

Veteran BSN Program FAQ's

- **When does the program begin?**

The Veteran BSN program admits two cohorts per year, the spring semester for those qualifying for the accelerated program, and the fall semester for those qualifying for the traditional BSN program. Application to the University must be made concurrently with the application to the College of Nursing. Candidates who are not admitted to the University will not be admitted to the nursing major.

- **Is the program offered online?**

No, the traditional BSN program is only offered at the main Tallahassee campus and not online. Students may choose to take online electives outside the nursing major.

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

All of the twelve (12) prerequisite courses must be completed by the time you apply to the nursing program.

- **Does FSU require a nursing entrance exam?**

No, we do not require any entrance exam. Only grades and courses completed will be considered.

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

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. We look at all attempts and average the grades together.

- **How long is the program?**

The Traditional BSN program is four semesters over two calendar years. Traditional BSN students do not take courses in the summer. The Accelerated BSN program is three semesters over one calendar year and includes summer semester.

- **Is the program competitive?**

The BSN program at Florida State University is a limited access program, and admission into the program is competitive. Six slots in both the Traditional and Accelerated BSN programs are designated for veterans. Applicants will be evaluated based on their overall GPA and science prerequisite GPA. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the nursing program at FSU.

- **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.

- **Do you have an RN to BSN bridge program?**

No, FSU does not have a bridge program.

- **Where can I take my prerequisite courses?**

Prerequisite courses can be taken at any accredited university or community college.

- **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.

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

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

- **What are the deadlines for admission?**

Applications for the Traditional Veteran BSN program will be open December 1 through February 1 for the Fall start date. Applications for the Accelerated Veteran BSN program will be open May 15 through July 15 for the Spring start date. Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses prior to beginning the nursing major. Apply to <http://nursing.fsu.edu/Apply-to-FSU-Nursing>.

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

Applicants will need to complete the undergraduate, traditional or accelerated BSN application in the fall or spring depending on which program you are qualified to enter. Veteran applicants who have served as medics or corpsman, or who have degrees in another area are eligible for admission into the existing 3-semester Accelerated BSN program. Veteran applicants without medical experience are eligible for admission into the existing 4-semester Traditional BSN program. If you were a former FSU student, you may fill out the FSU readmission application for the term prior to your desired admission. 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. If you already have a 4-year degree in another area, you are eligible to apply to our [Accelerated BSN Program](#).

- **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
98 Varsity Way
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4310