

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) Program

In addition to this packet, ABSN Program information can be found through the University of Bridgeport website: https://www.bridgeport.edu/academics/programs/absn/.

The ABSN Program is designed to prepare a graduate nurse for entry-level practice in a variety of healthcare settings, to provide the foundation for graduate education and/or continued education as a life-long learner, and to contribute to quality patient outcomes.

University of Bridgeport School of Nursing Mission:

The mission of the University of Bridgeport School of Nursing (UBSN) is congruent with the mission of the University of Bridgeport. The mission of the School of Nursing is to provide innovative, evidence-based healthcare education that prepares a professional nurse to provide person-centered care that incorporates professional values of caring, excellence, integrity and diversity in the delivery of safe, quality healthcare and advancement of the profession within a global society.

Program Highlights:

- Apply the nursing process to provide patient-centered, evidence-based, clinically competent, contemporary professional nursing care.
- Promote healthy lifestyles through health education, health promotion strategies and population-focused interventions.
- Comprehend system-based practice and its impact on safe, quality patient care within the scope of professional nursing practice.
- Practice within the values, ethics, and legal standards of professional nursing.

Program Structure:

The University of Bridgeport School of Nursing (UBSN), Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program is designed for those students who hold a bachelor's degree in another field other than nursing. This accelerated track incorporates the previous non-nursing bachelor's level course education and experience and allows the student to earn a BSN degree in fifteen months.

Clinical Experience and Education

ABSN students begin clinical experiences in the second semester. Clinical sites vary depending on course objectives and content. Sites include local hospitals, such as Bridgeport Hospital, schools, medical offices, and more. Clinical hours include laboratory and simulation experiences in all nursing clinical courses.

Graduation Requirements and Outcome

In order to graduate from the ABSN program, students must complete 64 credits in general education and 56 credits in nursing, totaling 120 credits. Along with a solid foundation in nursing, graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN® Exam).



Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) Program Curriculum Nursing: 56 Credits General Education: 64 Credits Total Credits: 120

May Start Sequence

Summer I						
Summer Term 1 – 7 weeks		Summer Term 2 – 7 weeks				
NURS 201 Intro to Professional Nursing	2	NURS 204 Fundamentals of Professional Nursing	4			
NURS 204 Health Assessment	3	NURS 208 Pharmacology	3			
HSCI 230 Nutrition (if needed)	3					
Total	– 8 Credits	Total – 7 Cro	edits			

	Yea	r I	
Fall Semester – 15 weeks		Spring Semester – 15 weeks	
NURS 314 The Research Process in Nursing	3	NURS 322 Health Maintenance & Restoration II	6
NURS 320 Health Maintenance & Restoration I	6	NURS 328 Health Policy & Health Systems	3
NURS 324 Nursing Care of Childbearing Family	3	NURS 318 Psych/Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 325 Nursing Care of the Childrearing Family	3	NURS 345 Leadership and Management	3
Total – 15 Cro	edits	Total – 16 Cr	edits

	Sumr	ner II
Summer Term 1, 2 – 14 weeks		
NURS 344 Health Promotion II: The Community	5	
NURS 358 Transition to Prof. Practice: Sr. Practicum	5	
NURS 357 Current Issues & Trends in Nursing	3	
Total – 13 Cro	edits	

January Start Sequence

	Y	ear I			
Spring semester		Summer Term			
NURS 201 Intro to Professional Nursing	2	NURS 314 The Research Process in Nursing	3		
NURS 204 Health Assessment	3	NURS 320 Health Maintenance & Restoration I	6		
NURS 204 Fundamentals of Professional Nursing	4	NURS 324 Nursing Care of Childbearing Family	3		
HSCI 230 Nutrition (if needed)	3	NURS 325 Nursing Care of the Childrearing Family	3		
NURS 208 Pharmacology	3	3			
Total – 15 Credits Total – 15 Credit					
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Fall Semester – 15 weeks		Spring Semester – 15 weeks			
NURS 318 Psych/Mental Health Nursing	4	NURS 357 Current Issues & Trends in Nursing	3		
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NURS 328 Health Policy & Health Systems	3	NURS 358 Transition to Prof. Practice: Sr.	5		
		Practicum			
NURS 345 Leadership and Management	3		3		
Total – 16 Cı	redits	Total – 13 C	redits		



Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) Program

Admission to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program through the University of Bridgeport School of Nursing (UABSN) is highly competitive. In addition to the general requirements as listed below, candidates are also expected to have completed a rigorous curriculum of general education, math, and science foundation coursework, as listed in the Program Prerequisites below, to be eligible to apply. Relevant admissions information can be found below for each applicant student type.

