

Mansfield University BSN Program

Information for First Year and Transfer Students



Mansfield University Campus: Elliott Hall



Mansfield University Sayre Site



Thank you for your interest in the Mansfield University BSN Program! The information in this document will assist those applying to the program as first-year students or as transfer students.

For more detailed BSN Program information, including the extensive policies of the nursing program, please refer to the Mansfield University Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook. Visit the following website: <https://www.mansfield.edu/majors-and-minors/nursing/index.cfm#?>, and click on the “Student Resources” tab.

Mansfield University Admissions website: <https://admissions.mansfield.edu/>

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Admissions: BSN Program

Criteria for admission shall be the same as that for general admission to the University with the following exceptions. Applicants must submit satisfactory reports of medical examination with specific immunizations prior to the opening of the school term, and have completed the following subjects in high school:

English, four (4) credits
 History or Social Studies, three (3) credits
 Lab sciences, two (2) credits (Biology and Chemistry required)
 Math, two (2) credits, one of which must be algebra

The nursing program is looking for students who have at least a combined math and verbal score of 1060 on the 2016 or later version of SATs and a high school GPA of at least 3.25.

Please note that temporary changes to admission standards for the BSN Program have been made for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

Given the disruption of standardized testing caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the nursing program will make an exception to requiring SAT testing for applicants seeking admission for fall 2021. In lieu of SAT scores, the nursing program seeks students who have a 3.2 GPA (approximately 85-87% average) of all high school math and science courses.

Requirements for Transfer into the Nursing Major (BSN Program)

General information about transferring into the nursing major:

- The nursing program has a limited number of seats for transfer students. Even if a prospective nursing transfer student meets admissions or transfer criteria, there is no guarantee of a seat being available in the nursing program.
- The nursing program at Mansfield University does not accept students into the BSN program who have been dismissed from other nursing programs for any reason, or if there has been a failure of any nursing course. A failure of a nursing course is defined as a C- or lower.
- It is often difficult, if not impossible, to equate nursing courses from one nursing program to another. Even if a student has successfully completed nursing courses (with passing grades of C or better) from another program, he/she may end up repeating nursing courses in the MU BSN program to avoid missing critical content. The Nursing Program Director works closely with the Transfer Student Coordinator in those cases to make the most accurate determination.
- Students who want to be considered for a seat in the nursing program, if/when available, must meet all admission criteria for the nursing program. Those are:
 - Criteria for admission shall be the same as that for general admission to the University with the following exceptions. Applicants must submit satisfactory reports of medical examination with specific immunizations prior to the opening of the school term, and have completed the following subjects in high school:
 - English, four (4) credits
 - History or Social Studies, three (3) credits

Lab sciences, two (2) credits (Biology and Chemistry required) (LPNs and RNs with integrated curricula may meet this requirement.)

Math, two (2) credits, one of which must be algebra

- The nursing program is looking for students who have at least a combined math and verbal score of 1060 on the SATs (2016 version or later).
- Students are only accepted for a fall semester start.

Who is considered?

- **Internal students** (current Mansfield University students):
 - Current Mansfield University students must complete an “**Interest in Nursing Major**” form (below) during the spring semester of the current academic year in order to be considered for internal transfer into the nursing major. Eligible students will be considered for nursing major seats at either the first-year (freshman) or advanced standing (sophomore) level, pending seat availability.
- **External students:**
 - Students not enrolled in a major at Mansfield University must apply to the university through the admissions website: <https://admissions.mansfield.edu/>. Eligible student will be considered for nursing major seats at either the first-year (freshman) or advanced standing (sophomore) level, pending seat availability.
- Review of student materials to determine eligibility for any available seats in the nursing program is conducted at the end of each spring semester (May-June) and students are notified thereafter. Depending upon seat availability, offers may be made throughout the summer.

