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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
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TITLE: **ADMISSION TO UPPER DIVISION BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAM**

POLICY: The Academic Affairs Committee reviews admission criteria annually and advises the Associate Dean for Student Affairs (ADSA) on admission policy. Data on all applicants are compiled by the Office of Student Affairs (OSA).

RATIONALE: The College of Nursing must screen applicants and control admissions in order to select appropriate candidates and to ensure adequate resources (e.g., faculty and clinical placements) for the delivery of high quality nursing education. High demand limited enrollment programs usually have a large volume of applicants. Many applicants who meet the minimum criteria are unable to be admitted. Applicants are selected based upon criteria that demonstrate the best potential for success in the program.

MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION:

To be considered for admission, an applicant must be either a U.S. citizen, legal U.S. resident or have a valid visa. Please see attachment #3 for language requirements.

Traditional BSN Track:

UF Students

1. Completion of 60 credits of required pre-professional and general education courses by the end of the spring semester prior to admission.
2. GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale overall and on all pre-professional courses.
3. Completion of required prerequisite courses within the past seven years with a minimum grade of C.
4. Satisfactory completion of communication and computation requirement (Gordon Rule).
5. Validation in English language is accomplished with SAT Writing or ACT with Writing during the college application process.

Transfer Students

1. Completion of 60 credits of required pre-professional and general education courses by the end of the spring semester prior to admission.
2. GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale overall and on all pre-professional courses.
3. Completion of required prerequisite courses within the past seven years with a minimum grade of C.
4. Completion of two sequential courses of foreign language in secondary school or 8-10 semester hours at the post-secondary level, or documentation of an equivalent level of proficiency.
5. AA degree awarded by the end of spring semester prior to admission.
6. Validation in English language is accomplished with SAT Writing or ACT with Writing during the college application process.

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Accelerated BSN Track:

1. A baccalaureate or higher degree from a nationally accredited college or university.
2. GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, calculated on the most recent 60 credits taken toward the bachelor's degree or cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on masters or doctoral degree.
3. Required prerequisite courses must have been completed within the past seven years with a minimum grade of C. No more than two courses can be in progress during the spring semester prior to admission.
4. Two professional/academic references attesting to the applicant's potential for accelerated study.
5. A resume/curriculum vitae.
6. A 1-2 page (double-spaced) statement to include rationale for change in career, expectations of the program and anticipated goals after graduation.
7. Please see attachment #3 for language requirements.

RN to BSN Track:

- Must meet University of Florida transfer admission requirements
- An Associate's degree in nursing from an accredited program
- A GPA of 2.8 or higher from associate in nursing program
- Active, unencumbered Florida RN license
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Goals: Type a two page (double spaced) personal essay including expectations of the BSN program and future goals.
- Two professional references.

To be awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, students must meet all University of Florida and State of Florida General Education requirements. These are requirements that are in addition to the College of Nursing RN to BSN program coursework.

Applicants to the RN to BSN program are not required to have an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree if they meet UF Transfer Admission Requirements. However, if admitted to the RN to BSN program, students without an A.A. degree will require additional coursework to complete the baccalaureate degree. This is consistent with the "General Education Requirements" on the UFL.EDU web site.

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Program Prerequisites

All applicants to the University of Florida College of Nursing RN to BSN program will be required to show proof of enrollment in and/or completion with an earned grade of C or higher in the following required prerequisite courses:

- 3 credits of social and behavioral science with prefix of PSY, SOP or SYG
- 3 credits of physical or biological sciences with prefix of BSC, CHM or PHY
- Anatomy & Physiology One: 4 Credits (including a lab component)
- Anatomy & Physiology Two: 4 Credits (including a lab component)
- Microbiology: 4 Credits (including a lab component)
- Statistics: 3 Credits
- Human Growth and Development or Developmental Psychology: 3 Credits
- Human Nutrition: 3 Credits

PROCEDURE:

1. All applicants must apply through the Nursing Centralized Application Service (Nursing CAS). Additional university applications are required for some programs.
2. Students meeting academic and articulation standards will be considered for admission on the basis of overall and pre-professional GPA and other admission criteria.
3. Application deadlines are as follows:
 - a. Traditional BSN program: March 1.
 - b. RN to BSN program: November 1.
 - c. Accelerated BSN program: December 15.
4. Applicants will be rank-ordered according to selection criteria, and this order will be considered in determining admission should there be more qualified applicants than spaces available.
5. Successful applicants are recommended to the Dean of the College of Nursing for admission, and all applicants are informed in writing of the outcome.

Applicants denied admission may complete Attachment #1: Petition Form. The completed form will be reviewed by the ADSA and a response provided to the applicant (Attachment #2).

Review or Approval Authority	Responsible Party	Initial Approval / Review	Most Recent Approval / Review Of Changes	Editorial Changes	Policy A-01 Review
Approval	Academic Affairs Committee	04/05	12/11	1/16	
Review	Leadership Council	05/05	01/12	2/16	
Approval	General Faculty	05/05	01/12	2/16	
Approval	Dean	06/05	02/12	3/16	

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Attachment # 1
Petition Form- Undergraduate Program

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

To petition for re-consideration of denial of admission, respond to the questions listed and submit this form to the College of Nursing Office of Student Affairs.

1. Attach a brief written statement (no more than 1 page double spaced) describing your career goals.
2. List any previous work and community/volunteer experiences:
3. Describe your experiences that demonstrate potential leadership ability:
4. Are you the first generation of your family to attend college?
5. Are you a member of a group under-represented in the nursing profession? If yes, please explain.

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Attachment # 2
Petition Review Form- Undergraduate Program

Student Name: _____ Pre-professional GPA: _____

		Possible Points	Actual Points
1.	Written statement reflects: a) Organization and clarity of thought b) Appropriate grammar and spelling c) Career goals congruent with nursing major	1 1 1	
2.	Related work experience a) 0-1 year b) 1-2 years c) 3 or more years	1 2 3	
3.	Leadership experience in activities related to the nursing profession: a) Work-related b) Community/Volunteer	1 1	
4.	First generation in college	1	
5.	Member of a group under-represented in nursing	1	
6.	Pre-professional GPA a) 3.0 to 3.2 b) 3.3 to 3.5 c) Greater than 3.5	1 2 3	
	TOTAL	13	

Note: Score must be at least 10 of 13

Faculty review decision: ____ Admit ____ Deny ____ Refer to Dean

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Attachment #3
Language Requirements

Consistent with the University of Florida policy for international students, the following requirements apply to students applying to the BSN program:

The University of Florida requires proficiency in spoken and written English. The university accepts the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) .

Proficiency in the English language is required of graduate applicants and junior-level transfer applicants from countries, including Puerto Rico, where English is not the official language.

Applicants must submit official results from one of the following with the required score or documented successful completion of the University of Florida English Language Institute Program.

- TOEFL: (Institution Code is 5812)

- Paper-Based: 550

- Internet-Based: 80

- Please note: The TOEFL ITP is not accepted for admission purposes.

- IELTS: 6

- MELAB: 77

- Exemptions: International students are exempt from the English proficiency requirement if enrolled for one academic year in a degree-seeking program at a recognized/regionally accredited university or college in a country where English is the official language prior to your anticipated term of enrollment at UF, or if you are from one of the exempt countries. Please see the university web site for more details on these countries.