



RN BSN ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

We are pleased you have made the decision to continue your education at Murray State University. The following information is designed to answer questions you may have concerning the admission process to the University and the RN BSN program in the Department of Nursing.

RN BSN APPLICANTS SHOULD:

1. Be officially admitted to the University prior to consideration for admission to the RN BSN program. Applications and procedure for admission to the University may be obtained at: <http://www.murraystate.edu/admissions/transfer.htm>

**Applications are available at any of the Murray State University Extended Campus Sites and online. You may mail your application or bring it to any Regional Campus. To allow processing time, applications should be submitted a minimum of four weeks in advance if financial aid is desired.

2. Send all Official Transcripts

Students must request that each transcript from ANY school attended be forwarded to 113 Sparks Hall Murray, KY 42071. Regional Site representatives will assist with this process.

3. Send Residency Documents

Residency documents are required from all students. Most commonly, a copy of your driver's license and car registration is all that is needed. Regional Site Representatives will assist you with this process.

4. Upon completion of the above steps, a MAP (MSU Academic Progress) Report will be created and students will be assigned to the RN BSN Academic Advisor. Please click on the following link for assistance in interpreting the MAP. <http://www.murraystate.edu/registrar/content/mapreports.htm>

5. Complete and submit the RN BSN Application and send to

Murray State University
Department of Nursing
RN BSN Program
Attention: Marian Smith RN MSN
2000 College Drive
Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

RN BSN Application may be obtained on the web at:
<http://www.murraystate.edu/academics/hshs/nurse/masters1.htm>

RN BSN Admission Requirements:

1. Completion of all admission requirements and acceptance by Murray State University
2. A grade of "C" or above in all required courses including transfer credit. No course below a "C" may be transferred to Murray State University from another college and be counted for credit toward the BSN degree.
3. Successful completion of the following prerequisite MSU courses or equivalent: ENG 101, ENG 102, PSY 180, CHEM 105, BIO 228 and BIO 229 (or equivalents).
4. A grade point average of 2.5 or above.
5. An interview/contact with the RN-BSN Coordinator.
6. Maintain an unencumbered nursing license in the state of practice/employment.

Upon completion of admission requirements to the University and **Application to the RN BSN Program** students will be notified of the admission status in the Department of Nursing. Applications to the RN BSN program are processed and approved through the Nursing Academic Committee.

After committee recommendation of acceptance to the program, applicants will receive a notification letter of acceptance from the Department Chairperson, students should then forward the following documents in one mailing to the Department of Nursing RN BSN Coordinator to complete the admission process.

7. Compliance with the requirements of the Department of Nursing Health Policy.
(Proof of immunizations -MMR, tetanus (within last 10 years), Varicella titer, Hep B or waiver, and TB screening)
8. A copy of current license to practice nursing in the state where the student will complete clinical courses.
9. Proof of current CPR certification (must be kept current while in program)
10. Liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000.

Where unusual or extenuating circumstances are indicated, the Chair of the Department of Nursing may admit a student who does not fully meet the above criteria.

After admission to the nursing program, the RN student must complete the BSN requirements within 10 semesters (5 years), not including summer terms.

It is the responsibility of the applicant, not the Department of Nursing, to see that all required credentials are submitted to the RN BSN Coordinator. Applications will not be considered complete until records are received and in the Department of Nursing. A clinical/course pass is granted at the beginning of each semester. Students will not be allowed to progress/continue if program requirements are incomplete. Students are responsible for ensuring updates and recertifications are secured in their student file.

MSU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age or sexual orientation with regard to its programs. All applicants for admission to the RN BSN program are considered on the basis of cumulative grade point average (GPA), graduation from an Associate Degree Program in Nursing, and success on NCLEX-RN Examination and maintaining an unencumbered nursing license.

The Murray State University BSN Program is accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Information about these programs may be obtained from the CCNE at: CCNE, NW, Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20036 or at 1-202-887-6791

HELPFUL MSU NAVIGATION LINKS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

Admission

<http://www.murraystate.edu/admissions/transfer.htm>

This also has the link to the CAS system, which tells them of course equivalencies.

Registrar's forms

<http://www.murraystate.edu/registrar/registrar.htm>

Payment Plan

<http://campus.murraystate.edu/administ/accounting/bursar/frmMSUPPapp.pdf>

Financial Aid

<http://www.murraystate.edu/secsv/financial/applications.htm>

Tuition and Fees

<http://campus.murraystate.edu/administ/accounting/bursar/burscosts.htm>

Nursing Admission

<http://www.murraystate.edu/academics/hshs/nurse/masters1.htm>

Transcript request (Community Collge)

<http://www.kctcs.edu/admissions/transcript.html>

MSU Transcript request

<http://www.murraystate.edu/registrar/trans-req.htm>

Scholarship booklet

<http://www.murraystate.edu/scholarships/index.htm>

Graduation Packet request

<http://www.murraystate.edu/registrar/content/gradreqs.htm#undergrad>

People to Contact

http://www.murraystate.edu/admissions/content/people_to_contact.htm

Murray State Bulletins (Catalogs)

<http://www.murraystate.edu/registrar/content/bulletin.htm>

RacerNet

<http://campus.murraystate.edu/>

This is the link to their PIN, Webmail, and Blackboard.