Nursing program admission standards for transfer students:

- 2.7 cumulative GPA or higher in all college coursework.
 - For current Mansfield University students, grades in ENG 0090 and MA 0090 will not be included in GPA calculation for admission to the nursing program.
 - For students from other colleges or universities, remedial courses will not be included in GPA calculation for admission to the nursing program.
 - For students whose high school grades and/or GPA did not meet BSN program admission criteria, the nursing program requires review a minimum of one semester of full-time college coursework (12+ credits) to determine admission eligibility. The minimum GPA of that college coursework must be 2.7 or higher.
- Grades of C or better in:
 - **BSC 1121/1121L Human Anatomy and Physiology I and BSC 1122/1122L Human Anatomy and Physiology II** (or equivalent courses)
 - **CHM 1110/1110L Survey of Chemistry:** Please note, this chemistry course is specific to the Mansfield University BSN Program. It is a 4-credit, one semester course that contains principles of general chemistry, organic chemistry, and biochemistry. The only equivalent of this course at Mansfield University is CHM 1111 and CHM 1112. Students transferring into the major should plan to take CHM 1110/1110L unless they have taken CHM 1111 and CHM 1112 (or equivalent courses).
 - **BSC 3271 Microbiology for Health Sciences** (or equivalent course).

- If the student earns below a C in any of the above courses, the course may be repeated. The student will be considered for transfer upon successful completion of the course(s), earning a C or above.

Seat Placement:

- Students who have **not** completed BSC 1121/1121L **and** BSC 1122/1122L (or equivalent courses) will be considered for a first-year seat (freshman). Students who accept first-year BSN seat offers must note that it will take 4 years to complete the program because of the rotations of science and nursing courses.
- For students to be considered for an advanced standing seat (sophomore-level):
 - Students must have earned 30 or more college credits
 - Students must have a minimum of a 2.7 GPA or higher in all college coursework
 - Students must have taken two semesters of anatomy and physiology courses (BSC 1121/1121L and BSC 1122/1122L, or equivalents), and earned a grade of C or better in those courses.
- If an advanced level seat (sophomore-level) is offered to a student, it will take the student 3 years for program completion. Students who accept advanced standing BSN seats (sophomore-level) must note that there is no method to shorten this 3-year commitment because of the way the nursing courses are rotated.
 - If a student meets requirements for admission for an advanced standing seat (sophomore) but no seat is available at that level, the student will be offered a first-year seat, if seats are available at that level.

Second degree students:

- Students must meet the same admission criteria as above.
- There is not an accelerated option. If accepted into the freshman-level, the program will take four years to complete. If accepted into the sophomore-level, the program will take three years to complete. The freshman and sophomore years are usually more of a part-time study because of credits already earned toward the general education program.

Mansfield University Early Start Program:

- Students must have a 2.7 GPA or higher from the Early Start Program courses in order to be accepted into the BSN program.

** Please note that that the terms freshman and sophomore are defined by the level/year of the nursing program, NOT the number of credits earned.*

No students are transferred in at the junior or senior level of the BSN program.

**THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED ONLY BY CURRENT MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS**

External students must apply to Mansfield University through the admissions website:
<https://admissions.mansfield.edu/>

**Mansfield University
Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences
Interest in Nursing Major Form**

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Mansfield email: _____

Current Major: _____

Internal students will be considered for transfer into the nursing major at either freshman or sophomore level, based on the students' GPA, science course grades, and availability of seats. Filling out this form and meeting program standards does not mean students will be automatically admitted to the nursing program.

Nursing program admission standards for internal transfer students:

- 2.7 cumulative GPA or higher. (Grades in ENG 0090 and MA 0090 will not be included in GPA calculation for admission to the nursing program).
- Grades of C or above in:
 - BSC 1121, BSC 1122 or equivalent courses
 - CHM 1110, BSC 3271 or equivalent courses
 - If the student earns less than a C in any of these courses, the course must be repeated. The student will be considered for transfer upon successful completion of the course, earning a C or above.