For additional information about ABSN Program admission requirements and curriculum, visit the program website at: https://www.bridgeport.edu/academics/programs/absn/. Additionally, candidates are encouraged to attend a UABSN Information Session or Open House. To view upcoming events, please visit https://www.bridgeport.edu/visit/.

Admission to the Nursing Program is highly competitive. Meeting the following minimum criteria does not guarantee admission.

General Admission Requirements:

- A conferred BS/BA degree from a fully accredited Academic Institution
- Applicants must achieve a "C+" or better in all Math and Science courses (including but not limited to Anatomy & Physiology I & II, Chemistry, and Algebra)
- Minimum cumulative Quality Point Ratio (QPR) of 3.00 from all institutions attended in order to apply to the ABSN Program.
- Math and science coursework completed within seven years prior to applying to the ABSN Program.
- ABSN pre-requisites include ENG101, MATH103, MATH203, PSYC103, PSYC205, SOCI101, BIOL113, BIOL114, BIOL106, and CHEM113.
- HSCI 230 can be transferred in as a pre-requisite course.
- All pre-requisites must be completed prior to the start of the first day of the first semester. At the time of application, only 3 pre-requisites may be outstanding or in progress.
- Missing General Education courses will be waived (i.e. Fine Arts and a 2nd Humanity).

ABSN Program Prerequisites

•	Anatomy & Physiology I	4 credits	•	Statistics	3 credits
•	Anatomy & Physiology II	4 credits	•	English Composition	3 credits
•	Introductory Chemistry	4 credits	•	Introduction to Psychology	3 credits
•	Microbiology	4 credits	•	Lifespan Development	3 credits
•	Introduction to College Algebra	3 credits	•	Principles of Sociology	3 credits



Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) Program Applicant Information Priority Deadline: October 1 for January Start Priority Deadline: January 20 for May Start

Please use this checklist to help guide you through the application process. An electronic version of this checklist will be available to you upon completion of the online application. Once all materials have been received by Admissions, your application will be ready for review.

New Applicant Required Material Checklist:

Completed University of Bridgeport Application* (www.bridgeport.edu/apply)
Official High School/GED Transcripts
Transcripts from ALL Colleges/Universities Previously Attended
School of Nursing Supplemental Application Form
Two Completed Professional Recommendation Forms Please review the Recommendation Form for specifics. Each recommendation form must be placed in a sealed envelope with the referrer's signature across the closure.
Personal Essay of Approximately 500 Words The personal essay helps us become acquainted with you as a person and will demonstrate your ability to organize and express your thoughts. Please answer the question, "What does Professionalism mean to you?" You may attach additional details of circumstances or qualifications not reflected in the application especially as it pertains to previous nursing coursework where you have not been successful or a semester or year that was not academically strong. The candidate should include their name, date, and signature on the statement.

Office of Undergraduate Admissions

University of Bridgeport 126 Park Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06604



University of Bridgeport School of Nursing Frequently Asked Questions

What are you looking for from applicants to the School of Nursing?

Admission to the School of Nursing is highly competitive and selective. Our faculty are involved in the process from the very beginning. We are looking for students who have developed an interest in healthcare as a career and who have an interest in the type of curriculum we are offering. The review committee, comprised of faculty from the School of Nursing and the Office of Admissions, will review applications. Interviews are not required, but may be requested on a case-by-case basis.

The review committee considers all aspects of the application. We are looking for motivated individuals who have taken their academic preparation seriously. An applicant's motivation for a career as a Nurse is very important in our selection process. Due to the competitive nature of the program, most successful candidates will have met more than just minimum requirements. For further information regarding the application process to the School of Nursing, please visit www.bridgeport.edu/nursing.

