

**Nurse Scholar Program
Traditional BSN Early Admission Program**

**Rewarding Academic Achievement for High School Seniors
Planning a Career in Nursing**

The Nurse Scholar Program gives high-performing students the opportunity to earn admission into the College of Nursing directly from high school. You are invited to apply to the Nurse Scholar Program if you are a high school senior and meet the following criteria:

1. ACT composite score of 28 or SAT of 1240
2. Cumulative High School GPA of at least 3.8 (unweighted) on 4.0 scale

Once accepted into the Nurse Scholars Program, you must meet these academic conditions to maintain your seat in the Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program:

1. Complete the required prerequisite courses in the first year of attendance
2. Earn a grade of 2.0 or higher in each science prerequisite course
3. Enroll in and complete *NUR 220: Introduction to Nursing Scholarship* with a grade of 2.5 or higher
4. Maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) that is provided in the letter of agreement the student signs with the College of Nursing (currently 3.40)

Benefits of the Nurse Scholar Program:

- Guaranteed seat in Traditional BSN program upon completion of prerequisite coursework
- No application to the Traditional BSN program required
- Opportunity to participate in undergraduate research experience with Nursing faculty
- Special workshops and meetings for Nurse Scholar students only

How to Apply:

Step 1- Apply to MSU

Prospective applicant must first be admitted to the university under the Pre-Nursing preference

Step 2- Apply to the College of Nursing through the Supplemental Application packet

Your completed Supplemental Application includes:

1. Supplemental application form
2. Resume
3. Essay
4. Two letters of reference- Returned to you in a signed & sealed envelope & turned in with your other materials

Early Application Deadline: December 1

Regular Application Deadline: March 1

Application must be received by December 1. Any applications received after the deadline will automatically go into the March pool.

**MSU College of Nursing
Nurse Scholar Program
Supplemental Application**

Name Last: _____ **First:** _____ **Middle:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **Country:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

ACT/SAT Score: _____ **High School GPA:** _____ **Unweighted GPA:** _____

Name Last: _____

List all High Schools and Dual Enrollment College/Universities attended

Name of Institution	State/Country	Dates attended

List your High School Activities (Ex: Clubs, organizations, sports, work, and volunteer experience)

Activity/Organization	Role in Group/Leadership positions held	Dates Participated

First: _____

Middle: _____

Applicant Checklist

- Application and Admission to MSU
- College of Nursing Supplemental Application Form
- Résumé
- Essay: Essays should answer the following questions and be no more than two double-spaced, 8 ½ x 11 inch pages.
 - What is your understanding of the role of a nurse in today's healthcare environment? And how do you envision yourself embodying those roles?
 - Why are you interested in the Nurse Scholar Program at MSU?
 - The personal characteristics, experiences, and abilities that you possess that will enhance your ability to succeed in the Nurse Scholar Program.
- Two completed Reference Forms (on the College of Nursing Website)
Your references must complete the ranking boxes on the form. References should be completed by a person in an educational, administrative, professional or volunteer capacity who has worked closely with you. Examples can include guidance counselors, teachers, and coaches. References should be returned to the applicant in a signed & sealed envelope.

Mail all application materials together in one envelope to:

Nurse Scholar Program Advisor
Bott Building for Nursing Education and Research
1355 Bogue St., Rm C-120
East Lansing, MI 48824

Applications must be received by December/March 1st. Any application received after the December 1st deadline will automatically go in the March application pool.

Applicant Disclosure

Michigan State University seeks to admit students who provide evidence of intellectual performance, good character and potential, which will permit them to profit from programs of the academic rigor of those offered by Michigan State. The University recognizes that learning opportunities are enhanced by a secure environment. As part of the admissions process, we require applicants to respond to the following questions. In addition, the clinical programs of the MSU College of Nursing require students to participate in the care of patients in various health care settings. Accordingly, all students admitted to the College of Nursing must pass a criminal background check and drug screen as a condition for enrollment in the program.

- A. Have you ever been expelled, suspended, disciplined, or placed on probation by any secondary school or college you have attended because of (a) academic dishonesty, (b) financial impropriety, and/or (c) an offense that harmed or had the potential to harm others?
 Yes No
- B. Have you ever been academically dismissed, recessed, or expelled from another Nursing program?
 Yes No
- C. Have you ever plead guilty to or been found guilty of a crime or been convicted of a criminal offense (including in juvenile court) other than a minor traffic violation?
 Yes No
- D. Are there criminal charges pending against you at this time?
 Yes No

If you answer yes to any of these questions, please explain:

If circumstances arise in the future that make your answers to the above questions inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete, you must provide the College of Nursing Office of Student Support Services with updated information.

I certify that all of the information I have provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have been informed of and understand the application instructions for the College of Nursing and understand that admission to the College of Nursing does not assure ultimate admission to Michigan State University. I further understand that admission decisions are influenced by space availability.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

MSU College of Nursing
Nurse Scholar Program Bachelor of Science in Nursing
1355 Bogue Street, Room C120
Michigan State University
East Lansing MI 48824-1317

Reference Form

Important Note To Applicants: Your application must include two separate copies of this form completed by two persons in an education, administrative, or collegial capacity who have worked closely with you. Be sure to fill in your full name on both pages of each form. You must also complete the section below pertaining to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. After your reference has completed the form, please collect them and submit them along with your supplemental application as a part of the same packet.

Important Note To References: Your time in completing this form is considered a valuable part of our admissions process and is appreciated. Please seal the completed form in an envelope and sign across the seal. Return the envelope containing the completed reference form to the candidate. The candidate is responsible for submitting the forms along with their completed application packet. Please note the December 1 and March 1 are received by deadlines. Please return this reference to the student so s/he can submit it on time. Thank you.

The applicant must complete and sign the following statement before submitting this form to the recommendation writer. This request is in compliance with Federal Law P.L. 93-380 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974).

I waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation (student will not be able to view recommendation if this box is checked).

I do not waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

(Printed Name of Applicant)

(Name of Reference Completing Form)

Applicant's Full Name: _____

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Your thoughtfulness and care in furnishing this information for the above named applicant is greatly appreciated.

A. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

B. Please provide a candid assessment in each of the following areas:

1. Interpersonal relationships (communication skills with supervisors, peers, patients/clients):

2. Academic ability (decision-making, critical thinking, problem solving):

3. Leadership ability (ability to initiate change, style of leadership):

4. Personal characteristics which may promote or inhibit nursing study and practice (motivation, flexibility, sensitivity, compassion, perseverance):

Please rate the applicant in comparison with others you have known in his/her position:	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
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