Please note the following:

- Students who have **not** completed BSC 1121 and BSC 1122 (or equivalent courses) will be considered for admission into freshman level. This will add at least 4 years for program completion.
- Students who have completed BSC 1121 **and** BSC 1122 (or equivalent courses) will be considered for admission into sophomore level. This will add at least 3 years for program completion.
 - If a student meets requirements for admission at the sophomore level but no seat is available, the student will be offered a seat at the freshman level, if seats are available.

The Nursing Program reviews transcripts after completion of the spring semester. Students will be notified beginning in mid-June. Depending upon seat availability, offers may be made throughout the summer.

Return this form to the Department Secretary (Sayre Site), Laurie Kinsman by email to lkinsman@mansfield.edu.

Student's Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

| Mansfield University Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences BSN Plan of Study | | | | | |
|--|---|------------|----------------------------------|--|------------|
| First Semester (MU) | | | Second Semester (MU) | | |
| Course | | Cr. | Course | | Cr. |
| BSC 1121 | Human A&P I | 4 | BSC 1122 | Human A&P II | 4 |
| ENG 1112 | Comp I | 3 | COM 1101 | Oral Comm | 3 |
| FYS **** | Freshman Seminar | 3 | CHM 1110 | Survey of Chem | 4 |
| PSY 1101 | Intro to Psych | 3 | MA 1125 | Intro to Stats | 3 |
| *** **** | Gen Ed | 3 | SOC 1101 | Intro to Sociology | 3 |
| Total Semester Credit Hrs | | 16 | Total Semester Credit Hrs | | 17 |
| Third Semester (MU) | | | Fourth Semester (MU) | | |
| Course | | Cr. | Course | | Cr. |
| NUR 1100 | Found of Prof Nsg | 2 | NUR 3271 | Intro to Prof Nursing II | 4 |
| NUR 3270 | Intro to Prof Nursing I/ Health Assessment | 3 | BSC 3271 | Microbiology | 4 |
| NTR 2211 | Intro to Nutrition | 3 | PHL 3380 | Healthcare Ethics | 3 |
| *** **** | Gen Ed | 3 | *** **** | Gen Ed | 3 |
| *** **** | Gen Ed | 3 | ----- | ----- | --- |
| Total Semester Credit Hrs | | 14 | Total Semester Credit Hrs | | 14 |
| Fifth Semester (Sayre) | | | Sixth Semester (Sayre) | | |
| Course | | Cr. | Course | | Cr. |
| NUR 3370 | Nsg Care of Adult Client | 8 | NUR 3371 | Nsg Care of Childbearing Childrearing Families | 8 |
| NUR 3391 | Pathopharm I | 3 | NUR 3391 | Pathopharm II | 3 |
| NUR **** | Nursing elective | 3 | NUR 3361 | Intro to Nsg Research | 2 |
| ----- | ----- | --- | ENG 3313 | Comp II | 3 |
| Total Semester Credit Hrs | | 14 | Total Semester Credit Hrs | | 16 |
| Seventh Semester (Sayre) | | | Eighth Semester (Sayre) | | |
| Course | | Cr. | Course | | Cr. |
| NUR 4471 | Comm. Health Nsg | 6 | NUR 4490 | Client w/ Multi- Stressors | 8 |
| NUR 4472 | Mental Health Nsg | 6 | NUR 4411 | Case Studies in Nsg | 3 |
| NUR 4480 | Leadership Princ and Qual Improvement in Nsg Practice | 3 | *** **** | Gen Ed | 3 |
| Total Semester Credit Hrs | | 15 | Total Semester Credit Hrs | | 14 |
| Some students may need a free elective to reach the 120 credits | | | | | |
| Total Program Credit Hours: 120 | | | | | |

Nursing Program Mission, Vision, Values, Goals and Philosophy

Mission: To provide a caring and innovative learning environment that is grounded in the liberal arts and emphasizes character, scholarship, culture and service. The Mansfield University BSN Program prepares graduates who possess the knowledge and skills to be proficient in beginning practice and leadership.

Vision: To be recognized for a caring and innovative nursing faculty that possess the knowledge and skills to prepare graduates who are proficient in contemporary nursing practice.

