2015-2016 BSN APPLICATIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Traditional and Accelerated Second Degree Pathways

General Information

- Traditional BSN Pathway: Full-time, two-year program with fall admission only
- Accelerated Second Degree BSN Pathway: Full-time, one-year (12 month) program with fall admission only

Both BSN pathways are highly competitive. Admission is not guaranteed even if minimum requirements have been met by the applicant. We encourage all applicants to have a back-up plan.

Note: Students with a bachelor’s degree in any major are eligible to apply ONLY to the Accelerated Second Degree BSN Pathway. LPNs without a bachelor’s degree should apply to the Traditional BSN Pathway. Applicants may apply only to one BSN pathway.

Application for Admission

Application to the BSN program is a multi-step process involving two applications: the George Mason University Undergraduate Application (available at https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid) and BSN Departmental Application (available at http://admissions.gmu.edu/bsn_app/). Please note that currently enrolled Mason students need only apply using the BSN Departmental Application. Admission to the university does not guarantee admission to the nursing program. Acceptance to the nursing program is contingent upon admission to the university.

Step 1: George Mason University Undergraduate Application Process—Transfer students and those who already hold a bachelor’s degree should submit the Undergraduate Transfer Application. Transfer admission to Mason is competitive and it is the applicant’s responsibility to research and meet Mason admission requirements.

- Students must submit the online undergraduate admissions application prior to submitting the BSN Departmental Application. Applicants will receive a G#, which is required for the BSN online application. The BSN Departmental Application will not be processed without a valid Mason G# - no exceptions.
- Official documents (i.e. transcripts, AP exam scores, etc) will be required in this process.
- Students with international transcripts must follow the procedures outlined on the Office of Admissions website at: https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/applying-mason/international.
- Non-native speakers of English must submit proof of English language proficiency. Additional information can be found at: https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/applying-mason/international.
- Applicants are responsible for working with central Admissions to complete the undergraduate general application process.
- Applicants must disclose all institutions they have attended (or plan to attend) on initial Mason university application; failure to do so will jeopardize Mason and BSN admission. See Enrollment History Form at: https://admissions.gmu.edu/enhs/.

Step 2: BSN Departmental Application Process – To reduce confusion during the application process, we highly recommend waiting to submit the online BSN application until your fall grades have been posted.

Part A

- Submit online BSN Departmental Application, which becomes available one month prior to application deadline at: http://chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/bsn-apply-now.cfm
- Before applicants submit their BSN Departmental Application, they will need:
  - a copy of transcripts with grades from each institution attended. Applicants will need the information on these documents in order to complete the online BSN Application. Applicants who have a degree from an institution outside the United States will need an evaluation of their transcripts from an organization listed at www.naces.org.
  - a valid credit card with which to pay $50.00 non-refundable BSN application fee via online payment system.
  - to consult the online Transfer Credit Search Engine at https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy to determine if their course meets the Mason equivalent.
  - their George Mason University G# (not social security number). This is the identification number applicants receive from Mason when they initiate the university undergraduate application. This is required in order to
complete and submit the BSN online application. Applications submitted without the G# are ineligible for review.

− access to a printer. Applicants will be required to print the Confirmation and Application Checklist page at the end of the online BSN Departmental Application, and submit this form with their other BSN application materials. Applicants will not be able to log back into the BSN Application to retrieve this form.

Part B

- Submit Supporting Documents. This is a self-managed process and all documents listed below must be submitted at one time and in one envelope in order to be considered for evaluation. Applicants will not be contacted for missing documents. Supporting documents include:
  - Confirmation and Application checklist page
  - unofficial transcripts (one copy from each institution attended including Mason transcript from Patriot Web if already enrolled at Mason)
  - transcript evaluations of all international transcripts (if applicable)
  - essay/writing assignment
  - HESI-A2 exam scores
  - 3-minute video (See CHHS website for details)
  - résumé
  - a copy of unofficial AP/CLEP scores (if applicable)
  - a copy of spring course registration (if applicable)
  - a copy of LPN license (if applicable)
  - a copy of active military ID (if applicable)
  - letter of good standing (if previously dismissed from nursing program)
  - copy of e-mail correspondence with BSN Admissions Office (if applicable)

Note: Applicants will receive an e-mail from bsnapps@gmu.edu confirming receipt of BSN Departmental Application and supporting documents. Please allow 7-10 days before contacting our office to confirm receipt of documents.

Fall Application Deadline

BSN Traditional Pathway: January 15
Accelerated Second Degree Pathway: January 15

All BSN Departmental Application components in Step 2/Part B must be received at the same time, in the same envelope by 5 p.m. on the deadline date. Mail or hand-deliver to:

College of Health and Human Services
Attention: BSN Application
Office of Student Affairs, Robinson Hall B402
George Mason University
4400 University Drive, MS 6C4
Fairfax, VA  22030

Eligibility Requirements: Nursing Prerequisites and General Education/Elective Courses

- All courses must be complete by May 20 (end of Mason’s spring term), except ENGH 302.
- Two out of three science prerequisites (i.e. A & P I & II and Micro) must be complete at the time of BSN departmental application.
- Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology coursework may not be more than five-years old.
  - For example, courses must have been completed during or after fall 2011 in order to be eligible for fall 2016 BSN enrollment.
- Successful candidate typically earns nursing prerequisite GPA of at least 3.0.
- Courses cannot be taken in summer prior to the start of the program, except ENGH 302.
- All nursing and general education prerequisite courses require a grade of C (not C-) in EACH course

Transfer Credit

Applicants should look up course equivalencies for transfer credit by using Mason’s online Transfer Credit Search Engine at https://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/transferCreditSearch.asp?ga=1.45880802.795114078.1438870154. In addition, applicants must visit http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/transferCreditAccreditation.asp to confirm that their transfer credits come from an accredited institution accepted by Mason.

Notification of Decision

The CHHS Office of Student Affairs will send decision letters by the end of April.

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