BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

ADMISSION GUIDE

DEADLINES

February 1
Application deadline to start the program in the **fall term** in the BSN professional program.

September 1
Application deadline to start the program in the **spring term** in the BSN professional program.

REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION

- **Prerequisite Grade Point Average (GPA) for Nursing**
  - 35%, weighted value of the overall admission score
  - A combined minimum GPA of 3.0 is required
  - A grade of 'C' or better is required in all prerequisites
  - Two courses may be in-progress at the time of application
- **Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)**
  - 20%, weighted value of the overall admission score
  - A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for all graded post-secondary coursework
- **HESI Admissions Assessment Exam (HESI A2)**
  - 25%, weighted value of the overall admission score
  - Minimum score of 75 is required
  - Required sections: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, and Grammar
  - Testing locations through UA Testing Center and Prometric Testing
- **Behavioral Interview**
  - 20%, weighted value of the overall admission score
  - Minimum score of 70% is required

ADMISSION SCALE

Criteria	Weight
Prerequisite GPA	35%
Cumulative GPA	20%
HESI A2 Exam	25%
Behavioral Interview	20%
Total	**100%**

PREREQUISITE COURSES

- English Composition (2 semesters)
- General Chemistry - lectures (2 semesters) and a lab (1 lab minimum)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology – lectures (2 semesters) and labs (2 semesters)
- General Biology – lecture (1 semester)
- Microbiology – lecture (1 semester)
- Statistics (1 semester)
- Lifespan Development (1 semester)
- Nutrition (1 semester)

APPLICATION STEPS

1. **Apply to the University: Undergraduate Admissions**
    a. As an applicant, you must first be admitted to the university as an undergraduate degree-seeking student through Undergraduate Admissions at the time of your application to the Nursing program.
    b. Students are recommended to apply as a Pre-Professional Nursing student.
2. **Apply through the College of Nursing**
    a. Next, you must complete the College of Nursing application for the BSN program.

ADMISSION DETAILS

It is your (the applicant's) responsibility to verify all required documentation is received by the appropriate deadlines. Please contact the College of Nursing Office of Student Affairs to update any changes in your information. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission.

Admission

Admission to the University of Arizona – Undergraduate Admissions
You must have an application on file in order to interview. Only students fully admitted to the University of Arizona are eligible to start the BSN program. International students, please see the International section.

Nursing Competitive Admission Process
The College of Nursing admits candidates by competitive ranking based on the combined scores of the Nursing Admission Criteria. As an applicant, you will be scored on the four elements for admission and ranked among all other applicants. We will admit the top candidates based on program capacity, and offer a few students alternate positions. Alternates are not guaranteed a spot, however, they are eligible to be admitted if a space should become available.

Nursing Admission Criteria

HESI Admissions Assessment
Your highest score earned for the combined four sections taken in a single attempt will be utilized. The test must be taken by the date of application, and any scores are valid for one year.

GPA Calculations
GPA calculations only include letter grades (A, B, C, D, E or F). Calculations exclude pass/fail coursework and any courses taken as part of a professional degree, such as JD, MD, DO, DDS, etc. All attempts at courses you take are calculated into cumulative GPA calculations unless they are removed through an official grade replacement process. For Prerequisite GPA calculation, we utilize the highest grade earned. All courses must be from regionally accredited institutions of higher education.

In-Progress Coursework
You are allowed two prerequisite courses to be in-progress at the time of application. All courses in-progress at the time of application must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better, and students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA in both cumulative and prerequisite areas. Courses must be complete and official transcripts must be available showing course completion by June 1 (for fall start) or January 1 (for spring start) if offered admission. If you are repeating a course at the time of application, you cannot report it as in-progress; you must use the previously earned grade until a new grade is earned.

Interviews

You will be invited to a Behavioral Interview if your combined admission score from the Prerequisite GPA, Cumulative GPA and HESI Admissions Assessment places you in the top ranked candidates. Interviews are conducted primarily in Tucson, AZ; however, limited accommodations may be approved to conduct interviews via video chat if you are unable to attend on-campus. Final admission is determined by ranking candidate total scores in all admission requirements.

Transfer Students

Transfer Courses and Evaluations

When transferring from another institution, you must have semester equivalent coursework from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. All transcripts must be received by Undergraduate Admissions prior to application to the BSN professional program.

To view applicable courses for in-state coursework from public universities and community colleges, please visit AZtransfer.com's Course Equivalency Guide. Please see the Nursing prerequisites page for your program to review additional requirements of the prerequisite coursework.

Quarter System Courses

If you attended an institution on the quarter system, you will need to multiply the quarter hours by .667 to convert to semester hours.

- 5 Quarter Hours = 3.33 Semester Hours – acceptable for any 4 Semester Hour course
- 4 Quarter Hours = 2.66 Semester Hours – acceptable for any 3 Semester Hour course

Prior Nursing Program Disclosure

If you have attended but not graduated from another nursing professional program, a letter from the Nursing program administration must be included in the application. This includes attendance at any associates, nursing assistant, licensed profession nursing, bachelor's or master's pre-licensure programs. The letter must include all of the following information: institution, program name/type, dates of attendance, reason for non-completion and a statement indicating if there were any behavioral or clinical safe practice concerns.

International Students

International Admission

When applying to the university as an international student, you will need to review the admission requirements and obtain admission through International Admissions.

International Coursework Evaluation

Coursework taken outside the United States must be evaluated and translated by a NACES member. Please see the International Admissions page for additional details. As the course evaluation process can take additional time, we recommend you begin the evaluation process and secure international transcripts as early as possible.

Other

Degree Requirements

You are strongly recommended to have all University Foundation and General Education requirements completed before starting the professional program to ensure timely completion of the program.

Fingerprint Clearance Card

An Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (FCC) will be required. In order to interview, a copy of your completed application or a physical card will be required. FCC cards can be obtained from the Arizona Department of Public Safety. If you do not currently have a FCC, we highly recommend applying for a card immediately.