

**General Information on the 4-year
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
"Orange Sheet"**

- The Department of Nursing Faculty and Staff are here to help you. We want all students interested in a career in nursing to be successful. We also want students at Missouri State University to have a realistic understanding of the selectivity and limitations of our BSN program.
- The Department of Nursing admits **51 students once per year** to the BSN program. We are anticipating the admission of 61 students in 2010. This number is **set by the Missouri State Board of Nursing** and is based on an evaluation of the number of faculty in the department and the availability of clinical facilities. Selections are made by the Admissions, Promotion and Graduation Committee in the spring semester for classes which begin in the following summer semester.
- Admission to the BSN program is **highly competitive** due to the large number of qualified applicants. The **primary criterion** used for selection for admission is **combined cumulative grade point average (GPA)**. This includes **all previous college course work**. Some additional preference is given for students who are current MSU students, those with healthcare experience, and those with evidence of community service and leadership roles. Points also are awarded for the grade received on the **first** attempt in chemistry, anatomy, and the university math requirement (repeating these courses in an attempt to earn a higher grade **will not** result in additional points).
- The Admissions committee **does not** consider letters of reference, essays, or interviews in the selection process.
- While the **minimum GPA for application** to the BSN program is **2.75**, the **average GPA for students admitted is MUCH HIGHER**. The GPA of the applicant pool changes each year and we can not predict what the minimum GPA for admission will be in any year. Earning the minimum GPA of 2.75 does not guarantee admission.

- After completing the 60 hours of general education and pre-requisite courses, students may apply to the BSN program. Applications are due by 5:00 pm on January 31 of the year you wish to come into the program. Only those students with a completed portfolio for admission are considered by the admissions committee (see checklist for application requirements).
- Final admission into the BSN program is contingent upon the successful completion of a standard background check and drug screen.
- The Department of Nursing does maintain a waiting list of eligible students whose earned admission points rank just below those of students selected for admission in any given year. Students on the waiting list are offered admission only if an admitted student declines the offer of admission.
- Students with a completed application portfolio who are not offered admission (including those on the waiting list) may re-apply in the following year. However, no advanced standing or guarantee of admission is offered to those who re-apply.
- Students interested in the BSN program at MSU should make an appointment to discuss the program and its requirements with the Department of Nursing Admissions Coordinator as early as possible. All students interested in nursing should also be prepared to apply to several schools of nursing in order to increase their chances of admission.

I have read and understand the above information regarding the application and selection process for the *Generic BSN Program* at Missouri State University.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____