

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ROBERT E. SMITH SCHOOL OF NURSING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
APPLICATION PROCESS

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY (DSU) – students interested in applying to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program must apply for admission to the university, complete all university requirements for admission, and receive an acceptance letter from Graduate and Continuing Studies prior to beginning the program.

1. Apply to DSU
 - a. Online (www.deltastate.edu)
 - i. Go to Graduate and Continuing Studies
 - b. Complete all admission requirements
 - c. Students will receive an acceptance letter to Delta State University from Graduate and Continuing Studies when requirements have been met
 - i. ALL requirements must be met before students can receive a PIN number to register for courses

ROBERT E. SMITH SCHOOL OF NURSING - students must complete the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing MSN Program application; complete all requirements; and receive an acceptance letter from the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing prior to beginning the program.

2. Apply to Robert E. Smith School of Nursing MSN Program
 - a. Online (www.deltastate.edu)
 - i. Go to Nursing, Program of Study, MSN Application
 - b. Application packets are also available at DSU Robert E. Smith School of Nursing
 - i. Room #137
 - ii. Mrs. Judy Haney 662-846-4255.
 - c. Complete all admission requirements
 - i. Verify completion of all requirements by contacting Judy Haney in the SON @ 662-846-4255
 - d. Schedule an interview with DSU SON graduate faculty
(See **Scheduling an Interview with the SON Graduate Faculty Committee**)
 - e. Receive an acceptance/denial letter from the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing
 - f. Return the acceptance letter on or before the deadline

DSU ROBERT E. SMITH SCHOOL OF NURSING
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING ADMISSION
REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- _____ Baccalaureate degree in nursing with a minimum GPA of 3.0 overall
(See **DSU RESSON MSN Program Provisional Admission Policy**)

- _____ GRE combined (verbal & quantitative) score ≥ 800 (≥ 280 on new test) GRE analytic score ≥ 3.5 [score must have been obtained in the past 5 years]
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- _____ A grade of “C” or better on a graduate level pathophysiology course
(Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Educator tracks only)

- _____ At least one year of continuous clinical nursing experience with patient contact as a Registered Nurse within the past three (3) years
(Nurse Practitioner track only)

- _____ At least one year of continuous clinical nursing experience as a Registered Nurse **(Nurse Administrator and Nurse Educator tracks only)**

- _____ Complete Robert E. Smith School of Nursing MSN Program Application

- _____ Complete written advanced role in nursing statement as noted in the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing MSN Program Application

- _____ Submission of a resume (see additional information provided)

- _____ Copy of a current unencumbered registered nurse license to practice in the state in which the student will perform clinical.

- _____ Three current (<1 year) letters of professional/academic reference

- _____ Complete the interview process with the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Graduate Faculty Committee with a score of 50 or better

- _____ Complete writing sample during interview (if required)

SCHEDULING AN INTERVIEW WITH GRADUATE FACULTY

The following items must be in the applicant's SON file before an interview with the Graduate Faculty will be scheduled:

- _____ A GPA and/or GRE score that meets admission criteria
- _____ Completed SON MSN Program application
- _____ Official transcripts from **all** colleges/universities
- _____ Three (3) current (<1 year) letters of professional/academic reference
At least one reference must be academic in nature
- _____ Advanced Role in Nursing statement
- _____ Resume
- _____ Current encumbered registered nurse license to practice in the state in which the student will perform clinical

(It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the file is complete on or before the deadline of February 1st)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION UPON ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

- After being accepted for admission, each student will be required to submit a completed health and immunization form provided by the SON, evidence of personal health insurance and are required to have a current American Heart Association (AHA) BLS certification on the MSN orientation date.
- Applicants must comply with Mississippi legislative statues and regulations regarding criminal background checks by having fingerprints taken at an approved health care agency (not a police or sheriff's department) and a criminal background check completed. If done at the School of Nursing there is no cost for this requirement. If done outside the School of Nursing Any cost of this requirement will be the student's responsibility.
- Applicants who want to receive credit for prior nursing course(s) from another program must submit a request and credit be negotiated before admission to the SON and not after the student is enrolled. A copy of the course syllabus is required to be on file in the SON.

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