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
Students must first apply and meet the admission requirements to Missouri Western State University School of Graduate Studies. Please refer to the current University Catalog for an accurate list of requirements. Students must then apply to the MWSU Nursing Graduate Program. Selection is based on the applicant’s leadership potential and ability to successfully complete graduate studies.

Application Deadlines
A completed application packet (see checklist on next page) must be received by the Department of Nursing by October 15th for a candidate to be considered for Spring admission and July 15th to be considered for Fall admission. 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.

Admission Criteria:

- Admission to School of Graduate Studies  www.missouriwestern.edu/graduate/
  General admission as a graduate student to the University does not admit a student to the master’s degree program in nursing.
- B.S.N. from a CCNE or NLNAC-accredited college or university.
- Current, unencumbered RN license
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 and nursing GPA 3.0 or higher.
- Completion of undergraduate statistics and research methods courses with a minimum of ‘B’ in each
- Criminal background checks may be required. An applicant who has been found guilty of a Class A or B Felony would not be admitted.
- A supporting statement of interest discussing your career goals and your interest in the MSN in Health Care Leadership.
- Personal interview with Graduate Nursing faculty.
- Applicants who are not citizens of the United States must receive a score of 500 or above on the paper-based or 61 or above on the internet based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), unless the applicant is from a country where English is the native language or he/she possesses a baccalaureate degree from a college or university in which the primary language of instruction was English.

Provisional Admission
Graduate applicants who do not meet one of the admissions requirements may request provisional admission for their first graduate semester. Requests for provisional admission must originate from the
student in writing, stating a justification for the exception. The student must attain departmental/program support, approval by the Academic Dean, and forward all written materials to the Graduate Dean for final approval. Full admission will be granted if the student attains a 3.0 GPA or better during the first semester of graduate studies at MWSU. Failure to achieve a 3.0 GPA will cause dismissal from the program. If dismissed, the student may re-apply for admission one year after the dismissal, subject to departmental review. Please refer to the Non-Degree Seeking student requirements from the School of Graduate Studies.

Non-Degree Seeking Admission Criteria:
Non-degree admission may be approved for students who would like to enroll in a single course that does not include a practicum or for students who do not make the deadline for Fall Admission. Enrollment is allowed on a space available basis after all degree-seeking students are accommodated.

The following materials are required for non-degree seeking admission:

- Application to Graduate Studies
- Official transcript of all college coursework
- Instructor permission
- Applicants should have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.75

Instructions
1. Complete the general application for admission to the Missouri Western State University School of Graduate Studies.
2. In order to have a complete application packet and be considered for admission to the Department of Nursing, your application must contain:
   - Completed application form & curriculum vitae/resume
   - Three (3) professional references
   - $30.00 non-refundable application fee
   - Official transcript showing completion of BSN
   - Evidence of current, unencumbered RN license
   - Completion of undergraduate research methods and statistics with ‘B’ in each
   - A clear statement of interest discussing your career goals and your interest in the MSN in Health Care Leadership.

submit separate application for University admission either by mail:
Missouri Western State University
Admissions Department
4525 Downs Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64507

OR apply online:
www.missouriwestern.edu/graduate/

3. Return the completed MSN application packet to:
Missouri Western State University
Department of Nursing
4525 Downs Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64507
Missouri Western State University
Department of Nursing Program Application
Master of Science in Nursing

Full Legal Name______________________________________________________________

Previous Names Used __________________________________________________________

Email Address_________________________________________________________________

Permanent Address________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip________________________________________________________________

Phone: Home:__(______)________________________ Cell:__(______)_______________________

List all colleges and universities you have attended beginning with the most recent.*

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*Attach additional sheets if necessary

Best time to schedule an interview ________________________________________________

Preferred contact method________________________________________________________

PLEASE ATTACH a brief supporting statement as to how the MSN in Healthcare Leadership will assist you in meeting your career goals. This statement should include academic achievement, 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.

Signature:________________________________ Date: ____________________________

(Legal name in ink.)

Date Received Payment _________________________________________________________

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Title IX, 504/ADA
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.