Master of Science in Nursing Application Checklist

The following items are required to apply to the Master of Science program. **ALL items must be received by the nursing application deadline.** Please read each section carefully.

☐ **Submit application online through SLATE:** [https://graduate.gsu.edu/how-to-apply/](https://graduate.gsu.edu/how-to-apply/)

☐ **Application Fee $50.00**- online payment is due by the application deadline.

☐ **Two Letters of Recommendation**- The letters should be from individuals knowledgeable of your academic and/or professional abilities. Please include contact information. *For those applicants who have been out of nursing school for less than five years, one letter must be submitted by a former faculty member.*

☐ **Resume**- Include education, work experience, professional development, professional, community & volunteer activities, and research and publications.

☐ **Statement of Purpose/Goals**- Include a statement of your educational and career goals.

☐ **Writing Sample**- A two-page position paper on a current social or health issue. The paper should be in APA format and include references as appropriate.

☐ **Transcripts**- Submit official transcripts from each college or university attended. Transcripts are required regardless of length of stay or if the grades are listed on another school’s transcript. This also includes hospital schools of nursing. If you have attended Georgia State University, all transcripts, except Georgia State’s, must be sent.

☐ **Entrance Exam**- The School of Nursing prefers applicants take and submit scores from the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). However, the School of Nursing will also accept Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores. **PLEASE NOTE:** The entrance exam is waived for MS nursing applicants who hold a graduate degree in a non-nursing field (i.e., MEd, MBA, MPH, etc.), Post-master’s certificate applicants OR if you have a 3.0 or higher from your Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. If taking the MAT, the score should be sent directly to Georgia State from Harcourt Assessment, Inc. Scores cannot be more than five years old from the desired semester of entry. We recommend that you take the MAT no later than one month prior to the application deadline. The correct institution code for the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions is 2753. Please use this code (2753) when requesting scores to be sent to the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions. A department code is not used. If you have an official copy of your MAT scores, please send a photocopy with your application. While a photocopy is not acceptable for admission and we must still receive official scores from Harcourt Assessment, Inc., a photocopy can help expedite the processing of your application. Visit the MAT website at [http://www.milleranalogies.com/](http://www.milleranalogies.com/) or call 1-800-622-3231 for information and registration. If taking the GRE, the score should be sent directly to Georgia State University from the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Scores cannot be more than five years old from the desired semester of entry.

We recommend that you take the GRE with enough lead time to ensure the scores are reported prior to the application deadline. The correct institution code for Georgia State University is 5251. A department code is not used. If you have an official copy of your GRE scores, please send a photocopy with your application. While a photocopy is not acceptable for admission and we must still receive official scores from ETS, a photocopy can help
expedite the processing of your application. Visit the GRE website at [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org) or call 1-800-GRE-CALL for information and registration.

- **For International Applicants**: Please provide all items listed above plus the items listed on this link [https://lewis.gsu.edu/academics-admissions/international-applicants/](https://lewis.gsu.edu/academics-admissions/international-applicants/).

- **Official TOEFL Scores**: (For applicants whose native language is not English). If available, please include a copy of your TOEFL score in your application packet. Scores cannot be more than 2 years old from the desired term of entry.

- **For RN-MS Bridge Applicants**: All RN to MS Bridge applicants must submit the required application materials listed including the entrance exam (see "Entrance Exam" information).

- **Experience**: One to two years of clinical practice as a registered nurse (Note: For clinical specialties, clinical practice should be in an area related to the specialty track chosen for master’s program (e.g. 1-2 years in medical-surgical nursing practice to apply for adult health or family nurse practitioner specialty track.)