

## University at Buffalo, School of Nursing Undergraduate Admissions Policy

**Accelerated BS:** The Accelerated program is a one-year summer start only program designed for those who hold a bachelor's degree in another area of study. The School of Nursing requires the completion of nine [prerequisite courses](#) with grades of C or higher.

**Acceptance Criteria:** Only students who meet the following criteria will be considered for admission by the School of Nursing, Undergraduate Admissions Committee. Unqualified applicants will automatically be denied. Please note: Students who have been dismissed from other nursing programs are not eligible for admission

- **Overall GPA of a 3.0 or higher.** The overall GPA is calculated at the time of the application deadline, and does not include grades of in progress fall courses. Overall GPA includes all undergraduate course work from all undergraduate colleges or universities attended.
- **Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher.** The prerequisite GPA is calculated at the time of the application deadline, and does not include grades of in progress fall courses. Prerequisite GPA includes all completed prerequisite course grades. If a student repeats a prerequisite course, the School of Nursing will use the highest earned grade at the time of application in the prerequisite GPA calculation.
- **Four of the [prerequisites](#) must be completed with a grade of C or higher at the time of application.** Remaining prerequisites must be completed in the fall, winter, or spring semester prior to the start of the program in early May.
- **Please note:** Students who have been dismissed from other nursing programs are not eligible for admission

**Contingent Acceptance:** All admission acceptance offers are contingent upon successful completion of all prerequisites. Admission offers for accepted students who do not successfully complete the prerequisite courses prior to the start of the program with a grade of C or higher will be rescinded.

Students who receive a grade of C- or lower and feel that this grade is incorrect should consult with the instructor of the course directly. Students who feel that a grade is incorrect and that they have been treated unfairly by the instructor may pursue a [grade grievance](#). Should a student's admission be rescinded based on an incorrect grade, the School of Nursing will reinstate the student's admission if the adjusted grade is posted to the Student's University record prior to the start of the program.

All admission acceptance offers are contingent upon successful completion of the requirements outlined in their admission letter:

- Submission of the School of Nursing Statement of Intent and Signed honor code by the specified deadline.
- Attendance at the school of nursing orientation or a scheduled makeup orientation appointment.
- Acceptance to the University at Buffalo as a matriculated student.
- Completion of BLS/CPR and additional required vaccines for health profession programs by the specified deadline.

- If applicable: Submission of final transfer transcripts of completed prerequisites courses by the specified deadline.
- If applicable: Non-native English speakers must take the SPEAK test unless you are a permanent resident of the US and/or graduated from high school in the US. The SPEAK Test is administered by the UB English Language Institute. The minimum required score is 50. Students who do not meet the minimum score will be required to participate and pass a simulated patient encounter that evaluates English comprehension and usage.

If any of the above requirements are not met by the specified deadline, admission may be rescinded.

**Admissions Review Process:** Admission as an approved major to the School of Nursing is competitive and based on a holistic review of the application's components: essay responses, resume, and GPA. Undergraduate Faculty members carefully review and consider each application. Each year we receive more qualified applications than available seats, thus making admission to the program highly competitive. Admission decisions are based on comparing the applicant with the applicant pool. Admission to UB as an intended nursing major does not guarantee admission to the program.

**No special consideration is given to:**

- Students who have applied multiple times. Each review is based on comparing applications with the current applicant pool. A student who had been previously waitlisted should not expect to receive the same decision or better in future application cycles. How well a qualified student's application fairs is in direct reference to that cycle's applicant pool as a whole.
- Students who take their prerequisites at UB are not given priority over transfer students. All students are evaluated in the same, unbiased manner.

**Statement of Competiveness:** Admission to UB as an intended nursing major does not guarantee admission to the program. Typically, we receive applications from nearly 130 qualified applicants for just 56 available seats. While the minimum overall and prerequisite GPA to be considered is a 3.0, the average of the admitted student is a 3.4 cumulative and 3.6 prerequisite GPA.

**General Application Information:** The School of Nursing accepts applications once per year for the accelerated program. Students will apply through the Nursing CAS application system which can be accessed through the School of Nursing website starting October 1st with a firm deadline of December 1st. We do not accept late applications. Please note there Nursing CAS charges a \$45 processing fee.

In addition to completing the School of Nursing Application, students who are not currently attending UB as a degree seeking undergraduate's student must also apply to the University at Buffalo and submit official transcripts from all schools attended. Omitting your previously attended colleges or universities from your application is considered falsification and is cause for disciplinary action. We recommend that students submit the UB application and official transcripts by September 15th to ensure enough time to evaluate course work. A complete UB transfer or reentry application is required in order for your nursing application to be eligible for review.

Students who are currently attending UB but will be graduating before the program must submit a UB reentry application.

The School of Nursing application will consist of general demographic information, as well as several essay questions and a resume section. General application questions should be referred to The School of Nursing Undergraduate Student Services staff. Please note that our staff does not disclose essay questions prior to the opening of the application and will not read or provide feedback of applicant's essays responses.

**Plagiarism and Academic Integrity:** Application essay responses must be true statements in your own words. Application resume must be accurate and true. Plagiarism and false statements will not be tolerated and will be cause for immediate disciplinary action.