

Dear Prospective Accelerated (2nd degree) BSN Student:

We are delighted that you have decided to apply for admission to the UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies Accelerated BSN Program beginning August 2018! Please review all of the information provided here and complete all steps to ensure that you submit a complete supplemental application.

1. _____ Prerequisite Coursework

Ensure that you will have completed all of the following prerequisite courses by the end of the Spring 2018 semester. All prerequisites must be complete with a grade of B- or better. Check www.transferology.com and/or www.umkc.edu/transferguides to determine course equivalencies for courses not taken at UMKC. If unsure of how your transfer coursework fulfills prerequisite requirements, please first check www.transferology.com and/or www.umkc.edu/transferguides. If still unsure at that point, contact one of the [Accelerated BSN academic advisors](#).

NURSE 120 Anatomy and Physiology I + NURSE 160 Anatomy and Physiology II

- A combined Anatomy and Physiology w/lab course (worth at least 5 credit hours) is also accepted to fulfill this requirement
- Separate Anatomy w/lab + Physiology w/lab courses (worth at least 4 credit hours each) are also accepted to fulfill this requirement
- Anatomy and Physiology coursework must have been completed within five years of the program start in Fall 2018 (e.g. courses must have been completed in the Fall 2013 semester or later semester)

CHEM 115 + CHEM 115L Principles of Chemistry I

- Equivalent or higher level chemistry courses (4-5 credits) that include a lab component are also accepted to fulfill this requirement
- Chemistry w/lab coursework must have been completed within 5 years of the program start in Fall 2018 (e.g. course must have been completed in the Fall 2013 semester or later semester)

LS-MCRB 112 Life Sciences Microbiology (lecture only, lab is not required)

- Equivalent microbiology lecture courses (at least 3 credits) are also accepted to fulfill this requirement
- Microbiology coursework must have been completed within 5 years of the program start in Fall 2018 (e.g. course must have been completed in the Fall 2013 semester or later semester)

NURSE 252 Human Growth and Development (or equivalent 3 credit lifespan/developmental psychology course)

CHEM 206 Human Nutrition (or equivalent 3 credit human nutrition course)

2. _____ Ensure that you meet both GPA Requirements

Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher

- Calculated based on all courses reflected on transcripts sent to UMKC Admissions (see step 3 instructions)

Nursing Prerequisite GPA of 2.75 or higher

- Calculated based on all combined prerequisite coursework completed at time of supplemental application deadline in January 2018.
- Nursing Prerequisite GPA = NURSE 120 + NURSE 160 + CHEM 115 + CHEM 115L + LS-MCRB 112 + NURSE 252 + CHEM 206
- If you have not completed all prerequisites at the time of application, your Nursing Prerequisite GPA will be calculated only using the course grades for those courses you have already completed.
- If curious, you can calculate your Nursing Prerequisite GPA using the UMKC Registrar's GPA Calculator: https://www.umkc.edu/registrar/gpa_calculator.asp.

3. Submit Undergraduate Application for Admission via UMKC Admissions

<https://www.umkc.edu/admissions/>

- Transcripts from every college/university attended must be sent to UMKC Admissions to complete the UMKC Admissions undergraduate application process.
- Complete this step **BEFORE** beginning step 4 below. It can take 4-6 weeks for your undergraduate application to be processed by UMKC Admissions and an admissions decision to be made.
- **NOTE:** Current UMKC students are not required to complete this step, as they have already been admitted to UMKC.

4. Submit Online Accelerated BSN Supplemental Application

<http://j.mp/2yYqY48>

- **NOTE:** Your UMKC Student ID # is required to complete this step. You will receive your Student ID # shortly after completing step 3 above. Contact UMKC Admissions if you haven't received an undergraduate admission letter more than four weeks after submitting your undergraduate application to UMKC Admissions.

5. Submit all Supplemental Application materials, listed below, via postal mail or drop off in-person to:

**School of Nursing and Health Studies
BSN Program Admissions
2464 Charlotte Street
Suite 1410
Kansas City, MO 64111**

- Personal Statement Essays** – formatting instructions, essay prompts, and evaluation criteria included on page 8
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae** – Contact UMKC Career Services (<https://career.umkc.edu/>) for resume review services (*optional*)
- Two Reference Forms** – required form and submission instructions are included on pages 3-6
- Exploring the Nursing Profession Documentation** – required documentation form included on page 7
 - Minimum 30 hours required of direct human patient interaction experiences completed in a healthcare setting (no veterinary care experiences accepted, for example)
 - Hours must have been completed in the two years prior to Supplemental Application submission
 - Documentation can include paid work, volunteer, and/or educational training experiences
 - Examples: volunteer experiences in a skilled nursing or hospice facility, CNA / LPN / EMT / Paramedic certification clinical training, hospital volunteer program, etc.
 - Shadowing experiences are not accepted to fulfill this requirement, as the documentation submitted must include proof of direct patient interaction experiences, which typically are not part of a shadowing experience.
- \$20 Application Fee** – Cash, Check, or Money Order made out to “UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies”
 - Any application received without the application fee will not be considered complete and will, therefore, not be reviewed for admission

