



# PRE-LICENSURE BSN PROGRAM

The direct admission Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is designed to prepare students as professional nurses who integrate the liberal arts and sciences with the knowledge and skills that are essential for patient-centered nursing practice. Graduates are caring, ethical, healthcare providers who support the dignity of others and promote holistic, evidence-based practice to improve patient outcomes.

## STUDENT SUCCESS

# 90%

### 5-YEAR AVERAGE NCLEX PASS RATE

For 5 years in a row, our graduates have consistently achieved a pass rate above the national average on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

## ALUMNI SUCCESS

# 97%

### CAREER OUTCOMES RATE

97% of 2022 School of Health Sciences graduates were successfully employed, enrolled in graduate studies, or volunteering within six months of graduation. The knowledge rate for this survey was 86%.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA AND ENTRY POINTS

Direct admission into the BSN Program is awarded to highly-qualified incoming freshmen who apply to the nursing program. The nursing department evaluates applicants from a holistic perspective and considers a strong applicant one who meets the following criteria:

- ACT score of 21 or higher/SAT score of 1070 or higher (recommended)
- High school cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Successfully completed high school chemistry, algebra I and algebra II with a "C" or higher
- Taken a rigorous high school college prep course load that may include honors, advanced placement, or dual-credit options
- Place above MTH 098 – Intermediate Algebra.

During the first year, students directly admitted into the program must have:

- Completed 28 credit hours.
- Earned a grade of "C" or higher in all Category I or pre-clinical courses:
  - BIO 197/197A: Human Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Sciences 1
  - BIO 198/198A: Human Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Sciences 2
  - CHE 104/104A: General and Organic Chemistry
  - NUR 100: Health Promotion
  - PSY 103: Introduction to Psychology
  - SOC 103: Our Social World.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.8, including transfer credits, by the end of the first year (fall and spring).
- Submitted a completed Declaration of Intent to Progress to the Clinical Nursing Program form to the BSN Program Director on or before March 1.
- Received an acceptable criminal background check.

Students who are directly admitted and satisfy the University's pre-clinical course work in the first year will have guaranteed transition into the BSN Clinical Nursing Program. First-time students directly admitted into the program will be advised by nursing faculty, complete the program in 4 years, and take a nursing course during their first year. The academic work of pre-clinical nursing students will be evaluated at the end of the spring semester by the BSN Program Director. Students who have not met the above stated requirements for progression at that time, will not be accepted into the clinical program for the upcoming fall semester.



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If a student earns less than a grade of “C” in any Category I or pre-clinical course, whether at Mount St. Joseph University or as a transfer course, the course must be repeated. If a grade less than a “C” is earned a second time, or if the student earns less than a grade of “C” in another Category I or prerequisite course, the student will not be eligible for admission into the BSN Program.

For failures in Category I, Category II, and Category III nursing courses, all previous college/university course work will be considered for acceptance to the BSN Program.

### ADULT, FIRST-TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS

- Submit “official” transcripts from all high schools attended.
- Submit a 1-page type-written essay describing rationale and goals for entering the BSN Program.

### TRADITIONAL TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Submitted official transcripts from all high school and previous colleges/universities attended
- College cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher
- Passed chemistry with a “C” or higher in high school and/or college
- Placed above MTH 098 – Intermediate Algebra.

### ADULT TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Submit “official” college transcripts for all previous college/university course work
- Possess a cumulative college GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Submit a 1-page type-written essay describing rationale and goals for entering the BSN Program.
- Placed above MTH 098 – Intermediate Algebra.



### ACCREDITATION

The Mount’s BSN Program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).



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- Student Profiles.
- Virtual tour of the Nursing Skills Lab. and more!

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