based- 100. **Passing the TOEFL does not guarantee eligibility or admission.**
- Along with your non-nursing bachelor’s degree (may be in progress while applying) you must also successfully complete ALL seven prerequisite courses. Five of the seven MUST be completed prior to the spring semester before the May start date.
- If accepted there may be off-campus rotations and that you will be responsible for making arrangements to attend. The clinical nursing major is time-intensive and course/clinical times will vary.
- **Prerequisite course requirements:**
  - Chemistry – 2-3 credit hours (does not require a lab)
  - Nutrition or Diet Therapy - 3 credit hours
  - Microbiology - 4 to 5 credit hours (lab requirement)
  - Human Anatomy/ A&P I – 4 to 5 credit hours (lab requirement)
  - Physiology/A&P II – 4 to 5 credit hours (lab requirement)
  - Statistics - 3 credit hours
  - Pathophysiology – 3 to 4 credit hours (suggested this course be taken the spring semester before May start date at MU)
  - **Note:** Prerequisite courses may be taken at any accredited college or university. **Five out of the seven required prerequisite courses must be successfully completed by the December preceding admission.** Depending on the college or university, certain courses may be required as a prerequisite to these requirements. There is more information regarding prerequisite courses on the application.

**Application packet MUST contain the following items:**
- Completed School of Nursing application
- Application to MU Admissions must be completed or in progress if you are not a current MU student
- Unofficial transcript(s). All prerequisite coursework must be highlighted on transcripts for the reviewers. **If not highlighted this could be considered an incomplete application packet**
- Personal Statement (No more than two pages and double spaced)
- Professional resume
- Two Reference Forms (You may include additional letter(s) of support)—located on our website
- Degree Audit This is only for applicants who have graduated from MU. See next page.
Degree Audit
To request your degree audit: in your myZou Student Center click on “Request Degree Audit” (Under Academics). Once Audit Request opens: Click Run Selected Program > Select “Catalog Year” as current semester > Select “NURS – 90471049 – Nursing (Pre-Major) > Select PDF from View output drown down > then click “Submit a New Audit Request” (it takes a few minutes to load). This form is intended for School of Nursing Advising Staff ONLY.

STEPS & INFORMATION TO APPLY

- You must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or greater to apply. Your GPA will be verified through the MU Admissions Office upon acceptance to the university. Official transcripts must be submitted to the MU Admissions Office.
- A copy of all pertinent unofficial transcripts must be submitted with your School of Nursing application; highlight any prerequisite course(s) for reviewers. You must highlight on transcript any prerequisite course. Only highlight the courses listed on your application (review full application).
- You must have a non-nursing bachelor’s (at minimum) degree, either completed or in progress to complete before the May start date.
- There are seven prerequisite courses. You must have completed five of the seven prerequisites or have them in progress to complete in the fall semester prior to the start date.
- If you have not taken the Pathophysiology prerequisite, it is highly suggested you wait for the spring semester if accepted (also suggested you take the course on the MU campus).
- Complete MU School of Nursing (SSON) application (Some items may require handwritten information.)
- Complete University of Missouri application. Make sure MU Admissions has received all necessary official transcripts. You will be applying as a pre-nursing student. If you are taking, or may plan to take, any prerequisite courses at MU please apply for the correct semester; for instance, if you might take Pathophysiology in the spring semester apply for spring, not summer.
- You MUST have two reference forms prepared and sent back to you. These must be professional references. We ask that you not exceed four reference forms; however, other letters of support may be included in your packet.
  - Please see Accelerated Reference Forms on the SSON website for complete details.
  - Please note; these forms are to be included in your application packet. You must allow enough time for your reviewer to complete and return to you.
  - If you think a reviewer may not be timely you may request more than two reference forms to ensure your packet is complete.
- Prepare a personal statement, no more than two pages, must be double-spaced. The statement should include career goals and views of nursing as a profession.
- All applications undergo an initial screening. Only selected candidates will progress to a personal interview and possible admission. The interviews, for those selected, usually occur at the end of November through the middle of December. It is important to list an accurate email address on the application to make this process go smoothly.
- Interviewed candidates will be notified through their MU/myZou email accounts after the beginning of the year whether they are accepted or not, before spring semester starts. This allows enough time for those selected to register for prerequisite course(s) remaining.
- All decisions made by the MUSSON Accelerated BSN Selection Committee are final and not subject to challenges.

Please return or mail your COMPLETED application packet to:
(Please note; we do not confirm the arrival of your application if mailed; we do not have a street address, the address listed below is correct.)

Accelerated BSN Application
Sinclair School of Nursing /S235
University of Missouri
Columbia, MO 65211

Please note: Applicants to any option or area of study of the MU Sinclair School of Nursing are considered on a competitive and space-available basis.

After you have reviewed (or completed) the application, you may contact the MUSSON Student Advising office IF you have further questions, 573-882-0277, 573-882-0294 or 800-439-4337.