# Quick-Start Guide to RN-MSN Program

This comprehensive guide to applying for the RN-MSN program at the University of Mississippi School of Nursing contains links to websites, prerequisite requirements and contact information.

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

Access [umc.edu/son/RN-MSN/Admission_Info/](https://umc.edu/son/RN-MSN/Admission_Info/). The deadline to apply to the RN-MSN program is February 15.

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

- If yes, skip to next step.
- If not, please visit [umc.edu/son/rn-msn/tracks/](https://umc.edu/son/rn-msn/tracks/) to learn more about the tracks and their plans of study, admission requirements, job opportunities and more.

## Step 3: Review the prerequisite courses, and register to take any remaining courses.


Have you completed all of these courses? If not, please note that all prerequisites must be completed prior to beginning the nursing program. You may apply for admission while taking your final prerequisites.

Contact your local community college or university, or visit these links to learn about online courses.

- Independent online courses: [outreach.olemiss.edu/istudy/courses.html](https://outreach.olemiss.edu/istudy/courses.html)
- Mississippi Virtual Community College: [msvcc.squarespace.com/](https://msvcc.squarespace.com/)

If you have questions regarding the prerequisites, 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 4: 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 RN-MSN program, only the analytical section of the GRE ® is considered.

- Visit the Educational Testing Service’s GRE ® website for information about the test, dates and locations, scoring and preparation: [ets.org/gre](https://ets.org/gre).
- Review information regarding the analytical writing portion of the test: [ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/analytical_writing](https://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 5: 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 Tina Ferrell at [cdferrell@umc.edu](mailto:cdferrell@umc.edu). 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 6: Go to 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 RN-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, applicants have until the end of May to complete any remaining prerequisite courses.

If you encounter any problems with the online application, please contact the Office of Student Records and Registrar, at (601) 984-1080.

Step 7: 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 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 8: 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 February 15.

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 9: 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 in March of their acceptance.

Step 10: If requested, attend an interview and complete a background check.

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