Admissions

General Admission Requirements to Mount Mercy University Accelerated Programs

1. Must be at least 23 years of age
2. Must have a minimum of three years full-time relevant work experience
3. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or higher on 4.00 scale.*

   Applicants not meeting the above criteria may qualify for admission upon consideration by the Mount Mercy Admission Committee.

*   In accordance with articulation agreements, students who have earned an associate degree from Kirkwood Community College or Hawkeye Community College, and who have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average are allowed admission to Mount Mercy.

Application Procedures for the Accelerated Programs

You may begin the application process by visiting our web site at www.mtmercy.edu/adult . Complete the online application and if you have any previous college coursework, request official transcripts to be sent to: Adult Accelerated Office, 1330 Elmhurst Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-4797.

Federal Regulations require that student files contain a certificate of the highest degree earned. A High School Transcript is required for applicants who have not yet obtained post-secondary associate, or higher degree.

Application Procedure for Readmission to Accelerated Programs

Students who either exit from Mount Mercy, or who do not attend for one or more consecutive semesters, or who have graduated from Mount Mercy and wish to reenter the program; pursue a second major; pursue a second degree or add a minor, must complete a new application prior to resuming coursework at Mount Mercy. The application is available at www.mtmercy.edu/adult . If any coursework has been completed at other institutions since last attending Mount Mercy, official transcripts documenting coursework must be requested by the applicant and sent directly from the institution to the Adult Accelerated Office.

Special Student Application

Students interested in taking just one or two accelerated courses at Mount Mercy may make an application for special student status. If the student is currently pursuing a degree at another institution, it is recommended that the student seek permission from the home college before enrolling at Mount Mercy. Student must first complete the application form available online at www.mtmercy.edu/adult . If a prerequisite course is needed for the course(s), selected to be taken through Mount Mercy, an official transcript must be sent to the Adult Accelerated Office to verify successful completion of that prerequisite.

Any special student that wishes to continue at Mount Mercy must complete the regular admission process for the accelerated programs.

Admission to the R.N. to B.S.N. Program

Applicants to the R.N. to B.S.N program must meet the following admission criteria:

1. At least 23 years of age.
2. At least three years of work experience and currently working at least part time as a nurse.
3. Cumulative GPA of 2.70 or higher for transferable college credit.
4. Current and valid Iowa R.N. license. Nursing courses with a clinical component may not be taken by a person: a) who has been denied licensure by the Board; b) whose license is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in any U.S. jurisdiction; c) whose license/registration is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in another country due to disciplinary action.
5. In consultation with the coordinator of the R.N. to B.S.N. program, select an articulation option.
6. Complete prerequisite courses as appropriate for the articulation option selected.
7. Send a written request for admission to the Admissions, Promotion and Graduation committee of the Department of Nursing.
8. Complete a health examination by a physician or nurse practitioner (within the past two years), receive and/or update the recommended immunization, and forward this information to the Department of Nursing. (Forms for filing this information should be requested from the Department of Nursing prior to the physical examination).
9. Show proof of current certification for Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) from the American Heart Association.
10. Show proof of health insurance coverage and nursing liability insurance coverage.
11. Submit a copy of current Iowa nursing license.
12. Complete a background check done by a third party company selected by the Department of Nursing. Any Issues will require a meeting with the program director.