

## **FAQ**

### **When does the program begin?**

The Traditional BSN program has a two-term admit process which takes place in the Fall and Spring each year. Those who apply in the Spring and are accepted, begin the program the following Fall. Those who apply in the Summer and are accepted, begin the program the following Spring.

### **Is there an Accelerated BSN Program?**

No, there is not an accelerated program offered.

### **How long is the program?**

The BSN program is a two-year program.

### **How competitive is the program?**

We typically receive around 300 -400 applications per admit for the BSN program, and admit only 72 students. Meeting the minimum requirements DOES NOT guarantee admission into the program.

### **Does FSU require a nursing entrance exam like the HESA or TEAS?**

No, there is not an exam requirement.

### **Is the program offered online?**

No, the BSN program is only offered on the main Tallahassee campus.

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

Prerequisite courses need to be completed at the time of application, with no more than 2 pre-requisites in progress (lecture and lab count as 1).

If applying for Fall admission, all prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of Spring prior to entering the program in the Fall.

If applying for Spring admission, all prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of Summer prior to entering the program in the Spring.

### **Is AP, IB, AICE credit accepted?**

Only for non-science prerequisites.

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

All grades factor into a student's overall GPA. However, if a science course is repeated, the higher grade will be used to calculate the science GPA. Note: only one prerequisite can be repeated/one time.

### **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. Please refer to Accepted Prerequisites from other Colleges on the BSN webpage.

Note: the prerequisite of Pathophysiology course must be evaluated by the nursing advisor if not taken at FSU. Please see list of approved Pathophysiology courses.

### **Where can I take Pathophysiology?**

We do not accept every school's pathophysiology. If you do not plan to take pathophysiology at FSU, you must send the FSU nursing advisor a copy of the proposed course syllabus for approval. Contact Student Services for online options.

### **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 AND be accepted to the University before I can apply to the College of Nursing?**

You do not need to be accepted to the University before you apply to the College of Nursing. However, you need to apply to the University at least 3 months prior to the College of Nursing application. Deadlines are updated on the program webpage.

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

If applicant is NOT an FSU student, there are 2 deadlines to consider: the deadline for applying to the University and the deadline for applying to the College of Nursing. They are required to apply to the University first and get their EMPLID number before applying to the College of Nursing. If applicant IS an FSU student, only the deadline for the College of Nursing should be considered.

\*Dates for both deadlines are posted and updated on the BSN webpage. The College of Nursing application will be accessible on that same webpage when the application window opens.

### **How is a student evaluated?**

Applicants are evaluated by their overall collegiate GPA, science prerequisite GPA, interview and essay.

**Is there an admissions interview? Is it mandatory? Where and when?**

A select group 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 College of Nursing 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 if applying for my second degree as BSN?**

No, we accept any baccalaureate degree from any accredited institution. 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.

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

For the BSN program, applicants will need to fill out the undergraduate, transfer application for the fall semester or spring semester. We do not admit students for the program for summer term.

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

All transfer applicants must send their official transcripts to the FSU Office of Admissions. FSU current or former students do not need to send transcripts.