

## Direct Admit to Nursing Policy

MidAmerica Nazarene University offers three distinct undergraduate nursing programs, allowing students to complete requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. MNU's undergraduate nursing programs include: (1) The Traditional BSN (TBSN) program is organized into four semesters, consisting of 60-credit hours provided over a two-year period, (2) the Hybrid BSN Program is organized into eight distinct modules, consisting of 60-credit hours provided over an 18-month period. Course work may be delivered onsite, online and/or hybrid instruction, and (3) the Accelerated BSN (ABSN) Program, an intense 12-month program designed for the self-motivated students. The BSN degree provides eligibility for graduates to take the Registered Nurse (RN) licensing examination, the NCLEX-RN®.

Students transferring into the BSN program must complete all prerequisites prior to starting the program. All students must take all required nursing courses. The Theological Perspectives of Nursing course is considered a general education requirement, and students may transfer previous coursework in Biblical studies if the course is approved by the Chair of the Christian Ministry and Formation Department.

## Admission to the BSN Program

Eligible applicants for this program are those who:

- have AA, AS, BA, or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university, OR
- are an LPN or MICT with 60 hours of credit from an accredited college or university, OR
- are HIGHLY motivated with at least 60 hours of credit from an accredited college or university,
- have a program prerequisite GPA of at least 3.0 for ABSN and Hybrid or 2.7 for TBSN on a 4.0 grading scale.

All the prerequisite courses do not have to be completed before program application; however, they must be completed, and official transcripts received by MNU's Admission's office before the first day of the program. Exceptions may be made by the Admission Committee for admission to the traditional program.

Students with a previous associate degree (AA or AS) or bachelor's degree (BA or BS) from an accredited college or university are possibly considered to have met additional MidAmerica Nazarene University general core requirements. Students without a previous associate or bachelor's degree may also need to complete other courses (to satisfy general education requirements) before starting the BSN program.

Students must meet the requirements described in the "Functional Abilities for Professional Nursing Practice" available by request from the School of Nursing.

English Language Requirements: All applicants to the MNU nursing major whose native language is not English must demonstrate an established level of English language proficiency through the TOEFL iBT or IELTS exam. Refer to English Language Requirements policy in the catalog.

Students who were previously unsuccessful in any nursing course at any nursing program will be reviewed on an individual basis.

This program has a highly competitive selection process with limited enrollment.

If a student does not meet the minimum requirement for admission, the Pre-Licensure Admission and Progression Committee may petition the Associate Dean for an exemption. The petition should include a justification for admitting the specific student, including a description of the interview process, and a plan for the student to achieve academic success.

## Application Process

- Complete online application on the MNU website and pay the application fee, if applicable.

- Submit the required application documents.
  - all official college or university transcripts. Note: foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an NACES agency before application deadline
  - two (2) professional references
  - nursing questionnaire (directions provided online).
- Pay tuition deposit.
- Have a financial plan to pay for the program in place before courses start.

Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis until all available spots are filled.

## BSN Program Prerequisites

In addition to the basic program requirements listed above, there are specific course prerequisites. These prerequisites may vary slightly depending on whether an applicant has earned an associate or bachelor's degree. All prerequisite courses must have a minimum grade of C- or better.

### With AA, AS, BA, or BS Degree\*

- 3 hrs. Lifespan Development (options include: Lifespan, Human, and Child Development)
- 3 hrs. Intermediate Algebra (or proficiency)
- 3 hrs. Statistics
- 3 hrs. Human Nutrition
- 3 hrs. English Comp I (or proficiency)
- 3 hrs. Public Speaking (options include: Interpersonal and Strategic Communication)
- 5-8 hrs. Anatomy and Physiology\*\*
- 4-7 hrs. Additional Life Sciences  
Options include, but are not limited to: Biology, Genetics, Microbiology, and Chemistry.

#### Note:

- **\*Degree Requirements:** Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degrees do not meet these specific science requirements. Please refer to the prerequisite section for applicants without AA, AS, BA, or BS degrees.
- **\*\*Combined Anatomy and Physiology Course:** A 5- or 6-hour combined Anatomy and Physiology course may fulfill the above requirements, but students might need an additional Life Science course to reach the 12-hour science minimum. Nutrition courses are not included in the Life Science credit hours.

**Without AA, AS, BA, or BS Degree, student must meet the general education requirements in addition to all prerequisites.**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree: General Education Requirements	
FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (6-7 total hours required)	
Freshman Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FRST 1101 - Freshman Seminar</b> (1 hour) <b>OR</b></li> <li>• <b>FRST 1211 - Freshman Seminar Honors</b> (1 hour, restricted)</li> </ul>
English Composition Competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ENGL 1503 - Composition I: Writing And Rhetoric</b> (3 hours) or <b>competency</b> (competency is defined as ACT English score of 26)</li> </ul>

