

3 Paths for Applying to the BS in Nursing Program at the University of Southern Maine

For questions or more information please visit <https://usm.maine.edu/nursing/undergraduate-nursing-programs>

PATH #1 – High School Student

Meet the Following Criteria

- Meet general requirements for admission to USM
- Meet ONE of the following combinations
 - SAT score of ≥ 580 reading and ≥ 570 math with a high school GPA of at least 3.0 or better
 - ACT score of ≥ 22 math and ≥ 22 English with high school GPA of 3.0 or better
- Complete high school chemistry with lab and grade of $\geq B$
- Complete high school biology with lab and grade $\geq B$

Note: Applicants who do not match one of the above test score/GPA combinations will be looked at holistically by Admissions for possible Nursing Admission.

Steps to complete if criteria are met

- Submit application for admission to USM by February 1st (for fall admission) and select a first choice major BS in Nursing <https://usm.maine.edu/apply>

If student is admission to USM, but NOT to BS in Nursing Program

- Students may enter USM in their second choice major or as undeclared. Then they can consider applying to the Nursing major through path #2 or #3 on this document.

PATH #2 – Change of Major for Current USM Students with ≤ 32 College Credits

Meet the Following Criteria

Path 2 updates in effect for new admits beginning Fall 2021. ***See GPA Requirements below

- Current USM student
 - ≤ 32 college credits completed
- Note: AP & dual enrollment high school credits, most ESL courses, military transcript credits & early college credits do not count toward the total*
- Complete a minimum of 12 credits at USM
 - USM math proficient (eligible to take or completed statistics)
 - College Writing ENG100 completed with a $\geq C$
 - 2 or more of the following social science courses completed with $\geq C$
 - Intro to Sociology: SOC100
 - Intro to Psychology: PSY100
 - Human Growth and Development: HRD200
 - 1 or more of the following science courses completed with $\geq C$
 - Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab: BIO111/112
 - Chemistry: CHY107 or CHY113

*****GPA Requirements: The Cumulative USM GPA must be at least 3.0 AND the combined average for the required courses (ENG100, 2 social sciences, and one science) must also be at least 3.0.**

Steps to complete if criteria are met

- Work with your current academic advisor to complete a change of major form
- Nursing advisor reviews change of major criteria, & if approved sends form to School of Nursing for signature
- Student meets with the Nursing advisor for a required Nursing orientation meeting

PATH #3 Competitive Transfer Application for either Current USM student or external Transfer Student with ≥ 33 college credits

Meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for consideration – eligibility does not guarantee admission

- ≥ 33 college credits, including all college courses ever taken from any university
- ≥ 3.0 college GPA, including all college courses ever taken from any university
- Science GPA of ≥ 2.67
 - Courses included in the science GPA:
 - BIO111, BIO112, Bio113, BIO114, CHY107, BIO281, BIO282, CON252, BIO345
 - Not all of the above courses have to be completed in order to apply
- USM math proficient (eligible to take or have taken statistics)

Steps to complete if criteria are met

- **If you are a current USM student:** submit the supplemental application to the BS in Nursing Program by **February 1st** to be eligible for consideration for fall admission
- **If you are not a current USM student:** apply for admission to USM & also submit the supplemental Application to the BS in Nursing Program by **February 1st** to be eligible for consideration for fall admission

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Changes in path #2 are in effect for new admits beginning Fall 2021