

University at Buffalo, School of Nursing Undergraduate Admissions Policy

All Undergraduate Nursing Programs

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 GPAs. Undergraduate Faculty members carefully review and consider all eligible applications. 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 applicants with the current applicant pool. A student who had been previously waitlisted should not expect to receive the same or better decision 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 a freshman or transfer intended nursing major does not guarantee admission to the program. Typically, we have more qualified applicants than available seats. The chart below provides some historical data relevant to this point.

Program	Average # of qualified applicants	Available Seats	Average admitted prerequisite GPA	Average admitted overall GPA
Traditional	150	72	3.6	3.6
Accelerated (ABS)		56		
RN-BS		40		

General Application Information: The School of Nursing accepts applications once per year (see chart below for specified dates) for each of our three undergraduate programs. All students will apply through the Nursing CAS application system which can be accessed through the School of Nursing website starting 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 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 falsification and is cause for disciplinary action. We recommend that students submit the UB application and official transcripts at least two weeks prior to the School of

Nursing CAS application deadline 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.

Program	Application Open	Application Deadline	UB Transfer/Re-entry application	Program start
Traditional	Early January	February 15th	February 1st	Fall semester only
Accelerated (ABS)	August 25 th	October 1st	September 15 th	Mid-May only
RN-BS	October 1 st	December 1 st	November 15th	Mid-May only

Current UB students with transfer coursework must submit official transcripts to the UB Admissions Office as soon as a course is completed.

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 action.

Traditional BS

The traditional program is a two-year, upper division, fall start only program. In general, students will complete two full years of prerequisite work and general education requirements before entering into the Nursing Program. The School of Nursing requires the completion of [twelve prerequisite](#) courses with grades 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. 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 spring courses. Overall GPA includes all undergraduate course work from all undergraduate colleges or universities attended. UB's [repeat policies](#) are all applied to the calculation of your overall GPA.
- **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 spring courses. Prerequisite GPA includes all completed prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher. 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.

- [Twelve of the twelve prerequisites](#) must be completed, with a grade of C or higher, or be in progress at the time of application. Admitted students who fail, withdraw or resign from a spring in progress prerequisite course will have their admission rescinded.
- **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 prerequisite courses. Admitted students who receive a C minus or lower, withdraw, or resign from a spring in progress prerequisite course will have their admission 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 additional requirements outlined in the admission letter:

- Attendance at the school of nursing orientation.
- For new transfer and reentry students: admission to the Traditional Program is contingent upon acceptance to the University at Buffalo as matriculated students.
- Completion of Basic Life Support Course for Health Professionals (BLS) and CPR by deadline specified in admission letter.
- Completion of UB Health Form including additional required vaccines for health profession programs by the deadline specified in admission letter.
- Completion of HIPPA Training by deadline specified in admission letter.
- If applicable: Submission of final transfer transcripts of all completed course work by deadline specified in admission letter.
- If applicable: Non-native English speakers must take the SPEAK test unless they 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.

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.

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 GPA of 2.5 is required, but a 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 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.