



**College of Nursing & Health Sciences  
Applicant Policies  
Bachelor of Science in Health Systems Studies (BSHS) Program  
Effective Date: December 10, 2018**

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These policies become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked.

**Purpose**

Applicant policies are provided to inform prospective applicants regarding admission requirements. The most current policies are posted in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences web site and are subject to change.

**Responsibility**

Each applicant is responsible for knowing and adhering to the current applicant policies for the BSHS Program. The responsibility for the implementation of these policies is assigned to the Dean and faculty of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

**Application Requirements**

1. The following are requirements for full admission to the BSHS program at Metropolitan State University:
  - 1.1. Current undergraduate admission to Metropolitan State University;
  - 1.2. An official transcript indicating completion of an associate degree or an associate of science in a health related program from a regionally accredited institution;
  - 1.3. Official transcripts for all other undergraduate or graduate study completed at the time of the application. Applicants may petition to have a transcript older than seven years from the application deadline individually reviewed for exclusion from the cumulative GPA calculation. Transcripts for elimination must not include any course requirements for the applicant's health related AS or AAS degree and courses from an omitted transcript may not be used to satisfy program admission requirements;
  - 1.4. Applicants with a degree or coursework from non U.S. schools who apply to the BSHS program are required to have these transcripts evaluated by a credentials evaluation

service (WES or ECE). The evaluation report will serve as the basis for the transcript evaluation needed for admission to the university and to the program;

- 1.5. The Grade Point Average (GPA) used for admission assessment is the cumulative GPA calculated from all coursework and evaluation of all transcripts (undergraduate and graduate). A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required for application for full admission;
- 1.6. Applicants with a cumulative GPA of 2.3 – 2.49 may petition for conditional admission. If the petition is approved, students must complete the requirements set forth in the petition response before they will be considered fully admitted to the BSHS program.

### **Pre-Major Requirements**

2. Admitted students must complete the following pre-major requirements before they are eligible to matriculate into the BSHS major:
  - Introductory college writing course, three credit minimum
  - Introductory or general Psychology course
  - Introductory or general Sociology course
  - General, organic, or biochemistry course with lab *OR* human, cell, or general biology course with lab
  - Human Anatomy with lab
  - Human Physiology with lab
  - Introductory statistics course, and
  - Completion of a degree plan with an advisor.
- 2.1. Courses may be taken at Metropolitan State or other accredited universities or colleges. For students taking the classes at Metropolitan State University, the course numbers are as follows.
  - WRIT 131, Writing I
  - PSYC 100, General Psychology
  - HBIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (with lab)
  - HBIO 202 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (with lab)
  - CHEM 105, Survey of General, Organic, and Biochemistry *OR* CHEM, 111 General Chemistry, *OR* BIOL 105, Human Biology *OR* BIOL 111, General Biology *OR* BIOL 107, Biology, Race, and Racism
  - SOC 101, Introduction to Sociology
  - PSYC 307, Data/statistical Analysis for the Behavioral Sciences *OR* STAT 201, Statistics I
- 2.2. Students are required to obtain letter grades in all BSHS pre-major courses. Students must earn a grade of at least a C in each pre-major requirement course. Students with transfer credits from a standardized test such as AP or CLEP may apply these credits.