College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Department of Nursing
Applicant Policies
Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program (RN-BSN)
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 Department of Nursing web site and are subject to change.

Responsibility

Each applicant is responsible for knowing and adhering to the current applicant policies for the RN-BSN Program. The responsibility for the implementation of these policies is assigned to the Dean and faculty of the Department of Nursing.

Application Requirements

1. The following are requirements for full admission to the RN-BSN program at Metropolitan State University:

   1.1. A completed Metropolitan State University application;

   1.2. Evidence of current unencumbered registered nurse licensure in at least one state with eligibility for licensure in Minnesota;

   1.3. An official transcript indicating completion of an associate degree in nursing from an accredited institution. Acceptance of transfer credit is managed consistent with the University's Transfer Policy and Procedure (Policy 2120). Transcripts from diploma nursing programs are evaluated on an individual basis;

   1.4. 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 nursing course

requirements for the applicant's ADN and credentials from an omitted transcript may not be used to satisfy program admission requirements;

1.5. Applicants with coursework from non-US nursing schools who apply to the RN-BSN program are required to have their non-US 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 nursing program;

1.6. 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. Applicants must have earned a grade of at least a C in all nursing courses;

1.7. Applicants with a cumulative GPA of 2.3 – 2.49 may petition for conditional admission. If the petition is approved, applicants must complete the requirements set forth in the petition response before they will be considered fully admitted and eligible for cohort placement in the RN-BSN program.

1.8. Students are required to obtain letter grades in all RN-BSN program courses including nursing and non-nursing courses.

1.9. **Pre-Nursing Requirements**

1. Students must complete an official degree plan with their academic advisor.
2. Students must request placement in an RN-BSN cohort.
3. Introductory Statistics is a pre-requisite for NURS 335 Introduction to Evidence Based Practice.
4. Medical Ethics (or an ethics course) is required for the program and graduation.

1.10. All students must meet all pre-practicum requirements prior to starting their clinical course (NURS 456P – semester 4). Failure to meet the requirements prior to the deadlines may result in students' inability to enroll in or attend the course. All requirements must remain valid for the duration of the clinical course. It is the students' responsibility to maintain the required records. The requirements are determined by contracts and clinical agencies and, in general, there are no exceptions. Information on clinical requirements can be obtained at: Nursing Pre-Practicum Requirements

Deferral
3. An applicant who accepts a position within a cohort and then does not enroll in courses forfeits a position in that cohort. Such applicants may apply again to a subsequent cohort.