Algebra Competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MATH 1103 - Intermediate Algebra</b> (3 hours) <b>or competency</b> (competency is defined as ACT Math 22, SAT Math 580, or higher Algebra/Calculus course)</li> </ul>
<b>Core Course Requirements (30 total hours required)</b>	
<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>
Outcome 1: Faith Integration (9 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BLIT 1103 - Discovering The Old Testament (3 hours)</li> <li>BLIT 1203 - Discovering The New Testament (3 hours)</li> <li>THEO 2003 - Christian Theology And Worldview (3 hours)</li> </ul>
Outcome 2: Formational Thinking (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MATH 2753 - Statistics (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Note: this course has a prerequisite</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Outcome 3: Discovering Creation (9 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSYC 1103 - General Psychology (3 hours)</li> </ul> <p>Choose from the following (6 hours):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GNSC 3703 - Human Nutrition (3 hours)</li> <li>PSYC 2513 - Lifespan Development (3 hours)</li> <li>CHEM 1004 - Introduction to Chemistry (4 hours)</li> <li><u>FNAR 1303 - Exploring Art</u> (3 hours)</li> <li><u>FNAR 1503 - Exploring Music</u> (3 hours)</li> <li><u>FNAR 1403 - Exploring Theatre</u> (3 hours)</li> </ul>
Outcome 4: Communication & Self-Expression (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENGL 1703 - Composition II: Writing And Research (3 hours)</li> </ul> <p>Choose one of the following (3 hours):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COMM 1303 - Public Speaking</li> <li>COMM 1103 - Strategic Communication</li> <li>COMM 2303- Interpersonal and Social Communication</li> </ul>
Outcome 5: Global Citizenship (3 hours)	<p>Choose one of the following (3 hours):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOCI 1003 - Introduction To Sociology</li> <li>HIST 1203 - U.S. History To 1877</li> <li>HIST 1303 - U.S. History Since 1877</li> <li>HIST 2103 - World History To 1500</li> <li>HIST 2203 - World History Since 1500</li> </ul>
<b>30-37 TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR THE BSN</b>	

## Degree Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 120 semester hours;
2. A total of 30 hours in residence; with at least 15 of the final 30 hours in residence;
3. A cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale at the time of graduation;
4. No course with a grade lower than "C" will be accepted toward the major. Courses in the major are defined as any course required or accepted to meet a requirement of the major;
5. Satisfactory achievement in an approved academic major;
6. Thirty-six semester hours in upper-division courses (3000 and 4000 level courses);
7. Completion of the general education program;

8. All requirements for each major and minor including senior comprehensive exams must be met while earning a degree and prior to the conferral date of that degree;
9. If, after graduation with a given degree and major(s), a student wishes to earn a second baccalaureate degree and/or major from MidAmerica Nazarene University, he/she must satisfactorily complete all requirements for an additional major and complete a minimum of thirty semester hours in residence. Further, to complete any major in a degree program, the student must fulfill all requirements for that major and that degree program.
10. Transfer students with at least 57 transfer credits (must be accepted by MNU) will meet the requirements of Outcome 1 by taking NURS 3603 Theological Perspectives for Nursing.

## Clinical Requirements

1. Health/hospitalization insurance.
2. Documentation of immunization records.
3. Certified background checks and drug screenings.
4. Current Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Professional Certification from the American Heart Association.

## Information Related to Licensure and NCLEX- RN® Examination

Graduation from the Traditional BSN program prepares individuals to take the NCLEX- RN® (RN licensure exam) in any state. Students taking the examination in Kansas will be notified about application procedures. Students taking the NCLEX- RN® examination in other states must assume individual responsibility for contacting the appropriate state board of nursing for licensure application requirements and procedures.

For example, individuals who have been convicted of a felony or certain misdemeanors may or may not be eligible for RN licensure in a given state. Other reasons why a license to practice as an RN may be denied, revoked, limited, or suspended in the state of Kansas are also listed in the Kansas Nurse Practice Act. The entire Kansas Nurse Practice Act may be accessed at <https://ksbn.kansas.gov/npa/>.

## Nursing Program Courses (60 credit hours)

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours	Clinical/Lab
<b>Module 1</b>			
NURS 3013	Pathophysiology	1.5	
NURS 3703	Principles of Professional Nursing	3	
NURS 3185	Fundamentals of nursing care	3	lab
NURS 3913	Pharmacotherapy	1.5	
<b>Module 2</b>			
NURS 3013	Pathophysiology	1.5	
NURS 3185	Fundamentals of nursing care	2	Clinical/Lab
NURS 3913	Pharmacotherapy	1.5	
<b>Module 3</b>			
NURS 3602	Health Assessment for Nurses	2	lab
NURS 3602	Health Assessment for Nurses Lab		
NURS 3902	Gerontological Nursing	2	

NURS 3502	Mental Health Nursing	2	
	<b>Module 4</b>		
NURS 3402	Ethics, Quality and Safety in Nursing	2	
NURS 4313	Pediatric Nursing	3	clinical
NURS 3603	Theological Perspectives for Nursing	3	
	<b>Module 5</b>		
NURS 3068	Health Restoration I	8	clinical
	<b>Module 6</b>		
NURS 3178	Health Restoration II	8	clinical
	<b>Module 7</b>		
NURS 4513	Population Based Health	3	clinical
NURS 4113	Maternal & Women's Health Nursing	3	clinical
NURS 4902	Acute Complex Nursing Care	2	
NURS 4211	Transition to Nursing Practice	.5	
	<b>Module 8</b>		
NURS 4213	Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3	
NURS 4211	Transition to Nursing Practice	.5	
NURS 4323	Nursing Leadership & Professional Issues	3	
NURS 4684	Nursing Internship (clinical course)	4	clinical