



Information Sheet for the Pre-licensure, Traditional BSN Program

2025-2026 Academic Year

History of the nursing program: Mars Hill University (MHU) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and approval was granted for the BSN degree at MHU. The North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON) awarded approval for the Pre-licensure, Traditional BSN Program. The Board of Commissioners for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), a national accrediting body, granted accreditation to the baccalaureate degree programs in nursing at Mars Hill University.

The first junior nursing student cohort entered the Judge-McRae School of Nursing Pre-licensure, Traditional BSN Program in the fall semester of 2016. New cohorts of students are admitted each fall semester. Financial Assistance and Scholarship opportunities for enrolled nursing program students are available. An overview of the program and admission criteria are listed below.

How the new degree fits within the overall mission of Mars Hill University: Consistent with the university's mission statement, the MHU BSN Program is grounded in a rigorous study of the liberal arts, prepares professionals for the world of work, and is committed to character development, health care service, and responsible citizenship. The following is the mission statement for the proposed MHU BSN program:

The BSN Program at Mars Hill University equips students with the knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions to provide innovative health care across the lifespan through the roles of provider of care, designer of care, and member of the profession. Students will experience an education that:

- Sharpens critical thinking and clinical judgment
- Enhances health promotion and cultural sensitivity perspectives
- Insists upon effective, interactive, and interdisciplinary communication
- Engages with the community.

Program Student Learning Outcomes: The following program student learning outcomes extend the mission statement and reflect current expectations of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs. The BSN Program Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) are in alignment with the MHU Student Learning Outcomes.

1. Program SLO 1: Students will apply components of health promotion theory and pertinent nursing theories across the lifespan, cultures, and communities.
2. Program SLO 2: Students will demonstrate scientific inquiry and its role in grounding nursing in evidence-based practice.
3. Program SLO 3: Students will participate in interdisciplinary care for the enhancement of patient outcomes.
4. Program SLO 4: Students will apply ethics, moral character, altruism, and social justice in the nursing profession.

5. Program SLO 5: Students will evaluate the role of gender, race/ethnicity, genomics/genetics, and environment on health promotion and disease.
6. Program SLO 6: Students will synthesize best practices in research, leadership, quality improvement, and patient safety into their professional practice.
7. Program SLO 7: Students will communicate effectively through a variety of methods, technologies, and informatics platforms.
8. Program SLO 8: Students will cultivate relationships with communities across various healthcare environments.
9. Program SLO 9: Students will apply policy, finance, and regulatory environments to healthcare delivery.
10. Program SLO 10: Students will synthesize advanced knowledge, self-discovery, team dynamics, and experience acquired through the BSN program.

Admissions Criteria: Must be accepted to the University and have a Student ID number to apply to the Judge-McRae School of Nursing.

- Academics: 3.0 overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in post-secondary work and 2.0 overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale) with a minimum of a C in all science courses (Natural Science, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Microbiology, and others as needed, etc.).
- TEAS entrance exam (students will have three attempts to complete the TEAS exam with a minimum score of 65). The exam must have been taken within the last three years.
- Listed in NC as a Nursing Assistant I (NAI) prior to the first day of class in the nursing program.
- Clean Criminal Background Check for all states of residence for the past 7 years.
- Current Immunizations required by CDC, NC, and clinical agencies.
- Current CPR card from an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider.
- Must pass a 10 Panel + MDMA + Oxy Drug Screen prior to the first clinical rotation.
- Liability Insurance is provided for MHU Nursing Students (through MHU prior to the first clinical course).

Additional Consideration for the following:

- Extracurricular activities (especially in health-related areas)
- Athletic activities
- Community service (especially in health related or volunteer areas)
- Experience as an NAI or other health care professional
- Medical Certifications (Med. Aide, EMT, Phlebotomy, Massage Therapy, NAI)
- Mars Hill University student during pre-nursing courses

Students are required to attend at least one of the Nursing Information Sessions before applying to the Judge McRae School of Nursing. The information session schedule can be found at:

<https://www.mhu.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/nursing/traditional-pre-licensure-bsn-program>

After acceptance into the nursing program, students are required to attend a Mandatory Nursing Student Orientation at the end of the spring semester of their sophomore year.

Email applications to Judge-McRae School of Nursing Applications at JMSONapplication@mhu.edu.

If you have questions: please visit www.mhu.edu/nursing, email nursing@mhu.edu, or call (828) 689-1600.

Thank you for your interest in the Pre-licensure, Traditional BSN Program at Mars Hill University!