Accelerated BSN program FAQ’s

• **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?**
All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of summer before starting the program the next spring. 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?**
All grades factor into a student’s overall GPA. If a science course is repeated, however, the higher grade will be used to calculate the science GPA. Remember: only one prerequisite can be repeated/one time.

• **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 80-100 applications a year for the ABSN program and admit about 40 students. Meeting the minimum requirements DOES NOT guarantee admission into the program.

• **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/birth to death).

• **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 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 by their overall collegiate GPA, science prerequisite GPA, interview, and essay scores.

• **Is there an admissions interview? Is it mandatory? Where and when?**
  All applicants who meet the minimum requirements will be required to participate in the interview process. Candidates will be notified by email of the place and time of their interview. Dates are posted each year on the website. There will not be any exceptions to the interview process (i.e. no Skype, phone, etc.)

• **Does it matter what my Bachelor’s degree is in?**
  No, we accept any Bachelor of Science and Bachelor 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 every 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 proposed course 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 ABSN nursing program for the summer and fall term. If you were a former FSU student, you can fill out the FSU re-admission application for the spring term you wish to start the 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**
  **Attn: Brittany Stover**
  **98 Varsity Way**
  **Tallahassee, FL 32306-4310**