University at Buffalo, School of Nursing Undergraduate Admissions Policy

RN-BS: The RN-BS program is designed for those who already hold an associate’s degree or diploma in nursing and are employed as a registered nurse. The School of Nursing requires the completion of one prerequisite course (statistics) with a grade of C or higher (C minus is not accepted).

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.

- Applicants must complete their Associate’s degree or Diploma in Nursing prior to the start of the program. Applicants can apply if their degree is in progress as long as the degree is expected to be awarded prior to the start of the program.
- Applicants must have an unencumbered US Registered Nurse License prior to the start of the program. Applicants can apply if they are in the process of taking their board examination (NCLEX) as long as their license will be issued prior to the start of the program.
- An applicant must be employed as a registered nurse prior to the start of the program and must maintain at least part-time RN employment for the duration of the program. Applicants can apply if they are in the process of obtaining an RN position but must be employed at least part-time as an RN prior to the start of the program.
- Applicants must be able to complete the prerequisite requirement of statistics prior to the start of the program with a grade of C or higher (C minus is not accepted).
- An overall and nursing GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended.
- 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 the prerequisite statistics course. Admission offers for accepted students who do not successfully complete statistics prior to the start of the program with a grade of C or higher will be rescinded. It is also required that each student work at least part time as a nurse while completing the program. Students will be required to submit employment verification prior to the start of the program. Admission for students who cannot provide employment verification will be rescinded.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 offers are contingent upon successful completion of the requirements outlined in the 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.
• Registration for all summer nursing courses by the specified deadline.
• If applicable: Submission of final transfer transcripts of completed prerequisites courses or degree by the specified deadline.

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 your application materials: essay responses, resume, and GPAs. Undergraduate Faculty members carefully review and consider all eligible applicants. 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. Applicants must apply to both the School of Nursing and to the University at Buffalo. Admission to UB as an intended nursing major does not guarantee admission to the program. Review the admission requirements. (Should we have a link)

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 does not guarantee that they will 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, fair 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 80 X qualified applicants for just 40 available seats. While the recommended overall and nursing GPA is 3.0, the average nursing and overall GPA of admitted students is a 3.25.

General Application Information: The School of Nursing accepts applications once per year for the RN-BS program which begins in the summer semester only (early May). The application will be available on the School of Nursing website starting November 1st with a firm deadline of December 15th. We do not accept late applications.

In addition to completing the School of Nursing Application, students who are not currently attending UB as a degree seeking undergraduate student must also apply to the University at Buffalo and submit official transcripts from all schools attended. Omitting you previously attended colleges or universities from your application is considered falsifying your application and is cause for disciplinary preceding. We recommend that students submit the UB application and official transcripts by December 1st 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.

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 essay 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 preceding.