



Missouri Western State University

PROGRAM APPLICATION

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Mission

The Missouri Western State University Department of Nursing is committed to the development of professional nurses with visionary leadership, grounded in standards-based practice and holistic care, demonstrating excellence in critical thinking, communication and technical skills.

Application

Application to the Department of Nursing should be made one full semester prior to the anticipated beginning of nursing courses. A selection committee reviews all applicants and determines those who will be admitted. Please refer to the current University Catalog for an accurate list of prerequisite courses and other requirements. General admission to the University does not admit a student to the baccalaureate degree program in nursing. **Admission is competitive and may depend upon achieving higher levels than the minimum stated.**

Application Deadlines

A completed application packet (see checklist on next page) must be received by the Department of Nursing by **January 15** for a candidate to be considered for admission for **Fall**, and by **August 15** for consideration for **Spring**. Applicants will be notified by mail of their admission status once all applications have been reviewed. Applications will be accepted until the class is full.

Early Acceptance into the Department of Nursing is available for **high school seniors** and **Missouri Western freshmen** with superior academic achievement.

- ❖ **High school seniors** must be admitted to Missouri Western State University and have an ACT composite score of at least 24, rank in the top 20% of your high school graduating class, have a high school cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above on a 4.0 scale. High school seniors should apply during the second semester of their senior year. Students will be notified in writing of early acceptance.
- ❖ **MWSU freshmen** must be currently enrolled at MWSU, have a cumulative college grade point average of 3.2 or higher, have completed 15 credit hours (excluding dual credit, transfer credit or developmental course work) which includes one lab science course with a grade of B or better. Students will be notified in writing of early acceptance.

Transfer Students: Many students transfer to Western's Nursing Program after completing prerequisite courses at other colleges. Contact the Department of Nursing to ensure pre-requisite courses articulate to Western's Nursing Program.

- ❖ **Transfer of Nursing Courses:** Students who are enrolled and **in good standing** in another approved baccalaureate Nursing Program may be eligible for admission and advanced placement in MWSU Nursing Program. Because of program organization and course sequencing in different nursing programs, it may be necessary to repeat some content and/or clinical experiences. One letter of reference must be submitted from the director of the previous nursing program.

General Admission Criteria: Before completing the application for admission, it is suggested that you determine whether your credentials meet the general requirements for admission.

- ❖ Admission to Missouri Western State University (www.missouriwestern.edu/admissions).
- ❖ ACT composite score of 20 (If student has a minimum of 30 college credits and meets other admission criteria, the ACT requirements may be waived.).
- ❖ Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
- ❖ Completion of or currently enrolled in all general studies courses and the following nursing support courses (or equivalent with a grade of C or better.)
 - Principles of Biology
 - Fundamentals of Chemistry
 - Anatomy and Physiology
 - Medical and Public Health Microbiology
 - Pathophysiology
 - Applied Nutrition
 - Ethics
 - General Psychology
 - Lifespan Developmental Psychology
- ❖ Supporting statement from applicant – see back page.
- ❖ Criminal background checks are required prior to beginning the nursing program in order to meet contractual obligations with clinical agencies (pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Chapter 660.317.) An applicant who has been found guilty of a Class A or B Felony would not be allowed to participate in clinical nursing courses; therefore would not be able to complete nursing degree requirements. Some clinical agencies have more stringent requirements.
- ❖ You must be eligible to lawfully gain employment in the U.S.A.
- ❖ Provisions of Section 335.046 State of Missouri Nursing Practice Act states: “*Applicants from non-English speaking lands shall be required to submit evidence of proficiency of the English Language.*” Refer to the Missouri State Board of Nursing website; nursing@pr.mo.gov or <http://pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp>.

General Instructions

1. Complete the general application for admission to the nursing program. Please type or print clearly.
2. In order to have a complete application packet and be considered for admission to the Department of Nursing, your application must contain:
 - a completed application form
 - \$30.00 non-refundable application fee
 - transcripts from ALL schools attended including MWSU
 - official results of the ACT
 - class schedule for the current semester
 - copy of nursing license (for LPNs only)
 - supporting statement as to why you should be accepted to the BSN Program.
 - submit separate application for University admission to:

**Missouri Western State University
Admissions Department
4525 Downs Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64507**

3. Return the completed application packet to:

**Missouri Western State University
Department of Nursing
4525 Downs Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64507**

NOTE: It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that your application packet is complete. The admission process is competitive.

Missouri Western State University

Department of Nursing

Semester Applying for:

Full Legal Name				
Social Security or Student G Number				
Current Address				
Email Address				
Permanent Address				
Telephone	Home:		Cell:	

- Please check category:
- I am a MWSU student or a transfer student.
 - I am a high school senior applying for early acceptance.
 - I am a MWSU freshman applying for early acceptance.

List all high schools and colleges you have attended, beginning with the most recent.*

Name of School	City and State	Dates Attended	Degree Earned

List employment (including military service), beginning with the most recent.*

Employer/City/State	Nature of Work	Dates Employed

* Attach additional sheets if necessary.

PLEASE ATTACH a brief supporting statement as to why you should be accepted into the BSN program at Missouri Western State University. This statement should include academic achievement, previous health care experience, and career goals. Attach your statement to this application.

PLEASE READ the following statement before signing your application.

I understand that failure to complete all items of this application, giving misinformation or having an incomplete application will void my application for admission to the Department of Nursing, Missouri Western State University.

- ❖ The State Board of Nursing may refuse to issue a license pursuant to Sections 335.011 to 335.096 for any one or any combination of causes stated in 335.066 subsection 2 of the State of Missouri Nursing Practice Act. Specific information may be obtained by contacting the Missouri State Board of Nursing. Completion of the BSN Program does not guarantee eligibility to write the licensure examination. **Completion of the program guarantees the eligibility to apply to the State Board of Nursing to take the licensure examination.**

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
 (Legal name in ink.)

<p style="text-align: center;">Admitted Student Responsibilities</p> <p>Admitted applicants will receive an Admission Packet detailing the following requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain current basic life support certification (BLS). • Purchase uniforms and other necessary supplies. • Complete a series of Hepatitis B vaccinations. • Provide yearly evidence of TB testing. • Provide evidence of current immunizations. • Provide disclosure of criminal background through criminal background check. • Sign confidentiality statements. • Maintain current immunizations. • Maintain health insurance. • Have reliable transportation for clinical experience. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Title IX, 504/ADA</p> <p>In keeping with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in regard to sex discrimination and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in regard to handicap discrimination as well as other applicable federal and state laws, Missouri Western State University follows a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity in regard to all employment practices and to all educational programs and activities including financial aid, recruitment, admission, housing, and placement. Inquiries regarding the application of these laws may be submitted to the Title IX, 504/ADA Coordinator, Administration Building, Room 117, (816) 271-4330.</p>
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