



Quick-Start Guide to MSN and Post-MSN Programs

This comprehensive guide to applying to the MSN program at the University of Mississippi School of Nursing contains links to websites, admission information and useful contacts.

Step 1: Review the application deadlines, admission criteria and program start dates.

For MSN program admission, access www.ums.edu/son/msn/admission_info/.

For Post-MSN program admission, access www.ums.edu/son/postmsn/admission_info/.

Many of the master's and post-master's tracks offer continuous enrollment, meaning that there are spring, summer and fall start dates; however, the nurse practitioner tracks may be offered only during select semesters.

Deadlines: Spring admission: October 15 • Summer admission: February 15 • Fall admission: March 31

Step 2: Do you know which program and track you want to pursue?

- If yes, skip to next step.
- If not, please visit www.ums.edu/son/msn/tracks/ to learn more about the tracks and their plans of study, admission requirements, job opportunities and more.

Step 3: Prepare for and take the GRE[®].

Applicants are advised to take the GRE[®] as early as possible. This gives you an opportunity to retake the test, if necessary. For admission to the MSN program, only the analytical section of the GRE[®] is considered. Post-master's students do not need the GRE[®].

- Visit the Educational Testing Service's GRE[®] website for information about the test, dates and locations, scoring and preparation: <http://www.ets.org/gre>.
- Locate a test site:
http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/register/centers_dates?WT.ac=grehome_centersdates_130108.
- Review information regarding the analytical writing portion of the test:
http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/analytical_writing. You may also conduct an online search or visit your local bookstore for additional studying materials.

Step 4: After taking the GRE[®], check your test results. Are they competitive?

- If yes, go to next step.
- If not, schedule to retake the test.

If you have questions about competitive GRE[®] scores, please contact either the School of Nursing admissions counselor at (601) 815-0124 or the Office of Student Records and Registrar at (601) 984-1080. The Registrar's office requires an official score, received directly from the Educational Testing Service. A paper copy of test results is required, and scores may take several weeks to be received.

The University of Mississippi School of Nursing institution code on the GRE[®] is 1857.



Step 5: Go to www.umc.edu/son/apply/ and click on “Apply Online” to get started.

Please note: Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible to the program. This provides the Registrar’s office with optimal time for reviewing your transcripts and ensuring that your application is complete. You may apply to the MSN program before you have completed all of the prerequisites and the GRE ®. While your GRE ® scores must be received by the Registrar’s office on or before the application deadline.

If you encounter any problems with the online application, please contact either the School of Nursing admissions counselor at (601) 815-0124 or the Office of Student Records and Registrar at (601) 984-1080.

Step 6: Request official transcripts.

Contact each community college or university attended and request that your transcripts be sent to:

**Office of Student Records and Registrar
University of Mississippi Medical Center
2500 N. State Street
Jackson, MS 39216-4505**

If you have questions regarding transcripts, please contact either the School of Nursing admissions counselor at (601) 815-0124 or the Office of Student Records and Registrar at (601) 984-1080. If you need help finding your school’s link, try Googling with search terms reflecting your school, location and the word “transcript”. (For example, “Hinds Community College Jackson, MS transcript”.)

Step 7: Complete the application process.

- Did you finish the online application, including payment of the \$25 application fee?
- Did you submit transcripts from all colleges and universities that you have attended?
- Did you submit your official GRE ® scores?
- Please note: All materials — transcripts, test scores and the application — must be received by the application deadline.

Although the Registrar’s office checks for completeness, it is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the application is complete. Please call (601) 984-1080.

Step 8: Check your email regularly.

Respond promptly if alerted that an item needs attention. If your email address or mailing address changes, be sure to notify the Registrar’s office. Students typically are notified of their acceptance within three weeks following the application deadline.

Step 9: If requested, attend an interview and complete a criminal background check.

Students who are accepted into the program must successfully complete these requirements prior to final acceptance.

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