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 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. 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.

- **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 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.

- **2016 Applicants:** Eleven of the twelve prerequisites must be completed with a grade of C or higher or in progress at the time of application. Student may plan to complete the 12th prerequisite over the summer and must be complete prior to starting the program if accepted. Admitted students who fail, withdraw or resign from a spring in progress prerequisite course will have their admission rescinded.

- **2017 Applicants and after:** Twelve of the twelve prerequisites must be completed with a grade of C or higher or 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Admitted students who fail, withdraw or resign from a spring in progress prerequisite course will have their admission rescinded.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. For 2016 applicants, only one planned pending course is permissible to be taken only once in the summer semester prior to the program start. Therefore, admission offers for accepted students who find themselves needing to take two or more prerequisites during the summer will be rescinded. This includes prerequisite grades of C- or lower, resigned, withdrawn, or not completing the requirements. Admitted students who fail, withdraw, or resign from a spring in progress prerequisite course will have their admission rescinded. Admission will also be rescinded if the summer prerequisite course is not completed on the first attempt. This includes receiving a grade of C- or lower, resigned, withdrawn, or not completing the requirements.

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 the admission letter:

- 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 minimum score will be required to participate and pass a simulated patient encounter that evaluates English comprehension and usage.

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 a Freshman or Transfer as an intended nursing major does not guarantee admission to the program. Review the admission requirements.

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, unbiased manner.

Statement of Competitiveness: Admission to UB as a Freshman or Transfer intended nursing major does not guarantee admission to the program. Typically, we receive applications from nearly 200 qualified applicants for just 72 available seats. While the minimum overall and prerequisite GPA to be considered is a 3.0, the average of the admitted student is a 3.6 cumulative and 3.6 prerequisite GPA.

General Application Information: The School of Nursing accepts applications once per year for the traditional program which begins in the fall semester only. The application will be available on the School of Nursing website starting on January 4th with a firm deadline of February 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 February 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.

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 preceding.