6. Ensure that applications and supplemental materials are submitted by the application deadline:

January 19, 2018 at 5pm (or postmarked on January 19th, 2018)



UMKC School of Nursing & Health Studies
BSN Reference Form

University of Missouri-Kansas City
 BSN Program
 2464 Charlotte Street
 Kansas City, MO 64108

To the applicant:

Please complete and sign BEFORE providing this confidential reference form to your reviewer who must be a high school teacher, college professor, manager, or supervisor.

Please do not ask for references from a family friend, fellow staff nurse, co-worker or minister

****Please supply the reviewer with a stamped envelope pre-addressed to the UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies address.****

Applicant's Name (typed or printed) _____

Applicant's Signature _____

To the reviewer:

The student listed above is applying for admission to the UMKC School of Nursing & Health Studies BSN program. Applicants to this program are required to submit reference forms. You are asked to make a frank appraisal of the applicant. Be assured your responses will be held in confidence.

****Please return this completed confidential reference form, in the envelope supplied by the applicant addressed to the UMKC School of Nursing & Health Studies – BSN Admissions, sealed and signed with your signature over the envelope seal.****

Thank you for completing this form and for your honest evaluation.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Based on your experience relative to persons of similar background, how would you rate the applicant's following characteristics? Place an "X" under the column which best describes the applicant. If you cannot assess a particular characteristic, mark "no basis for judgment" as it will not count in the admissions committee's assessment of the applicant. If you are unable to assess in more than half of the categories, please contact the applicant so they can request a recommendation from someone who is better able to assess their professional characteristics.

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Communication - oral					
Communication - written					
Cooperativeness					
Dependability					
Enthusiasm					
Ethical					
Integrity					
Leadership					
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Resourcefulness					
Responsibility					
Time- Management Skills					
Self-Confidence					
Well-rounded Interests					

I have known the applicant for approximately ____/____ (years/months).

My relationship to the applicant is: _____ (e.g. supervisor, faculty, etc.)

COMMENTS: Provide examples wherever possible to support your assessment. In addition to this form, you may provide a separate sheet of additional detail in addressing the following questions and/or any other attributes and abilities that warrant mention.

1. If you selected “Upper 10 percent” or “Lower 50 percent” for any of the characteristics, please provide justification for your ratings.

2. Does the applicant possess any special attributes that should be noted?

3. Does the applicant demonstrate any limitations you feel would hinder his/her ability to perform effectively in a professional program?

4. This is a very competitive process. If need be, could we contact you with additional questions?

Yes _____ No _____

Overall recommendation of the applicant based on your ratings and comments:

- I highly recommend this applicant.
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AT/PL BSN Essay Questions

Instructions:

There are 3 essays required for this portion of the application. Please follow the directions carefully for each essay prompt below. The document submitted must be typed and double spaced, using 12 point font and complete sentences. Be sure your name appears on each page of the essay document.

Essay Prompts:

Essay #1

Share your primary reason for becoming a nurse. Total essay approximately 200 words.

Essay #2

After reading UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies Mission Statement, describe in approx. 200 words, how your life experiences support the UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies (SoNHS) Mission Statement:

In support of the UMKC mission of leading in the life and health sciences, the UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies mission is to prepare the nursing and other health professional workforce as leaders in improving health outcomes through interprofessional practice, research, and education; excel in the delivery and improvement of health care to diverse populations including urban, rural, and under-served areas; and create diverse and dynamic campus and virtual learning communities.

Essay #3

The SoNHS Values are located at <http://sonhs.umkc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2015-Values-SONHS.pdf>. After reading the SoNHS values, identify three values that are relevant to you by describing how the value is reflected in your life. Each value should be described in a separate paragraph of approximately 200 words. Total essay for question #3 should not exceed 800 words.

Evaluation Criteria:

All essays are evaluated according to applicants' ability to (1) follow directions, (2) use appropriate grammar and punctuation, and (3) demonstrate critical thinking standards (clarity, accuracy, precision, relevance, depth, breadth, logic, significance, fairness, and completeness).

Paul, R., & Elder, L. (2006). *The miniature guide to critical thinking: Concepts and tools*. Retrieved from https://www.criticalthinking.org/files/Concepts_Tools.pdf.