



## **PROFESSIONAL MAJOR ADMISSION POLICY- Accelerated Option**

Admission into the Accelerated Option of the Undergraduate Nursing Program is selective, based on University, College of Nursing (CON) and healthcare agency resources, and CON/Accelerated Option admission criteria. Please note that admission to UW Oshkosh as a nursing major does not guarantee admission into the professional component of the nursing curriculum. It is possible that some qualified students may not be admitted based on space availability, educational facilities, resources of the CON and clinical learning opportunities.

Applications are reviewed on a first received, first considered basis. Applications will be accepted for each cohort until it is filled.

Application Opening Dates:                      February Cohort – May 1st  
   May Cohort – October 1st  
   October Cohort – February 1st

### **Current University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Students:**

Applicants who are current UW Oshkosh students do not need to submit official transcripts to the UW Oshkosh Admissions office as part of the application process unless courses were completed at other colleges or universities while progressing at UW Oshkosh.

### **Prospective University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Students:**

Transfer students seeking admission into the Accel option must complete a UW Oshkosh application prior to the Accel option application.

The undergraduate transfer application for UW Oshkosh must include transcripts for all college-level coursework. Official transcripts from each institution attended must be submitted. The application is available online at [UW System Admissions Application \(uwsystemadmissions.com\)](http://uwsystemadmissions.com). Please allow a minimum of 4 weeks for the application to be processed once all transcripts are submitted and the application fee is paid.

### **Students submitting applications to BOTH the Traditional and Accel options:**

Students accepted to both the Traditional option and the Accel option must choose ONLY one option a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of the regular 14-week University semester. Failure to comply with this request will result in the student's name being removed from the list of accepted students for BOTH options.

**Students are responsible for knowing University and College of Nursing academic policies as they affect their status.**

The Accel option application is available on the CON website: [Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Application](http://uwoshkosh.edu/con/accel)

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION:**

#### **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ACCELERATED ONLINE BACHELOR'S TO BSN OPTION CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED CRITERIA:**

- Admission to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
- Completion of non-nursing bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5. In cases of a lower GPA the TEAS test must be completed, and the applicant must demonstrate proficiency in all categories at or above the national BSN program mean scores before being considered eligible to apply.
- Minimum pre-nursing GPA calculation of 3.0 for the College of Nursing prerequisite courses.
- Clear results of a criminal background check for clinical placement. Criminal background check completed through service specified in application (cost assumed by applicant).

- Completion of a nursing assistant course with clinical components and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification (all states' certifications are accepted for admission purposes).
- Residence is required in an approved state 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 to be officially accepted). Students' residency listed on admission will be used to find clinical placements for the program.

**STUDENTS EDUCATED OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES:**

- 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](http://www.naces.org) or to the Association of International Credential Evaluators Inc. (AICE) at [www.aice-eval.org](http://www.aice-eval.org) to find an appropriate evaluator.
- Students educated outside of the United States must submit evidence that the instruction was presented in the English language or 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 submitted directly to UW Oshkosh (institution code: 1916) from the testing agency.

**PREFERRED CRITERIA:**

- Pre-nursing GPA of 3.25 or above on the completed College of Nursing prerequisites.
- CNA work experience or other approved direct patient care experience totaling at least 240 hours.
- Activities reflecting service orientation [campus and/or community volunteer] totaling 20 hours.
- Experience working with a variety of populations (i.e., age, ethnic, racial, or religious groups, working with individuals with special needs or individuals with physical disabilities)
- All prerequisite coursework completed.

**REQUIRED COURSE WORK:**

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

- **Pre-Nursing Coursework:**

**Natural Sciences:** Four of the six required natural science courses must be completed prior to application; any remaining science courses must be in progress at the time of application (all science courses must include lecture **and** laboratory). Four of six courses included in GPA calculation.

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

\*Two semester combined Anatomy and Physiology sequences (A&P 1/A&P 2) must be completed at the same institution.

**Non-science Prerequisites:** Must be completed at time of application; included in GPA calculation

English Composition	ENG 101 or WRT 188 or 287 or 288 or 310
Growth and Development	Nursing 200 or Psych 391 or Ed Foundation 377
Psychology	Psych 101 or 102
*General Ed or Electives	6 credits

**Other Course Requirements:** Must be completed at time of application, but not required for GPA calculation

Speech	Comm 111 or experience in public speaking
Math	Math 104 (College Algebra) or higher level or statistics

\*General education/elective courses cannot include the natural science or non-science prerequisite 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 prerequisites are expected to be completed 60 days prior to the start of the cohort to which student is admitted.

Students with unsatisfactory course grades (C- or lower) on CON prerequisites 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 pre nursing 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 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.

The following 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** (valid 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 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 CON 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 CON 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. Physical Exam, Drug and Alcohol Testing**

A physical examination may be required by some clinical agencies or the Faculty in the College of Nursing. Drug screens are required: initially, random, and for cause (see impairment and substance abuse policy). The cost of any examination or test is the student's responsibility.

#### 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.

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

#### Appeals

See student manual for information regarding appeals. Admission decisions are not eligible for appeal.

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