

Questions about the prerequisites or admissions?

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Dual-Admission Program

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The dual-admission program between Mercer County Community College (MCCC) and Jefferson School of Nursing (JSN) at Thomas Jefferson University (TJU) provides a way for students to earn an associate degree in nursing (ADN) and a bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN) in a seamless, integrated curriculum.

After completing the ADN program, students are awarded an associate degree in nursing from MCCC. After passing the NCLEX-RN examination, students continue to the RN-BSN program at TJU for the bachelor's degree coursework. A BSN degree is awarded by TJU after successful completion of that program, in as quickly as two semesters.

How do I apply?

- Submit an application for admission to TJU online at <http://www.jefferson.edu/schools/apply.cfm>.
- Forward all required documents to TJU, including an official transcript for the required prerequisites and a letter from MCCC offering admission to the ADN program.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from an academic advisor or other appropriate official of MCCC.
- It is recommended that students choose an entry term at least 3–6 months (but not more than two years) following graduation from MCCC to allow time to pass the NCLEX-RN examination and otherwise prepare.

What are the admissions requirements?

Students will be offered admission into the RN-BSN program at TJU if they:

- have earned 17 credits in specified prerequisite (see opposite page) coursework and have been admitted to the ADN program at MCCC.
- meet the admission criteria established by TJU. (Successful candidates typically have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.7.)
- Note that Graduates of MCCC's nursing program or any other diploma nursing or associate's program should apply to the traditional RN-BSN program and not the dual-admission program.

Once offered admission, when do I begin coursework at TJU?

- After completing the associate's degree program at MCCC.
- After completing and earning a grade of "C" or higher in the 27 credits of non-nursing courses required by TJU. (See the course sequence.)
- At least six months but not later than two years following graduation from MCCC.
- After passing the NCLEX-RN examination.

Prerequisite Courses for Admission to JSN

A grade of C or better is required in each prerequisite course.

Course	Number of credits
Anatomy & Physiology I*	4
Anatomy & Physiology II*	4
Microbiology*	4
Statistics	3
English	6
Social sciences	9
Selective (Logic, philosophy, ethics or critical thinking)	3
Electives	27
TOTAL	60

* Other natural science courses may qualify

Completion program for RNs at Thomas Jefferson University

- 27.5 credits to complete the BSN (can be completed in two semesters).
- Portfolio option available for RNs with experience in:
 - o Community Lecture and Community Clinical.
 - o Leadership and Leadership Clinical.
- All courses are done as a hybrid (both online or online/in-class combination).

Course	RN-BSN credits	Length of time
Trans to BSN	1.5	7 weeks
Community Lecture *	3	7 weeks
Community Clinical *	3	7 weeks
Leadership *	3	7 weeks
Leadership Clinical*	3	7 weeks
Issues and Trends	3	7 weeks
Role Delineation	3	7 weeks
Health Assessment	2	7 weeks
Nursing Research Undergrad. Course	3	7 weeks
Nursing Informatics Grad. Course	3	14 weeks
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* Portfolio option available.