General Admission Requirements

**Required Documentation**

Students applying for admission to Bethel University must submit the following:

1. **Application and application fee:** All students must submit an application for admission and the $30 application fee. Applicant must be at least 16 years of age unless written approval is granted by Admissions Committee.

2. **Official transcripts:** Students must submit an official high school transcript and official college transcripts from each college attended. Any transfer student who has earned fewer than 12 semester hours credit must also submit an official high school transcript. A high school equivalency diploma (GED) or (HISET) may be accepted in lieu of a high school diploma. A passing GED or (HISET) combined score is considered to be a 2.0 GPA. A special education diploma or high school certificate is not acceptable. Students may be accepted on a partial high school transcript, but a complete high school transcript validating graduation must be on file before registration. Graduates from a non-accredited high school must meet one of the following:
   - 20 ACT/1030 SAT and 2.0 cumulative GPA
   - 19 ACT/1000 SAT and 2.5 cumulative GPA
   - 18 ACT/960 SAT and 3.0 cumulative GPA

Applicants not meeting any of the above standards will be reviewed by the Dean of Enrollment Services who may grant special admission after considering test scores, grades, rank in class, school and community activities, and recommendations in its review. The Registrar will evaluate official college transcripts for determination of transfer credit to be accepted. Transfer course
work must have been completed at an institution accredited as degree-granting by a regional accrediting body for higher education. Any exceptions to this policy will be made by the Registrar or the Academic Dean.

3. **ACT or SAT scores:** Each applicant should submit an official copy of ACT or SAT scores. These scores are not required for students who have been out of high school for three years or more.

4. **High School Units:** Each student admitted to Bethel University must have earned the minimum high school units as follows, or submit a passing combined score on the GED or the HISET:
   - English—4 units (Journalism, speech, or business communications may not be substituted.)
   - Mathematics—2 units (Preferably algebra I and II. Pre-algebra, arithmetic, applied mathematics, business mathematics, computer technology, or accounting I and II may not be substituted.)
   - Natural/Physical Science—2 units (One unit must be a laboratory science. Computer science may not be substituted.)
   - Social Science—2 units (Foreign language is not required; however, it is highly recommended.)

5. **Immunization and Health Insurance Records:** As required by Bethel University and the State of Tennessee, the following immunizations are required of all traditional students prior to the first day of classes, at campus housing check-in, or check-in at mandatory activity participation—whichever occurs first:
   - a Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) shot that must be within the last ten years,
   - two doses of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) shots,
   - two doses of the varicella vaccine given at least 28 days apart or documentation from a health care provider of a history of chicken pox, and Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine. Please note if the first dose was administered before the age of 16, a booster shot will be needed.

Due to the vast array of classroom and extra-curricular activities associated with the McKenzie campuses, it is Bethel University’s policy that **ALL** full-time undergraduate students attending the College of Arts and Sciences and/or College of Health Sciences must have valid health insurance. Insurance coverage must be documented by providing a valid copy of the current insurance card.
to the Student Insurance Coordinator AND COMPLETING THE ELECTRONIC OPT OUT PROCESS. Students will not be allowed to attend classes or participate in activities without valid insurance. Insurance can be purchased through Bethel University for $1,761 for the 2018-2019 academic school year. The last day to opt out of the insurance purchase is August 31, 2018. An online waiver to opt out of the insurance can be found at www.4studenthealth.com/bethel. International health insurance must be purchased from Bethel University. The charge for international insurance for the 2017-2018 academic school year is $1,761. The student must pay this charge prior to arriving on campus. Students are automatically enrolled when they arrive on campus. No international student will be allowed to participate in any intercollegiate athletic program until the insurance charge is added to their account.