



## SCHOOL OF NURSING GENERAL INFORMATION

### Accelerated Bachelor of Science Degree (ABSN)

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The accelerated nursing (second degree) program at Mississippi College is 4 semesters in length and leads to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. The curriculum consists of a first degree from an accredited university, 30 hours of nursing pre-requisite courses, and 60 hours of upper division nursing courses. Most students have a significant portion of the prerequisite courses from their first degree program.

The number of students admitted to the nursing major is determined by the administration of the School of Nursing, and may vary depending on the number of qualified applicants and School of Nursing resources.

All nursing pre-requisite courses must be completed before admission to the nursing major. The NUR 250 Transition to Nursing Practice class must be completed within 12 months of commencing clinical courses.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

The requirements for admission to the Mississippi College School of Nursing are:

- Completion of all prerequisite courses with grade of C or higher (30 credits): nutrition (3), developmental psychology (3), anatomy & physiology (8), microbiology (4), chemistry (3), statistics (3), Bible (3), and NUR 250 Transition to Health Care Professions (3).
- Students with repeats in more than two pre-requisite courses (listed above) will not be considered for progression into upper division clinical level nursing.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- Successful completion of college core courses based on degree from an accredited college or university (must have a first undergraduate degree)
- Completion of the HESI RN Admission Exam with Critical Thinking. **If you have a score of 21 or above on the ACT, you are exempt from taking the HESI exam. You must provide documentation of the score.**

### Accelerated BSN Program

The ABSN program is for students with a first baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. A direct entry route will allow these students to have their first degree accepted and stand for their core and general education requirements. Specific pre-requisite competencies and the MC Transition to Nursing Practice (NUR 250) course must be met in order to fulfill nursing expectations. ABSN students who do not have a bible course are required to take either Old Testament or New Testament. Completion of the HESI Critical Thinking Exam score and electronic submission of the score is required.

Students interested in pursuing Latin Honors must earn 65 MC credit hours and need to be aware of this when selecting pre-requisite courses, as transfer hours do NOT address this requirement.

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## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

**\*Effective for ABSN students entering School of Nursing Fall/Spring**

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### Pre-Requisites

Prerequisites are to be taken prior to clinical course start. ALL pre-requisites are available in an online format through Mississippi College regular offerings each semester. Anatomy & Physiology 1 and 2, and Microbiology are available as campus offerings each semester.

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
Foundations (NUR 386)	5	Maternal and Newborn Health (NUR 390)	4
Health Assessment Across Lifespan (NUR 382)	5	Pediatrics (NUR 393)	4
Therapeutic Communication (NUR 375)	2	Applied Foundation of Nursing (NUR 379)	2
Pathophysiology (NUR 383)	2	Pharmacology (NUR 381)	2
Clinical Reasoning 1 (NUR 378)	1	Nursing Research. (NUR 407)	2
		Clinical Reasoning 2 (NUR 398)	1
		Research Honors (NUR 361) optional	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15 or 17</b>

<b>Semester 3</b>		<b>Semester 4</b>	
Chronic Health Problems (NUR 406)	5	Unstable Health Problems (NUR 433)	5
Mental Health (NUR 484)	5	Community & Population Health (NUR 436)	5
Health Care Informatics (NUR 404)	2	Leadership/Management (NUR 437)	2
Transcultural Patterns of Health (NUR 305)	1	Preparation for Prof Exams (NUR 439)	2
Health Policy & Finance (NUR 396)	1	Clinical Reasoning 4 (NUR 448)	1
Clinical Reasoning 3 (NUR 428)	1	Research Honors (NUR 463) optional	2
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Please note that ABSN programming is delivered over four (4) consecutive semesters of full-time campus-based study and requires clinical placements with approved agency partners. Students who qualify for ABSN enrollment must apply for a specific fall or spring intake. Students who, following program start, prefer to complete the program in a “traditional” format (not compressed) must submit a letter of request to the SON main office.