UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS POLICY

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER
COLLEGE OF NURSING

Undergraduate Admission Requirements Policy

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Note: Students admitted to start the program prior to the Fall 2017 term should refer to the [September 2015] version of this policy.

Policy

The Faculty of the College of Nursing develop admission criteria to be utilized in screening selected applicants.

Admission Requirements:

1. To be admitted into the nursing program/major, a student must:
   a. Be at least 18 years of age
   b. Submit the following information:
      • completed application form
      • official transcripts of all university/college course work
      • two letters of recommendation
      • campus preference
      • disclosure statement
      • proof of active CNA certification (RN licensure for RN-BSN)
   c. Complete the following prerequisite college courses at any time prior to beginning Semester 1 nursing courses: *
      • ""English Composition I"
      • English Composition II
      • Introduction to Psychology
      • Introduction to Sociology
      • ""Ethics"
      • ""Culture, Race, Ethnicity, Gender"
      • Humanities
      • Political Science/Social Organization
      • ""Family & Human Behavior"

   * An exception is made for applicants seeking admission to the RN-BSN program. Students must have completed those courses in italics and bold prior to taking nursing courses.
   d. Complete the following prerequisite college courses within 7 years of beginning Semester 1 nursing courses *
      • College Algebra or higher
      • Human Anatomy
      • Human Physiology
      • Human Growth & Development
      • Chemistry
      • Statistics
      • Microbiology
      • Nutrition
      * An exception to the 7-year rule is made for students entering the RN-BSN program. For RNs who have been working in nursing or enrolled in a nursing program for the previous year, the 7-year rule is waived.

1. The following courses require a letter grade assignment:
   • Human Anatomy
   • Human Physiology
   • Chemistry
   • Statistics
   • Microbiology
   • Nutrition

2. The following courses require a lab:
   • Human Anatomy
   • Human Physiology
   • Chemistry
   • Microbiology

3. To be admitted into the Accelerated Nursing Program/major in addition to the requirements listed in requirement 1 and 2, the student must:
   • Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university/college. International students must have their course work evaluated and have the equivalency of a baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation.

4. To be admitted into the RN-BSN Nursing Program/major, in addition to the requirements listed in items 1 and 2, the student must:
   a. Document current RN licensure allowing practice in the state where clinicals will be conducted.
   b. Provisional admission may be granted to students who apply prior to obtaining licensure, but licensure will be required prior to beginning coursework.
   c. Complete and file an official course projection with the Student Services office.

Related documents:
UNMC Immunization Policy
Policies 5.2.5 and 5.2.31
5. To be admitted into the traditional or accelerated nursing programs, the following criteria must also be met:
   a. Have college cumulative prerequisite grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
   b. Have a grade no lower than a C+ (or satisfactory AP, CLEP, Dantes, P/NP) in any individual prerequisite course. A maximum of 12 credit hours can be non-graded (e.g.: AP, CLEP, Dantes, P/NP).
   c. Complete a preadmission interview if requested.
   d. Submit Appraisal Form, if applicable, from any previously attended nursing program.

6. To be admitted into the RN-BSN nursing program, the following criteria must also be met:
   a. Have college cumulative prerequisite grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
   b. Have no lower than a C (or satisfactory AP, CLEP, Dantes, P/NP) in any individual prerequisite course. A maximum of 12 credit hours can be non-graded (e.g.: AP, CLEP, Dantes, P/NP).
   c. Complete a preadmission interview if requested.

7. Acceptance into the nursing program is a competitive and selective process. Priority admittance into the nursing program is given based on the following criteria:
   a. Student's prioritized campus preference(s) (for traditional and accelerated).
   b. Prerequisite grade point average of 3.3 or above.
   c. Two satisfactory recommendations.
   d. Greater number of prerequisite courses completed.

8. Final acceptance is dependent upon the successful completion of all admission requirements and prerequisite courses and upon receipt of the following:
   a. Completed medical health forms
   b. Proof of immunization or immunity as defined by [http://www.unmc.edu/media/studentservices/docs/immunization-policy093013.pdf UNMC Policy].
      In addition to the UNMC Immunization Policy:
      • FLU IMMUNIZATION All students are required to have an annual flu immunization.
        Immunization must occur between September 1 and December 31.
      • MENINGOCOCCAL The College of Nursing recommends the meningococcal immunization.
   c. Submit Technical Standards worksheet.
   d. Verification of current certification valid for the academic year in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for health professionals. This is defined as American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for infant, child and adult one man/two man and AED training. Verification of current CPR must be documented annually through graduation. American Heart Association is the preferred certifying agency; further, many clinical agencies require American Heart Association CPR certification.

9. Students will not be allowed to attend clinical nursing courses without meeting immunization and BLS requirements.

10. The complete mandatory UNMC background check is required prior to the first day of class.

11. Drug screening tests and other institution specific obligations may be required prior to clinical placement at the discretion of the clinical agencies; any costs are the responsibility of the student.

12. International professional nurses seeking admission into the RN to BSN Program will be evaluated on an individual basis including