



Missouri Western State University School of Nursing and Health Professions

NURSING SCHOLARS/EARLY ACCEPT PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Pre-licensure

About

Early Acceptance into the School of Nursing is available for **high school seniors** and **Missouri Western freshmen** with superior academic achievement. Early acceptance allows eligible students to reserve a spot in our competitive BSN Pre-licensure program without the stress of competing against other applicants. Students who are granted early acceptance are then designated as Nursing Scholars. These students are eligible to participate in special programs and activities within the School of Nursing. They are also eligible for some scholarships. Nursing Scholars are not required to take the TEAS exam.

Application Deadlines

A completed application packet (see checklist on next page) must be received by the School of Nursing by **August 1 following graduation** for high school senior candidates. For MWSU freshman candidates applications are due by **January 15 or August 15** following completion of the applicant's first semester at MWSU. Applicants will be notified by mail of their admission status once all application materials have been reviewed.

Nursing Scholars Criteria

- ❖ **High school seniors** must be admitted to Missouri Western State University, have an ACT superscore of 24 or higher, have a high school cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above on a 4.0 scale and have involvement in community service/leadership. (The ACT superscore is the average of the highest of each of the 4 subscores from all test attempts.) Students who are required to take developmental coursework at MWSU are not eligible for early acceptance as a high school senior. This includes ENG 100, RDG 095, MAT 083, MAT 110E and MAT 111E. Students will be notified in writing of early acceptance. High school seniors can apply following the first semester of their senior year of high school.
- ❖ **MWSU freshmen** must be currently enrolled at MWSU, have a cumulative college grade point average of 3.2 or higher, have completed 13 credit hours (excluding dual/transfer credit) which includes one lab science course with a grade of B or better and have involvement in community service/leadership. Students who are required to take developmental coursework are not eligible for early acceptance as an MWSU freshman. This includes ENG 100, RDG 095, MAT 083, MAT 110E and MAT 111E. Students will be notified in writing of early acceptance. Freshmen are only eligible after their first semester at MWSU.

General Information:

Before beginning the nursing program, the following requirements must be met:

- ❖ Must maintain a **cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 or greater** in order to keep early acceptance status. If, after any pre-nursing coursework, your cumulative GPA at the end of each semester falls below 3.2 or if a grade of “D” or “F” is received in a prerequisite course, applicant will receive a letter indicating that their early acceptance status has been rescinded and they will need to submit a new nursing application for regular acceptance into the program after they have completed (or are currently enrolled in) all general studies and nursing support courses (prerequisites).
- ❖ Must maintain continuous full-time enrollment (12 credit hours or more) at MWSU.
- ❖ Completion of, or currently enrolled in, all general studies and nursing support courses (prerequisites). These courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. (Refer to college catalog for list of these courses). All nursing support courses must be taken at MWSU (excluding dual credit).
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 at: <http://pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp>.
- ❖ Complete all clinical compliance requirements.

General Instructions

1. Complete the attached application. Please type or print clearly.
2. In order to have a complete application packet and be considered for admission as a Nursing Scholar to the School of Nursing, your application must contain:

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
• Completed nursing application form
• \$30 non-refundable application fee
• Supporting statement as to why you should be accepted to the BSN Program
• Resume (include school activities, community service & leadership positions)
• Must be admitted for general university admission

MWSU FRESHMAN
• Completed nursing application form
• \$30 non-refundable application fee
• Supporting statement as to why you should be accepted to the BSN Program
• Resume (include school activities, community service & leadership positions)

3. Return the completed **Nursing Scholars Application** packet to:
Missouri Western State University
School of Nursing and Health Professions
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.

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Nursing Scholars Application

Full Legal Name		
Student G Number (provided by MWSU Admissions)		Semester Projected to Begin Nursing School:
Current Address		
Email Address		
Permanent Address		
Telephone	Home:	Cell:
High School		Graduation Date:

Please check category:

- I am a high school senior applying to the nursing scholars program.
- I am a MWSU freshman applying to the nursing scholars program.

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

Name of School	Dates Attended	College Credit (list courses & grade earned)

*** Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

PLEASE ATTACH:

- ❖ A brief supporting statement (approximately 1 page) 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.
- ❖ A resume (include school activities, community service & leadership positions)

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 School 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.)

Admitted Student Responsibilities	Title IX, 504/ADA
<p>Before beginning first semester of nursing courses applicants will receive an admission packet detailing the following requirements that must be completed before beginning classes/clinical.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit \$200 deposit to hold position. • Maintain current basic life support certification (BLS). • Purchase uniforms and other necessary supplies. • Maintain current immunizations. • Complete all clinical compliance requirements. • Maintain health insurance. • Have reliable transportation for clinical experience. 	<p>It is the policy of the University to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations, which prohibit discrimination based on sex in the University’s educational programs and activities. Title IX and its implementing regulations also prohibit retaliation for asserting claims of sex discrimination. The University has designated the following Title IX Coordinator to coordinate its compliance with Title IX and to receive inquiries regarding Title IX, including complaints of sex discrimination:</p> <p>Adam McGowan Title IX Coordinator 231 Blum Union 4525 Downs Drive St. Joseph, Missouri 64507 816-271-4557 amcgowan@missouriwestern.edu</p>

Date Received		Payment	
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