

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE ACCELERATED ONLINE BACHELOR'S TO BSN OPTION

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

- Admission to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
- Prior completion of non-nursing bachelor's degree from accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on the completed College of Nursing prerequisites.
- Results of criminal background checks comply with standards required for clinical placement. Criminal background check completed through service specified in application (cost assumed by applicant).
- Current Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification (all states' certifications are accepted for admission purposes).
- Proof of residence is required in one or more of the Approved States, listed on the CON website <http://con.uwosh.edu/accelerated-bsn/>, while completing both theory and clinical components of the program. (Please note, the Accel option staff must be able to secure clinical rotations for the student in the community identified on their admission application in order to be officially accepted.)
- Credential Evaluation: If any credentials come from outside the United States a course-by-course credential evaluator report (grades, credits and degree assessment) of foreign undergraduate and graduate academic records to be used for admission is required. Go to either the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) at www.naces.org or Association of International Credential Evaluators Inc. (AICE) at www.aice-eval.org to find an appropriate evaluator.
- Students educated outside of the United States must submit evidence of English language proficiency by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and achieving a minimum score of 71 ibt. The report must be mailed directly to UW Oshkosh (institution code: 1916) from the testing agency.

PREFERRED CRITERIA:

- Prerequisite GPA of 3.25 or above
- CNA work experience or other direct patient care experience
- Activities reflecting service orientation [campus and/or community volunteer]
- Experience with diverse populations (i.e. various age, ethnic, racial, or religious groups, working with individuals with special needs or individuals with physical disabilities)
- All prerequisite coursework and bachelor's degree completed.

INTERVIEWS:

- Eligible applicants are contacted via UW Oshkosh email to schedule an interview.

REQUIRED COURSE WORK:

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the Accel Advisor prior to submitting their application

Please note all courses must be completed with a minimum "C" grade (CD or C- are **not** acceptable grades).

- **Pre-Nursing Coursework:** These courses must be included in Nursing GPA for application.

4 out of the 6 required science courses (all include lecture **and** laboratory):

Biological Concepts	Bio-105 or 230
Anatomy	Bio-211
Physiology	Bio-212 or 319
Microbial Survey	Bio-233 or 309
Chemistry	Chem-101 or 105
Biochemistry	Chem-102 or 106

English Composition	Eng 101, 102, 188, 300, 310, or 312
Growth and Development	Nursing 200, Psych 391, or Ed Foundation 377
Psychology	Psych-101 or <u>102</u>
Speech	Comm-111 or an equivalent course or experience
Math	Math 104 or higher and meets the general education requirement

*General Ed or Electives 6 credits

*General education/elective courses do NOT include the pre-requisite courses listed above.

PRENURSING GPA:

A student's admission GPA will be calculated on the above courses (3.00 minimum). If more than 4 science courses are completed, the GPA will be calculated on the best 4 grades. The GPA is calculated to three decimal points. All courses must be completed 60 days prior to the start of the cohort which student is admitted. Students with unsatisfactory course grades (C- or lower) on College of Nursing pre-requisites at least 5 years old, will be granted CON amnesty for those courses. CON amnesty permits students to retake those CON prerequisites without penalty from the repeat policy. The repeat policy allows a maximum of two repeated prenursing courses, one time each, with only one of those courses allowed among the required sciences.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Computer Competencies/Technology Requirements

Students accepted to the Accel option must have a strong working knowledge of computer technology. Students must have experience and be comfortable with technology driven programs including word processing, online searches, email, and PowerPoint. The Accel option provides unique immersion learning experiences. All theory courses are delivered online through the digital learning environment (DLE). Students participate in online discussions, exercising their clinical knowledge in virtual classrooms, laboratory settings and in healthcare settings.

High speed internet access is imperative. Slower internet connections will impede downloading of course materials and timely exam completion. Laptop computers, a handheld device and other computer accessories are required. Details and specifications will be provided upon admission.

