

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, BSN

Admission

Students entering the university who are not registered nurses (RN) apply to the BSN prelicensure program. Registered nurses apply to the nursing-RN (RN-BSN) program.

International students seeking admission into the College of Nursing as a first-year or transfer student, who are citizens of a country in which English is not the official language, must score at least 100 (internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

University of Iowa students who have not earned admission to the College of Nursing must present a minimum iBT of 80 with no subscore lower than 17, and complete the English Proficiency Evaluation (unless they have a TOEFL score of 100 or higher on the iBT). Students may be required to complete English as a Second Language course work if specified as a result of the English Proficiency Evaluation. If such course work is required, it must be completed prior to the start of the nursing major.

Registered nurses educated outside the United States are required to present verification of having passed the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) examination and specified Excelsior baccalaureate nursing examinations.

Applicants admitted to the College of Nursing are expected to be able to meet the curriculum's performance standards; see the section titled "Technical Standards."

A criminal background check is conducted for all prelicensure and undergraduate students before they begin the nursing major. Admission to all programs is conditional pending a successful review of criminal background and abuse registry.

Admission to the BSN Prelicensure Program

All applicants to the BSN prelicensure program (direct and standard admission applicants) must have satisfied the following minimum high school course requirements.

- English: four years.
- Mathematics: three years, including algebra I, algebra II, and geometry.
- Science: one full year of biology, chemistry, and physics in each subject.
- Social science: three years.
- World languages: four years (fourth-level proficiency) of the same world language; or two years (second-level proficiency) in two different world languages; or two years of the same world language plus one 3 s.h. course from the GE CLAS Core International and Global Issues, Values and Society, Understanding Cultural Perspectives, or World Languages and Cultural Exploration.

BSN Direct Admission

A select group of highly qualified students is admitted to the College of Nursing directly from high school through the BSN Direct Admission Program. To be considered for direct admission, students must meet the following requirements:

- a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.80, and
- completion of all the minimum high school course requirements listed under "Admission to the BSN Prelicensure Program."

High school requirements must be satisfied prior to enrollment at the University of Iowa.

Students admitted through the Direct Admission Program must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 and remain in good standing during their first four semesters at the University of Iowa. Students who fail to meet these requirements may be subject to probation or dismissal from the College of Nursing.

BSN Standard Admission

In order to apply for standard admission to the College of Nursing, students must:

- have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.00;
- have a minimum of 48 s.h. of college credit at the end of application semester;
- have completed the minimum high school course requirements listed under "Admission to the BSN Prelicensure Program," with any deficiencies satisfied through college coursework; and
- have a grade of C or higher on all prerequisite coursework.

Students must also have completed the following coursework with a grade of C or higher. All natural sciences coursework must have been completed within 10 years of enrollment in the nursing major.

Course #	Title	Hours
Natural Sciences		
All of these or comparable courses:		
CHEM:1070	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM:1080	General Chemistry II	3
BIOL:1141	Human Biology: Health Professions	4
At least one of these:		
HHP:2100	Human Anatomy	3
HHP:2310	Nutrition and Health	3
HHP:2400	Fundamentals of Human Physiology	3
MICR:3164	Microbiology and Human Health	4
Social Science		
At least one of these:		
NURS:1030	Human Development and Behavior	3
PSY:1001	Elementary Psychology	3
SOC:1010	Introduction to Sociology	3-4

If admitted to the College of Nursing, successful standard admission applicants must:

- maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00;
- have a minimum of 64 s.h. of college credit; and
- have completed all prerequisite coursework under the Bachelor of Science in Nursing [p.], and degree requirements except nursing courses prior to enrollment/matriculation in the nursing major courses.

Admission to the Nursing-RN Program

Applicants to the program must hold an RN license and an Associate Degree in Nursing or Diploma in Nursing. They must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00. Admission is highly competitive, with emphasis on the natural sciences (anatomy, biology, chemistry, microbiology, physiology), writing (composition I and II), and mathematics (statistics). World language is not an admission requirement.

Technical Standards

Applicants to the College of Nursing are expected to be capable of completing the entire nursing curriculum and earning a BSN degree. Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. The college's technical standards provide an objective measure on which to base informed decisions about whether individual students will be able to participate in the nursing program. Technical standards also help students determine whether they will need accommodations or modifications in order to participate.

The technical standards are provided to all students before matriculation and are available online in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Handbook; see Section VIII: Clinical Course and Health Science Student Requirements. Students with disabilities who believe that they may need assistance in meeting the core performance standards should contact Student Disability Services.

Selection

The college's admission committee recommends to the dean the applicants who appear to be best qualified. Fulfillment of minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the College of Nursing. The committee may require personal interviews. A physical examination report and specific health screening requirements must be on file at University of Iowa Student Health 10 days before the class opens for the first clinical nursing course.

Application Deadlines

- BSN prelicensure direct admission
- BSN prelicensure standard admission
- Nursing-RN (RN to BSN) program (admission occurs fall and spring)