

BEGIN YOUR PATH TO NURSING.



The Mission of the University of Dubuque Nursing program is to educate professional nurses to provide ethical, evidence-based, collaborative care to meet the dynamic needs of diverse individuals and communities.

Bachelor of Science **NURSING**

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Direct Admission

- Students are admitted as pre-nursing majors upon acceptance to the University of Dubuque.
- Students must have a minimum 3.8 cumulative GPA, OR minimum 25 ACT Composite, OR minimum 1210 SAT total.
- Students must maintain a B average in nursing pre-requisite courses.
- Completed or planned completion of the following high school coursework:
 - +1 years Biology, Chemistry, Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry
 - +3 years Social Studies
 - +4 years English

The guarantee of a seat in the program is made provisionally based on meeting criteria numbers 2-9 on the back of this brochure.)

Standard Admission

Students who do not qualify for Direct Admission will seek admission based on the criteria outlined on the back. Additionally, students will need to provide two letters of reference.

Holistic Admission Process

The Department of Nursing will admit a cohort of up to 32 students each fall semester. Enrollment in the final two years is limited and thus the admission process is selective.

When there are more applicants to the program than available seats, applicants (under standard or probationary status) who meet the minimum program requirements will be reviewed under a Holistic Admission Process. Under this process, each applicant's commitments and strengths related to academic history, service, leadership, diversity, and overcoming challenges will be considered as a whole when scoring admission materials.

NURSING PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

- COM 101 Speech Communication
- ENG 101 Composition and Rhetoric
- ENG 104 Research Writing
- MATH 112 College Algebra or higher
- BIO 211/212/L Anatomy & Physiology I* & II*
- CHM 105/L Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry* (preferred) or College-level Chemistry course with lab*
- PSY 119 Life Span Development
- BIO 205 Nutritional Physiology or HWS 246
- NRS 201 Intro to Nursing**
- BIO 314/L Microbiology*
- PSY 110 Intro to Psychology
- SOC 111 Intro to Sociology
- MATH 230 Intro to Statistics

* Online format NOT accepted for science lab courses.

** Transfer students may be allowed to take this course after entry into the nursing program with advisor approval.

MINIMUM NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE

1. At least sophomore standing (24 credits or more);
2. Cumulative GPA of ≥ 3.00 ; (2.90-2.99 for probationary admission)
3. GPA ≥ 3.0 in all nursing program pre-requisite courses
4. Grade of C in each nursing pre-requisite course - no pre-requisite course may be repeated more than once;
5. Good health as demonstrated by Physical Assessment and Statement of Health;
6. Proof of required immunizations;
7. Successfully completed federal and state criminal background and child/dependent adult abuse background checks;
8. Attained CPR for Health Professionals;
9. Achieved CNA certification and be listed on the Iowa Direct Care Worker Registry;
10. Provided two references from former professors; at least one from natural sciences (not required for Direct Admissions);
11. Attained an English proficiency score of 84 or above with a minimum speaking score of 26 for TOEFL iBT or a 6.5 overall IELTS band score with a minimum of 6.0 in any one IELTS module.

Students who have been enrolled in a nursing program elsewhere must show evidence they left their previous nursing program in good standing and are currently eligible to continue enrollment in that program. This requires a letter confirming good standing from the director of their previous program sent directly to the UD Department of Nursing. Students who cannot provide this documentation will not be considered for admission. Please refer to the Admission Policy printed in BSN Student Handbook for complete information.



NOTE: This is a summary of admission requirements. Please refer to the complete Admission Policy available in the BSN Student Handbook, available online.

Nursing courses with a clinical component may NOT be taken by a person:

- Who has been denied licensure by the board;
- Whose license is currently suspended, surrendered, or revoked in any U.S. jurisdiction; or
- Whose license/registration is currently suspended, surrendered, or revoked in another country due to disciplinary action.

APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 15



The BSN program at the University of Dubuque is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

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