Health, CPR, and Criminal Background Check Requirements

College of Nursing students and faculty are "guests" of healthcare agencies while completing clinical rotations. Each agency has specific health, CPR, and background check requirements, which must be met by students in order to attend clinicals; instructions for submitting such documentation will be emailed to admitted students. New requirements may be added without prior notice. All health and CPR requirements are mandatory for eligibility to attend clinical courses. Fees for immunizations, titers, TB tests, CPR certification, and background checks are the responsibility of the student.

Requirements must be met and documentation must be submitted by the specified deadline; failure to do so will preclude the student from participating in clinical experiences.

1. Immunizations

Health requirements, policy, and deadlines are sent via email to accepted students.

Vaccines/Titers required include but are not limited to: MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, adult Tdap, and current year influenza vaccine.

2. CPR/TB Testing

CPR: CPR certifications must be **American Heart Association BLS (Basic Life Support) for the HealthCare Provider** (good for two years). CPR certification cannot expire during the program.

TB Testing: Students are required to have a current negative TB skin test result or Quantiferon TB Gold Test with negative results.

3. Criminal Background Check

In compliance with the State of Wisconsin Caregiver Law, each applicant must complete and submit, along with their application, a criminal history disclosure form and a signed release form authorizing the university to conduct a criminal background check on the applicant. The cost of criminal background checks is the responsibility of the applicant.

Results of criminal background checks are reviewed by the College of Nursing Academic Standing Committee. The provisions of the Wisconsin Caregiver Law that impact licensed health care facilities are considered by admissions staff relative to applicants with criminal findings on their background check results. Certain criminal violations may prohibit individuals from working in healthcare facilities. Information about crimes that constitute a bar to employment under the Wisconsin

Caregiver Law, and the effect of criminal history on licensure requirements, is available through the College of Nursing. See also, the College of Nursing Policy on Criminal History Search. This policy is subject to revision without prior notice. This requirement is mandatory for eligibility to attend clinical courses.

4. Additional Screenings

A physical examination and/or random drug screening and/or alcohol screening of students may be required by some clinical agencies or the CON. If required, the cost of any examination or test is the student's responsibility.

Time Commitment

The Accelerated Option is a mode of delivery of the Undergraduate Nursing Program which enables students with prior bachelor's degrees to earn their BSN in 12 months. Courses are completed at the rate of one credit hour per week with few scheduled breaks throughout the year. Clinical rotations are completed via the preceptor model; students complete clinical experience under the direct supervision of a registered nurse preceptor who is an employee of a healthcare agency. Students work the same schedule as their nurse preceptors to include days, evenings, nights, weekends, and/or holidays. Due to the compressed format of the curriculum, students need to be available 24/7 to work their preceptors' hours. The rapid pace and the flexibility required for precepted clinical experiences require a full-time commitment. Therefore, it is suggested that students forgo all employment while completing the Accelerated Option. Students are also advised to limit other non-student commitments during the year.

Costs

Nursing is a professional discipline and admitted students must anticipate additional costs beyond tuition, including, but not limited to: uniforms, textbooks; nursing resource software; standardized tests; criminal background checks (and associated costs if court documents are needed); CPR certification; health requirements, including exams, immunizations, and titers; transportation associated with clinical experience; transportation, lodging and meals during campus residencies. In addition to the costs indicated above, students are expected to have a stethoscope, nametag (received at orientation weekend), penlight, and pocket scissors. Some agencies require specific fees to attend clinicals at their site; if this type of fee applies, it is the student's responsibility to cover this extra cost.

Computer Based Learning Modules and Standardized Tests

Students are provided a comprehensive package of learning modules, resources and tests when entering the professional nursing program. Specific courses assign these learning activities throughout the program; all students must complete the assigned modules and tests to earn a grade in the associated courses. This package of resources includes the Comprehensive Predictor [test] and NCLEX review. Students must achieve a preset benchmark score on the Comprehensive Predictor within two attempts. If unable to achieve the required passing score, students' earn an incomplete grade for Nurs-Acc 490 [a required Senior level course]. Students are then required to complete an outside review course at their own expense and to supply proof of the course attendance in order to receive a grade for Nurs-Acc 490 and subsequently graduate.

Above requirements subject to change. For further information, please visit the College of Nursing, Accel website.

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