

The University of Akron School of Nursing Accelerated BSN Option Frequently Asked Questions

How can you learn everything in a four-year nursing program in only 15 months?

Students in the Accelerated Option have a baccalaureate degree, which is a minimum of 4 years; they must first complete the prerequisite courses and then complete 15 months of nursing coursework. In the basic BSN program, students are taking general education courses while completing the nursing courses. Accelerated Option Students take the same nursing courses and have the same number of theory and clinical courses as those in the basic program, but all prerequisite courses have been completed prior to entry into the 15 month sequence.

Where are the clinical experiences?

The University of Akron, School of Nursing has affiliations with over 80 clinical agencies in the Akron Metropolitan Area and surrounding counties. Those counties include Summit, Stark, Wayne, Medina, Portage, Cuyahoga, and Mahoning. Students in the Accelerated Option have their clinical experiences in these agencies along with the students in the basic program.

Do people who graduate from this program pass the state board exam?

Throughout the country, studies have shown that students in Accelerated Options consistently perform very well on the state board exam. Most of the time they achieve a 100% pass rate. Students are often older, more highly motivated and are goal directed.

Do I need to take my prerequisite courses at The University of Akron?

No, prerequisite coursework can be completed at any regionally accredited university or community college. Students who are planning to complete prerequisites courses at another institution should verify course equivalency with the program recruiter or program coordinator prior to taking the course.

Do basic nutrition or fitness courses meet the science of nutrition requirement?

No. The science of nutrition course must be equivalent to the following course: 7400:316 Science of Nutrition, 4 credits. Prerequisites: 3100:209, 3150:113 or instructor permission. In-depth characterization of composition, metabolism, physiological functions and interrelationships of nutrients. Analysis and interpretation of current literature; assessment of nutrition counseling techniques.

What courses meet the developmental psychology requirement?

This course must focus on the development of the individual over the life span. Child Psychology does not meet this prerequisite. Human Growth & Development and Life Span Development are examples of courses that do meet this requirement.

What if I have already taken courses I think meet the prerequisite requirements?

Course descriptions of the courses you took should be submitted along with your transcripts so we can send them for evaluation to the necessary department. here on the Akron campus. You can also check the transfer guide at <http://www.uakron.edu/advising/TransferGuides.php> to see if your institution is listed. Transcripts from your other institutions must also be submitted to the Coordinator for verification of course numbers and grades.

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How much does the program cost?

Tuition and fees are based on the number of credits taken per semester. The most current tuition and fees information can be found on The University of Akron website at <http://www.uakron.edu/busfin/studentfin/ugrad2.php> or call the Office of the Cashier at (330) 972-7214.

Can I get financial aid?

Information regarding financial aid can be obtained from The University of Akron Financial Aid Office. Please visit the Financial Aid web site at www.uakron.edu/finaid for more information and forms. It is highly recommended you check into financial aid at your earliest convenience. Your local health care institutions may provide tuition reimbursement programs also.

How can I apply for scholarships?

For information regarding scholarships please visit the Office of Student Financial Aid & Student Employment at <http://www.uakron.edu/administration/StudentAffairs/financialAid/schlrinfo.php>. Scholarship search and private funding resources for adult learners are available for you to research in the UA Adult Focus office at <http://www.uakron.edu/uaaf>. A limited number of Nursing Scholarships are available and are awarded after admission to the program. You might also check the local library, local organizations and local hospitals or other health care facilities.

What if my cumulative grade point average is less than 3.0?

The admission requirement for the accelerated program is a 3.0 GPA overall.

How is the class selected?

Selection is based on cumulative GPA.

When does the program begin?

The second week of May (Summer I).

Can I enter at other times?

No. Students must begin the program in May.

Can I work while attending?

It is recommended that students DO NOT work while attending this program. The demands of course work and clinical are intense and require attention to study to maintain the required GPA.

How many hours per week can I expect to be in class and clinical?

Generally speaking, you can expect to be in class, Learning Resource Center or clinical 40 hours a week. These 40 hours DO NOT include study time.

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How do I get started?

Requesting an information packet is the first step. The Information Packet can be found at: http://www3.uakron.edu/nursing/Academic/accel_bsn.htm A request can also be made by telephone 330-972-7554 or by e-mail at ellisr@uakron.edu.

The next step is to submit your Second Degree BSN form to the Accelerated Option (which is included in the Information Packet) along with transcripts of ALL prior college coursework to the program coordinator. The Second Degree BSN form and transcripts should be **mailed** to:

Regena M. Ellis
Student Enrollment Counselor
The University of Akron
School of Nursing
Akron OH 44325-3701

For courses not taken at The University of Akron, course descriptions should be submitted for all courses to be considered as meeting the prerequisite requirements.

Do I need to submit copies of transcripts from all colleges and universities I have attended?

Yes.

How do I apply?

You will need to apply to The University of Akron. Application can be made on line or by requesting an application from the Admission's Office. Official transcripts from all other institutions you have attended **must be** submitted to the Admissions Office. If you have previously attended The University of Akron, you will need to indicate that on your application and mark yourself as a "post baccalaureate student."

If The University of Akron was the last institution you attended, you will simply need to reactivate your file and you will coordinate that process through The University of Akron's Records Office. **Students previously enrolled at The University of Akron must complete an Inter-College Transfer (ICT) to the School of Nursing.**

Once you have either applied for admission or reactivated your records and have submitted transcripts to the program coordinator for evaluation, you will receive further information regarding applying to the program.

Is there a waiting list?

Class selection is completed in January. Students who are not selected for admission into the class are placed on a waiting list. Students on the waiting list may be offered admission as spaces in the class become available. The waiting list is maintained until a month before the start of class. Students who are not placed in the class must reapply to be considered for the next class the following year.