



The Mission of the Nursing Department

To educate professional nurses to provide ethical, evidence-based, collaborative care to meet the dynamic needs of diverse individuals and communities.

BEGIN YOUR PATH TO ADMISSION INTO NURSING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE.

1.

Direct Admission

- Students are admitted to the Nursing major upon acceptance from the University of Dubuque admission.
- Students must have a minimum 3.8 cumulative GPA, or minimum 25 ACT Composite, or minimum 1210 SAT total.
- Students must maintain a B average in nursing pre-requisite courses.
- Coursework taken in high school or being taken must include: +1 years Biology, Chemistry, Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, +3 years Social Studies, +4 years English.

(The guarantee of a seat in the program is made provisionally based on meeting criteria numbers 2-9 on the back of this brochure.)

2.

Standard Admission

- Students who do not qualify for the Direct Admission will seek admission based on the criteria outlined on the back. Additionally, students will need to provide two letters of reference along with taking the TEAS® Exam.

Preference for Admission will be given to those who:

- Have demonstrated high achievement in previous college course work;
- Have completed the pre-requisite natural science courses within the last 7 years;
- Have completed 10 or more of the pre-requisite courses at the time of application;
- Have a stable academic history (The number of institutional transfers, course withdrawals, and course repetitions are taken into account.)

NURSING PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

COM 101 Speech Communication • ENG 101 Composition and Rhetoric • ENG 104 Research Writing • 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 or HWS 246 • NRS 201 Intro to Nursing** • BIO 314 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.

**APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 15
(SOPHOMORE OR ABOVE). IN ORDER TO
APPLY, MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS THAT
STUDENTS MUST HAVE INCLUDE:**

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 on front);
4. Cumulative 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;
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®
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.

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, those who appear the best qualified will be admitted.

Additionally, 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.



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.



Accreditation

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at the University of Dubuque is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.
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