School of Nursing FAQ

1. What type of nursing program is the School of Nursing?
   The Georgian Court-Meridian Health School of Nursing is a four year baccalaureate program that grants a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing (BSN). The program is accredited by both the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and the state of New Jersey. The School of Nursing is a partnership between Georgian Court University and Meridian Health.

2. What are the admission requirements?
   Completion of college preparatory high school courses, including 16 units in academic subjects distributed as follows:

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<td>English</td>
<td>4 units</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
<td>2 units in one language</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>2 units (including 1 unit of Algebra)</td>
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<td>Laboratory Science</td>
<td>2 units (one in biology, one in chemistry)</td>
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<td>History</td>
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<td>Electives</td>
<td>5 units in subjects above, or in social sciences</td>
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   **Standardized Test Scores**: SAT combined math/critical reading score of at least 1100 or ACT composite score of 22. SAT/ACT is not optional.

   **High School GPA** of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in college preparatory curriculum of academic subjects. A grade of B (equivalent to a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) in each of the following high school courses: biology with laboratory, chemistry with laboratory, and Algebra I.
Do I have to apply to Georgian Court University and to the School of Nursing?
No, only one application is required. You will need to indicate on the application you are interested in applying to the School of Nursing.

How competitive is admission to the School of Nursing?
The BSN program is a competitive program and the School of Nursing may find it necessary to deny admission to a qualified applicant due to enrollment limitations. Meeting the minimum criteria for admission does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing program. The School of Nursing does not maintain a waiting list from year to year. A new application is required for each application date.

Is an interview required for Admission to the School of Nursing?
Interviews are not required for admission to the School of Nursing program. However, the Admission Committee may request an interview if special circumstances exist.

What is the expected first year coursework?
Please refer to the Plan of Study link to review the Suggested Course Sequence.

How many students at admitted to the School of Nursing?
Currently, 40 students are admitted each semester during academic year.

Does the School of Nursing accept transfer students?
Yes, the SON has designed a Transfer Fast Track for transfer students who have taken the courses outlined below and attained a 3.0 course grade or higher. Students meeting these requirements are able to complete a BSN in six semesters (not including an online winter session).

Pre-requisites for Admission to the GC-MH School of Nursing BSN Transfer Fast Track:

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<th>Course</th>
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<td>Anatomy and Physiology I (BI213) with Lab</td>
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<td>Anatomy and Physiology II (BI214) with Lab</td>
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<td>English 111 (EN111)</td>
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<td>A minimum of 15 additional credits equivalent to meeting GCU’s general education requirements*</td>
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* www.njtransfer.org can be consulted regarding course equivalence, however the University Registrar retains the right to make a final decision on transfer of credits.

Will my credits transfer?
If you have taken courses at a community college which is a participating member of NJ TRANSFER, you may check www.njtransfer.org to review for course equivalence.
Transfer credit from other institutions cannot be evaluated until after a student has applied and been accepted to the School of Nursing; course syllabi of courses are requested for review and evaluation of the course content.

**What if I have a bachelor's degree in another field?**

Students who possess a bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing and are seeking to obtain a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing may be interested in attending an accelerated nursing program. Although extremely intensive in nature, the time to degree completion in these programs ranges from 12 to 15 months. There are several of these programs within the state of New Jersey, including Seton Hall University’s 14-month, 61-credit Accelerated Bachelor's Degree in Nursing offered on the campus of Georgian Court. To learn more about this program, access the following link, [http://www.georgian.edu/nursing_shu/index.htm](http://www.georgian.edu/nursing_shu/index.htm).

**Can I attend part-time?**

No, full-time attendance is required.

**When do students begin their clinical experience?**

During the first semester of the sophomore year, nursing students are introduced to the fundamental knowledge and clinical skills needed to practice as professional nurse. Skills relative to the practice of nursing are practiced in the clinical laboratory through simulated experiences and selected settings. During the last four weeks of the semester, students build on this foundation and enter the clinical setting at local health care facilities. The clinical sites are chosen to support students’ developing responsibility for collaboration with other members of the interdisciplinary team. Junior and senior year clinical courses build on the knowledge and skills learned in the sophomore year.

**What clinical sites are used for the BSN program?**

Georgian Court-Meridian Health nursing students benefit from the innovative and unique partnership with Meridian Health, an integrated health system located in Monmouth and Ocean County. This partnership offers multiple benefits, including access to American Nurses Credentialing Center (AACN) Magnet certified clinical sites, masters- or doctorally-prepared clinical faculty, and state of the art high technology learning labs. Clinical experiences take place at many local hospitals including Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Riverview Medical Center, Southern Ocean Medical Center, Ocean Medical Center, Monmouth Medical Center, and Community Memorial Hospital. Other local resources that students benefit from include public health departments, extended care facilities, residential facilities, schools, and numerous additional community agencies and organizations.
**What is the student to clinical faculty ratio?**

The clinical faculty to student ratio is no more than 10:1.

**Can I visit the Nursing program?**

Throughout the semester, the Admissions office schedules “Nursing Information Sessions” Reservations are required. If you are interested in attending a session, please contact the Office of Admissions 732 987 2700 or check the Georgian Court website, [http://www.georgian.edu/index.htm](http://www.georgian.edu/index.htm) for upcoming events.