Core Values:

- respect for others
- integrity
- innovation
- diversity
- caring
- collaboration
- accountability
- passion for life-long learning
- student centered learning

Goals

We will attract and retain qualified applicants to our program.

We will provide an environment that promotes engaged learning.

We will facilitate the mentoring of faculty and students that promotes professional growth.

Nursing Program Philosophy

The nursing faculty, in accordance with the mission and creed of Mansfield University, collaborate with the faculty of other disciplines to create a supportive learning environment that provides nursing students with an educational experience that blends arts and humanities, natural and social sciences, and professional nursing studies. We are committed to creating a supportive learning environment for nursing students; one that is based on a humanistic approach and values innovation, diversity, and caring. Nursing faculty strive to provide a positive learning environment that fosters mutual respect and encourages students to take an active role in their education.

The nursing faculty believes that:

- Nurse educators advance the science of nursing through teaching, scholarship, and service.
- Student success is promoted through a flexible, student centered learning environment. that encourages the development of critical thinking through reflection on learning
- Faculty are facilitators of learning who demonstrate integrity and accountability.
- Innovative teaching is integral to student success.
- Learning is a life-long process that results in change.

Baccalaureate nursing education prepares generalist nurses who work collaboratively with other disciplines to provide nursing care to individuals, families, and communities to promote optimal health. Baccalaureate nursing education provides a foundation for graduate education.

End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes:

| End-of-Program SLOs | Sample of End-of-Program SLO Measurement Methods |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate clinical judgment through the application of theories, concepts and research from the scientific, humanistic, and nursing disciplines. 2. Implement therapeutic nursing interventions in the care of individuals, families and communities utilizing the nursing process in compliance with the ANA's Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice (2015). 3. Integrate communication skills required for the role of a generalist professional nurse as a practitioner, educator, collaborator, leader and advocate in providing health care for individuals, families and communities. 4. Demonstrate legal, ethical, and professional behaviors and accountability in all nursing roles. | <p>HESI proctored exams, including Exit Exam Clinical evaluation tool (NUR 4490) Senior Experience evaluation tool</p> |

Students' Rights, Responsibilities, and Requirements

Students' rights, responsibilities, and requirements set forth by the university are depicted in the Mansfield University website (www.mansfield.edu); the Undergraduate Catalog; Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook, and the Mansfield University Student Code of Conduct. *(For all nursing program information and policies, please refer to the Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook.)*

Orientation to Nursing Program Rights, Responsibilities & Requirements

All students are required to review their rights, responsibilities and requirements as set forth in the Mansfield University Undergraduate Catalog (<http://catalog.mansfield.edu>) and the Nursing Program Undergraduate Student Handbook. While university publications address the policies, procedures, and requirements of the institution, the nursing program handbook contains more substantive information specific to the BSN Program. The Nursing Program Undergraduate Student Handbook is viewed as an important resource to be retained and used by students throughout their tenure at Mansfield University. Students will be notified of updates.

For information regarding the extensive policies of the nursing program, please refer to the Mansfield University Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook. Visit the following website: <https://www.mansfield.edu/majors-and-minors/nursing/index.cfm#?>, and click on the "Student Resources" tab to locate the handbook.

Estimated Costs for Program Requirements:

Health science programs have expenses that are not included in tuition or university fees. Students and their families should understand that there will be regularly required health exams, health/immunization related screenings, background checks, urine drug screening, and other nursing program requirements that often lead to out-of-pocket expenses. These alone can amount to a few hundred dollars per year, while in the nursing program. Additionally, health science books are notoriously expensive. Learning resources, including books, just for the nursing courses can cost \$1100.00 - \$1500.00. That does not include books required by the general education courses or sciences, all of which are part of the larger nursing program. Nursing faculty carefully consider resources when adopting them in order to avoid excessive expenses to students and their families. However, in order to best prepare the contemporary nurse for the rigorous practice environment, adequate resources must be utilized.

Accreditation Information:

The baccalaureate nursing program at the Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences at Mansfield University located in Sayre, PA is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326
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The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the baccalaureate nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>