Application for MSN Program

Clinical Nurse Specialist
Nurse Educator
Post Master’s Nurse Educator Certificate
Family Nurse Practitioner*

*Pending approval by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
Master of Science in Nursing
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University

APPLICATION PROCESS

MSN APPLICANTS
1. Complete this application to apply to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN).
2. Submit a $50 nonrefundable fee. Please do not send cash. Please send a check or money order made out to Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University.
3. FNP applicants are considered one time per year. NED and CNS are offered Summer, Fall and Spring terms.
4. One official transcript from each college/university/professional school attended.
5. Official scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller’s Analogy Test (MAT). Scores must be less than five years old.
6. Three letters of professional reference addressing your ability to successfully complete graduate study in nursing. At least one of these letters must be from a master’s prepared nurse. Please use the attached forms for recommendations.
7. Submit a 300 word essay describing professional goals and reasons for seeking graduate education or nurse educator certification.
8. A copy of your current, unencumbered Georgia RN license.
9. Interview with the Associate Dean for the Graduate Program or designated faculty member. As a component of the interview process, applicant may also be asked to complete a writing sample. Applicants will be given a choice of whether to complete the writing sample by hand, or a computer can be provided.
10. A minimum of one year of work experience as a registered nurse in, or related to, the selected clinical area is recommended.

NURSE EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE APPLICANTS
Applicants with an earned master’s degree in nursing and a minimum of 1,000 hours of nursing practice during the most recent three years may be considered for the Nurse Educator Certificate program. All items listed for the MSN applicants must be submitted, except test scores (#4). Two letters of professional reference are required (rather than three).

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
International applicants submit items 1-9 (as listed above) in addition to the following:
1. Official current score report for TOEFL.
2. Official evaluation of international transcripts from one of the approved international transcript evaluation services:
   Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., E-mail: info@silny.com
   Educational Credentials Evaluators, E-mail: eval@ece.org

DEADLINES (PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE):

Fall Semester
   April 15  priority deadline and international student deadline
   July 1  final deadline (based on space available)

Spring Semester
   October 1  priority deadline and international student deadline
   November 1  final deadline (based on space available)

Summer Semester
   March 1  priority deadline and international student deadline
   April 1  final deadline (based on space available)

HONOR CREED AND PLEDGE – All Applicants Must Sign
Acceptance to the Honor System is an obligation that all students are expected to meet when they are accepted into this academic community. In selecting Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University, I adopt the Honor System by the following creed: As a member of the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University community, I am bound by honor to develop and uphold the highest standards of honesty and integrity, to strive for full intellectual and moral developments; and to accept my personal and academic responsibilities in the community. To attain these ideals, I embrace this Honor System as my way of life.

In addition to living by the creed, I acknowledge that, as a student at the College of Nursing, I would be asked to pledge all quizzes, examinations, papers, projects, or lab work with the following pledge: On my honor, I pledge that I have neither given nor received help on this work, nor am I aware of violation on the part of others.

My signature indicates that I am providing the College with information that is factually correct, complete and honest in its presentation. With this application, I am requesting admission to Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University on the basis of the terms listed above.

Signature of Applicant __________________________ Date ______________

Printed Name __________________________
CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND DRUG SCREENING

The College of Nursing
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University does not require either a background check or drug screening for admission. Failure to be honest in the completion of the application question (below) regarding prior conviction may result in an honor code violation and could result in dismissal from the program.

Clinical Agencies
As a graduate nursing student, you may be required to provide a criminal background report and/or drug screening, at your own expense, if required by the clinical agency to which you are assigned, with results reported directly to the clinical agency, not Mercer University faculty or staff. If the clinical agency finds the results of the drug screening or criminal background check to be unacceptable, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing may not be able to provide further educational experiences, which could impede the student’s progression and completion of the nursing degree.

Please respond to the following questions:
1. Have you ever been convicted of a violation of a federal, state, or municipal law, regulation or ordinance, other than a minor traffic violation? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have you ever been in disciplinary difficulty while attending any college? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Have you ever had a license revoked, suspended, or otherwise sanctioned by any professional licensing board or agency, or have you ever been denied issuance of, or pursuant to disciplinary proceedings, refused renewal of a license by any professional licensing board or agency in Georgia or any other state? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered yes to any of these questions, submit a written explanation to be included with the application.
EDUCATION

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TEST SCORES

Have you taken the GRE?  ____ Yes  ____ No  Date____________________
Have you taken the MAT?  ____ Yes  ____ No  Date____________________
If you have not taken these tests, indicate the date you plan to take the GRE__________ or MAT__________.
If you are an International Student:
Have you taken the TOEFL?  ____ Yes  ____ No  Date____________________
If you have not taken these tests, indicate the date you plan to take the revised TOEFL__________________.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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How many years of work experience do you have as a registered nurse? _______________
Do you plan to apply for financial aid?  ____ Yes  ____ No
Please list any other graduate programs you are applying to for admission____________________
Please list the names and titles of the three references who will be submitting recommendations____________________

Where did you learn about Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University? (Check all that apply)

- Advertising, Where? _______________
- Campus Visit
- Co-worker
- Relative
- Alumni
- Church
- Friend
- Website
- Professor/Advisor
- Brochures
- College Fair/Admissions Rep.
- Open House
- Other

What was the single most important factor that influenced your decision to apply to Georgia Baptist?____________________

Please attach a 300-word essay describing your professional goals and reasons for seeking graduate education.

I certify that the information provided on this application is true, to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that omissions or misrepresentations may automatically invalidate consideration and/or acceptance to, or continuation, at the College of Nursing.

SIGNATURE  (X)  DATE