Nursing, BSN (Accelerated Program)

How to Get In

School of Nursing Requirements

Following are the requirements to be eligible to apply for the Accelerated BSN program:

- Bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing field from an accredited institution, completed by the program start date. Students anticipating spring graduation can apply the prior fall; proof of timely progress is required.
- Admission to UW–Madison as a post-undergraduate degree-seeking student (separate application required)
- Minimum college-level cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Completion of the prerequisites listed below with a grade of C or better in each course and a minimum combined GPA of 2.75. The first four prerequisites (science courses) must be completed by the application deadline and within seven years of the program start date. All prerequisites must be complete before the program start date. Prerequisite equivalency information is available on the BSN Prerequisite Course Equivalencies page.
  a. Chemistry w/Lab
  b. Microbiology
  c. Human Anatomy
  d. Human Physiology
  e. Psychology (introductory)
  f. Sociology (introductory)
  g. Human Growth and Development

Note: Anatomy and physiology may be satisfied by one semester of anatomy and one semester of physiology or by A&P I and II. With the latter option, students must complete both courses at the same institution.

UW–Madison General Education Requirements

Applicants must also complete the following university-wide General Education Requirements (http://gened.wisc.edu/Req.htm). At least two must be completed by the application deadline, and all prerequisites must be completed before the program start date.

1. Communications Part A: Literacy Proficiency
2. Communications Part B: Comm-B requirement is waived for students pursuing the Accelerated BSN degree only.
3. Quantitative Reasoning Part A: QR Proficiency
4. Quantitative Reasoning Part B: Enhanced QR Proficiency
5. Ethnic Studies

Application Dates and Deadlines

The program requires two applications: one to UW–Madison, plus a supplemental application to the School of Nursing for the Accelerated BSN program. Both applications open September 1 and the deadline is October 1. In-person interviews occur in November. Admission decisions are released in December and students must submit their intent to enroll by March 1.

Transfer Credit Evaluation and Proof of Enrollment

An unofficial transfer credit evaluation to check for completion of the nursing prerequisite courses and the university’s General Education Requirements will be completed by the School of Nursing prior to the decision release date. Admission is contingent upon official verification by the UW–Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment.

Applicants will be required to submit proof of enrollment at the time of application for any prerequisites not yet completed. If enrollment has not opened for a particular course, students will be asked to submit a statement of intent to register that lists the course, institution, dates of instruction, and enrollment date.