

Accelerated BSN program:

• When does the program begin?

The Accelerated BSN program begins once a year in the spring semester only. All applicants will need to apply to the University for the spring semester they wish to start the program.

• Is the program offered online?

No, the ABSN program is only offered on the main Tallahassee campus and not online.

• Which prerequisite courses need to be completed by the time I apply?

At least nine (9) of the prerequisite courses must be completed at the time of application. This does include science labs and students must then have all remaining prerequisite courses before starting in the spring. Science prerequisite courses include Anatomy & Physiology I with lab, Anatomy & Physiology II with lab, Microbiology with lab, Chemistry, Nutrition, and Pathophysiology.

-See *Admission Requirements* for more information regarding these guidelines.

• Does FSU require a nursing entrance exam?

No, we do not require an entrance exam.

• What happens if I fail a course? Do you take the highest grade?

We look at all attempts and average the grades together. If a prerequisite course is failed, we will still consider that course on your nursing application even if the course was repeated for a higher grade.

• How long is the program?

The program is one year in length. The program begins every spring semester and students will graduate the following fall. The program is 3 semesters (Spring, Summer, Fall).

• How competitive is the program?

We typically receive around 100-150 applications a year for the ABSN program and admit about 50-60 students.

Meeting the minimum requirements DOES NOT guarantee admission into the program.

• Will you look at my graduate GPA?

No, we only look at your undergraduate GPA.

• Are there any time limits on the prerequisite courses for the nursing program?

Yes, all science prerequisite courses may not be more than 10 years old at the time of application. Non-Science prerequisites do not expire.

• Where can I take my prerequisite courses?

Prerequisite courses can be taken at any accredited university or community college. However, Pathophysiology must be evaluated by the nursing advisor if it is not taken at FSU.

• Lifespan Developmental Psychology is different at my school. Will you accept it?

The prerequisite requirement FAD3220 will more than likely have a different course code at other schools. The most common code is DEP2004 and will be accepted as the equivalent. To meet this requirement, it must be a psychology course that focuses on development throughout the lifespan (ALL STAGES OF LIFE).

• Do you accept transfer credits for nursing courses from other schools?

No, all core nursing courses must be taken at Florida State. Students that were previously enrolled in a nursing program and failed at least one course are not eligible to apply to our program.

• Do I have to apply to be accepted to the University before I can apply?

No, you can apply to the University and to the Nursing program at the same time. Applicants do not need to be accepted into the University before applying to the program.

• What are the deadlines for admission?

The application will open up on our website May 15th and the deadline to apply is July 15th each year.

• **How is a student evaluated?**

Applicants are evaluated based off of their overall undergraduate GPA, science prerequisite GPA, and resume. The science prerequisite GPA is weighed the heaviest and the resume is used for extra points. On the resume, applicants can receive one (1) extra credit point on their application for having a graduate degree, having at least one (1) year of full time working experience (another if it's in the field of healthcare), and having at least three (3) or more higher level math or science courses (above MAC1105).

• **Does it matter what my Bachelor's degree is in?**

No, we accept any Bachelors of Science and Bachelors of Arts Degree. Applicants may be in the process of completing their degree at the time of application as long as it is completed before starting the program in the spring.

• **Where can I take Pathophysiology?**

We do not accept each school's pathophysiology. If you do not plan to take pathophysiology at FSU then you must send the FSU nursing advisor a copy of the syllabus for approval.

-Contact Student Services for online options.

• **Which FSU admission application do I fill out?**

Applicants will need to fill out the undergraduate, transfer application for the spring semester only. We do not admit students into the nursing program for the summer and fall term. If you were a former FSU student, you can fill out the FSU readmission application for the spring term you wish to start the program. If you graduated from FSU or have been gone for two or more consecutive semesters then you must fill out a readmission application to the University.

• **Where do I send my official transcripts?**

All transfer applicants must send their official transcripts to both the College of Nursing **AND** to the University. Transcripts are not required for courses taken at FSU. The Nursing department **does not accept electronic transcripts**. Please mail copies to:

Florida State University College of Nursing

Student Services Office

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