

Admission into the BSN Program

Admission into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the College of Mount St. Joseph is very competitive. Please see the profile below of the student who has been successful in this program.

Profile of Past Students Who Have Successfully Completed the BSN Program

- ACT 20
- High School GPA 3.0
- Success in high school chemistry and algebra I & II
- Highly motivated to succeed with attention to detail

If your accomplishments are not in line with this profile, you may want to consider another major. An advisor in our Academic Advising and Resource Center would be happy to assist you with this process

Admission Guidelines

Each year the nursing program admits at least 48 students into the clinical program. The clinical component of the program begins sophomore year; this is the official admission point into the BSN program. Forty seats are reserved for current first-time, full-time freshman Mount students applying to the program; 8 seats are reserved for students repeating the first clinical course, returning students who did not meet the admission requirements in their first year, and transfer students meeting the criteria.

First-time, full-time freshman students must meet the minimum criteria below in order to be accepted into the program:

- Completed **28 credit hours**
- Have a **cumulative GPA of 2.8**
- A **“C” or higher in all Category I or Prerequisite Courses* (listed below) AND have at least one “B” in the didactic portion of the science 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 & Organic Chemistry IDS 206: Biochemistry Nutrition
 - PSY 103: Introduction to Psychology
 - SOC 103: Our Social World

**Pre-requisite courses may change slightly for the 2013-2014 academic year. These changes will be published prior to the beginning the fall semester.*

**In order to enroll in CHE 104/104A, the student must have passed high school chemistry with a “C” or higher and score a “3” on the COMPASS.

If more than 40 students meet the specified criteria, and if the nursing program is unable to accommodate more than 40 students, applicants will be ranked according to their science GPA and cumulative GPA, and the top 40 candidates will be admitted.

Note that if a student earns less than a “C” in any Category I (prerequisite) course, the student will need to reapply for one of the eight spots the following academic year. 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 “C” in another Category I course, the student is not eligible for admission into the BSN program.

The 8 seats are reserved in the following order:

- First Priority: Students repeating the first clinical course
- Second Priority: Returning students who did not meet the admission requirements in their first year
- Third Priority: Transfer students meeting the criteria

Note: In order to be accepted into the clinical nursing program, students must have an acceptable background check performed by a service designated by the Department of Nursing. Additionally, some clinical sites require a negative drug screen prior to beginning a clinical rotation.