

# BEGIN YOUR PATH TO NURSING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

Bachelor of Science - Nursing  
Admission Information



## Accreditation

The BSN program at the University of Dubuque is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

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*The Mission of the University of Dubuque Nursing program is to educate nurses to provide the highest quality of care within the context of the diverse, dynamic, and challenging health care environments of the 21st century.*

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applications due February 15 (or the following Monday if the 15th falls on weekend).

### In order to apply, minimum criteria students must have:

1. At least sophomore standing (24 credits or more);
2. Pre-nursing GPA of 3.00;
3. Grade of C in each nursing pre-requisite course – no pre-requisite course may be repeated more than once (see list above);
4. Science pre-requisites GPA of 3.00;
5. Good health as demonstrated by Physical Assessment and Statement of Health;
6. Proof of required immunizations;
7. Successfully completed federal and state criminal background and dependent abuse background checks;
8. Attained CPR for Health Professionals and First Aid certification;
9. Achieved CNA certification and be listed on the Iowa Direct Care Worker Registry;
10. Provided 2 references from former professors of natural and social sciences;
11. Attained a score in the Proficient Category on the TEAS® Note: it is at the discretion of the Nursing Faculty and the Department of Nursing to change the minimum composite score requirement for any future application periods; and
12. Attained an English proficiency score of 84 or above with a minimum speaking score of 26 for TOEFL iBT or a 6.5 overall IELTS band score with a minimum of 6.0 in any one IELTS module.

### Nursing Pre-requisite Courses

COM 101 Speech Communication

ENG 101 Composition & Rhetoric

RES 104 Research Writing

CIS 101 Intro to Computers

MATH 112 College Algebra

BIO 211/212 Anatomy & Physiology I\* & II\*

CHM 105/L Chemistry, Organic Chemistry  
and Biochemistry\*

PSY 119 Life Span Development

BIO 205 Nutritional Physiology

NRS 201 Intro to Nursing\*\*

BIO 213 Microbiology\*

PSY 110 Intro to Psychology

SOC 111 Intro to Sociology

MATH 230 Intro to Statistics

*\*Online format NOT accepted for science lab courses.*

*\*\*Transfer students may be allowed to take this course after entry into the nursing program with advisor approval.*

### Nursing courses with a clinical component may NOT be taken by a person:

- Who has been denied licensure by the board;
- Whose license is currently suspended, surrendered, or revoked in any U.S. jurisdiction; or
- Whose license/registration is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in another country due to disciplinary action.

It is important to note that completion of the pre-requisite courses and achievement of the minimum criteria do not guarantee admission into the nursing major. Enrollment in the final two years is limited and thus the admission process is selective. From the applicants who meet the minimum requirements above, those who appear the best qualified will be admitted.

### Preference for admission will be given to those who:

1. Have demonstrated high achievement in previous college course work;
2. Have completed the pre-requisite natural science courses within the last 7 years;
3. Have completed, or will complete, all 15 pre-requisite courses at the University of Dubuque;
4. Have completed 11 or more of the pre-requisite courses at the time of application;
5. Have a stable academic history, i.e. the number of institutional transfers, course withdrawals, and course repetitions are taken into account.



**Important:** Students who have been enrolled in a nursing program elsewhere must show evidence they left their previous nursing program in good standing and are currently eligible to continue enrollment in that program. This requires a letter from the director of their previous program sent directly to the UD Nursing Department confirming good standing. Students who cannot provide this documentation will not be considered for admission.

Please refer to Admission Policy printed in BSN Student Handbook for complete information.

## TWO PATHS TO ADMISSION

### Early Admission—Pathway I

Students in this pathway are admitted to the Nursing major upon acceptance of the admission offer from UD. Students desiring early admission must meet one of the following criteria:

- Minimum 25 ACT Composite,
- Minimum 1130 SAT combined Reading/Math,
- Minimum 1680 SAT combined Reading/Math/Writing

Students interested in this pathway are responsible for making this known to their UD Admission Counselor or the UD Registrar. The guarantee of a seat in the program is made provisionally based on meeting criteria numbers 2-9 listed on the inside of this brochure.

### Competitive Admission—Pathway II

Students who do not qualify for the Early Admission Pathway will seek admission based on the criteria outlined previously.