MSN Application Information and Checklist

Deadlines for admission:

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Completed applications that are received by the preferred deadline will be given priority review. Those applications received after the final deadline for a given admit term will be recorded for the next available term.

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For international graduate students – see international application information

Admission Criteria:

- Graduation for an accredited school with a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree.
- Eligible for an unrestricted license in the state of Georgia
- GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale

The Admission Packet requires the following items:

- Completed application for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing, and a $25.00 application fee. The application fee is non-refundable and may not be applied to any other university fees should you be accepted.

- Two (2) Official copies of transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work previously undertaken. Admission to the Master of Science in Nursing program requires a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Please note: The School of Nursing cannot be held responsible for delays that occur during the mailing process.

- A General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required with an acceptable score. (Applicants with an acceptable Miller Analogies Test (MAT) score may be considered.) The GRE requirement may be waived for applicants who have earned an advanced degree.
Three letters of recommendation. Three letters of recommendation that comment on the applicant’s potential for success in a graduate academic program. Letters should be placed in sealed envelopes and contain the signature of the person writing the recommendation across the seal.

A statement of purpose that is no more than two (2) typewritten pages, single-spaced. The statement should describe the applicant's pertinent personal and professional experience and education, as well as his or her interests and goals in pursuing the Master of Science in Nursing degree.

Immunization record, completed Student Statement of Health and Physical Exam forms included in the application packet.

RN Licensure. Copy of nursing license.

Lawful Presence Requirement. Students who seek to be classified as in-state for tuition purposes must provide documentation to validate residency and lawful presence in Georgia and the United States. Please include one of the following forms of acceptable documentation in your packet: Legible copy of current Georgia driver’s license issued after January 1, 2008; (2) Legible copy of current ID issued by State of Georgia after January 1, 2008; (3) current U.S. Passport; (4) Certified copy of U.S. birth certificate.

An interview on campus by members of the area of academic concentration may be required. Please contact the Master of Science in Nursing Graduate Program Coordinator for more information.

Provisional Admission: An applicant failing to meet one or more of the standards required for admission as a regular student may be eligible for provisional admission, if space in the program is available, for up to one semester under conditions specified at the time of admission. Students who fail to make progress under provisional admission will be withdrawn from the program.

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

Dr. Bonnie J. Simmons
School of Nursing Graduate Program
Chair and Program Coordinator
Georgia Southwestern State University
800 GSW Drive
Americus, GA 31709
Additional Admission Requirements for International Applicants

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Georgia Southwestern State University welcomes applications from international students to its graduate degree programs. Conditional admission will be considered for those students whose test scores fall below the standard for regular admission. Students who are granted conditional admission must have their status changed to regular admission by the successful completion of two semesters course work.

In addition to requirements for admission to a graduate school listed previously in this section, international students must submit the following items:

Transcripts

- If transcripts are in a language other than English, an official translation is required.

- A university/school official, embassy official, the University of Education or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, must certify English translations.

- Transcripts cannot be witnessed or verified by a notary public.

- All official international transcripts must have a foreign credential evaluation done by an independent evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. The evaluation must be sent directly from the agency to Georgia Southwestern State University, 800 Wheatley Street, Americus, Georgia 31709. GSW accepts evaluations from the following agencies:

  Josef Silney & Associates, Inc. International Educational Consultants P.O. Box 248233 Coral Gables, FL 33124-8233

  OR

  Office of International Education Services American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite #520 Washington, DC 20036-1135

- Photocopies or faxes of evaluations or transcripts are not acceptable.

Test Scores

- International applicants must submit an official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score, in addition to the GRE. A minimum score of 193 on the TOEFL computerized test (523 on the paper test) is required for all types of admission to all graduate programs. More information concerning the TOEFL can be obtained from the Educational Testing Service at (609) 921-9000 or access www.toefl.org.
• Applicants who have received degrees from accredited institutions in the U.S. or from institutions in countries where English is the primary language are not usually required to submit TOEFL scores.

Certificate of Degree (Proof of Degree)

• This proof is most often a certificate, listing the title of degree, month and year of graduation.

• The issuing institution must certify the degree certificate.

• If original language is not English, an English translation must be attached.

*Notarized copies are not considered official academic records. Please do not submit your original proof of degree, as we cannot return it to you.

After you have been accepted and have received an acceptance letter from the University, the following items are needed if you are requesting an I-20.

Affidavit of Financial Support

• All applicants requesting a Form I-20 for student (F-1) visas must provide an affidavit of support showing that a minimum of $22,589(USD) is available per academic year. Affidavit must not be more than three months old.

• A certified statement from the sponsor’s bank showing that the required funds are available must be submitted.

• If your source of financial support is from personal or family funds, you must attach an original or certified and current bank statement(s).

• Applicant must complete the attached Foreign Student Financial Statement.

Insurance

• Each International student must obtain and maintain health/accident insurance. Proof of coverage must be presented before registration. Otherwise, the University offers a comprehensive insurance plan designed to meet the needs of international student coverage, which is available for purchase at the time of registration.

• Professional Malpractice Insurance is also required by the Master of Science in Nursing Program.

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Required Academic Transcripts: All documents (each page) must bear the original attestation of the issuing institution. Marksheets must list the name of the course.

U.S. Bachelor’s Equivalency: A three-year bachelor’s degree is not equivalent to the U.S. bachelor’s degree. A four-year bachelor’s degree, a three-year bachelor’s plus a master’s degree, or a three-year’s plus completion of first year of the master’s program from a recognized institution by the Association of Indian University (AIU) or All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) are equivalent to the U.S. bachelor degree.