

**Cleveland State University**  
**School of Nursing**  
**MSN Applicant Procedure**

Applicants to the Master of Science in Nursing program must meet the minimum requirements established by the College of Graduate Studies and the MSN program faculty. Applicants are advised to begin the admissions process by scheduling an advising appointment with the Recruiter/Advisor at 216.687.3810 to plan a course of study. The general requirements for admission are:

1. A baccalaureate degree in nursing.
2. A valid, active license as a Registered Nurse in Ohio
3. An undergraduate grade-point average of 3.0 or above, documented through submission of academic transcripts from all schools attended.\*
4. Completion of a statistics course (contact the School of Nursing for specifics).
5. Submission of two letters of recommendation, preferably from individuals who can address the applicant's ability to be successful in graduate study.
6. Identification of a population on which the student will focus during his or her program of study.
7. Submission of a three-to-five page typed essay explaining why the applicant wants an MSN; how such a graduate degree fulfills the applicant's personal and professional goals; and the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and competencies that the applicant hopes to develop during the educational process.
8. Applicants to the MSN/MBA program must meet the admission requirements of both the MSN and the MBA programs; GMAT scores are an additional requirement.

\*An applicant who does not meet the minimum 3.0 GPA requirement may still be considered for admission as a non-degree seeking student, according to requirements set forth by the College of Graduate Studies.

To be considered for admission, applicants must submit the CSU Application for Graduate Admission with the application fee as well as the School of Nursing application with the application fee. For applicants to the MSN/MBA program, an additional application to the James J. Nance College of Business Administration is also required. All application materials should be submitted to the Graduate Admissions Office. The admissions office will forward materials to the MSN Program Director.

To facilitate the admission process, it is strongly recommended that applicants use the online application system for graduate applications at [www.csuohio.edu/admission/gradForm.html](http://www.csuohio.edu/admission/gradForm.html). The processing time for paper applications forms is longer.

Applications for fall semester are reviewed by the School of Nursing Graduate Committee beginning March 1. Applications received after that date are considered for fall semester on a space-available basis.

Students may pursue the program on a full- or part-time basis; The University mandates a six-year time limit to complete master's degree requirements.