How many students are accepted into the ABSN Program?

Each session, a total of 30 ABSN students are accepted into the School of Nursing.

When should I apply? Is there an application deadline?

There are a limited number of seats for the ABSN program. Students are encouraged to submit their application and materials as early as possible to be considered for the incoming class. Once the program is filled, your application can be considered for the next incoming class. Applications are considered complete once all documents, as listed above, are received. **Priority deadline for application is October 1 for the January start and January 20 for May the start.**

How can I assess my eligibility for admission?

All candidates are eligible to apply to the ABSN program. Eligibility for admission will only be assessed by the UB School of Nursing using the documents contained in this guide. Candidates may apply while prerequisite coursework is in-progress, as long as the progression of prerequisite coursework will allow completion of all prerequisites prior to the start of the ABSN program.

Do you offer a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Registered Nurse (RN) bridge program?

We do not offer an LPN to RN bridge program. However, LPNs are encouraged to apply to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing if they have a bachelor's degree in another area. LPNs will be reviewed according to all transfer standards as listed in the ABSN Admissions page linked above. Transfer credit may be awarded for general education coursework that meets basic transfer criteria, and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. However, credit will not be awarded for practical nursing coursework or experience.

Is experience in the healthcare field required for admission to the School of Nursing?

While experience is not required, applicants to the School of Nursing may find it beneficial to volunteer within the healthcare field. Additionally, Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing candidates may receive further admissions consideration based on relevant work and volunteer experience within healthcare.

Is the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program offered entirely online, in the evening, or on weekends?

Courses within the curriculum of the ABSN Program are generally available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm. Labs and clinical may be scheduled during evening hours. Additionally, students should expect to be enrolled on a full-time basis, meaning enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester. Important Note: In order to maintain scholarship eligibility, students must enter UB with full-time status, and maintain full-time status throughout the entirety of their enrollment with the University.

Can I tour campus and visit the Nursing Skills and Simulation Center site before being accepted?

Yes, it is strongly encouraged that all prospective students tour campus. Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend an Open House or School of Nursing Information Session. To view upcoming ABSN and Admissions events, please visit www.bridgeport.edu/events.



University of Bridgeport School of Nursing Frequently Asked Questions

Is there an entrance examination required for admission to the School of Nursing?

The TEAS test is not required for admission to the ABSN.

Do you accept transfer students from other nursing programs?

Each candidate will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To determine eligibility, all candidates must complete an application for admission to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program by the deadline to receive priority consideration.

When will I know if I am accepted or not?

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing candidates must complete their full application process by November 1st or January 20th; applications received and completed after this date *will not* receive consideration. Review of completed applications will commence after these dates, and all decision letters will be issued via mail each year. At the discretion of the School of Nursing, students may be placed on a waitlist.

How long will it take me to complete the ABSN program?

Students should expect to complete the curriculum in the ABSN program in 15 months. Candidates are encouraged to consult page 2 of this packet to view the program outline and course progression. Though the maximum number of transfer credits accepted into the ABSN is 64, the progression of clinical work is expected to take 4 full semesters. Due to the intensive Full-time expectations, it is not recommended that students work outside of their academic studies.

Are there scholarships available for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing students?

While there are no institutional scholarships available for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing students, all candidates should complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for additional financial aid opportunities and considerations. To start your FAFSA, please visit www.studentaid.gov.

Will I be required to travel off campus to complete clinical hours if I am accepted into the ABSN Program?

ABSN's affiliation with Bridgeport and Yale Hospital provides extensive clinical opportunities for students and are the School's primary sites for clinical experience. Additionally, a variety of outside clinical facilities are selected to provide students with a wide range of learning experiences in nursing. Personal transportation is required to travel to the off-campus clinical sites.

What is required of me once I am accepted?

Once a student has been accepted and has committed, they will be required to submit UB Health and Immunization Records as well as CPR. It is the student's responsibility to complete and comply with all requirements and any costs associated with them. All required forms and accompanying information will be sent to students via mail and email. If accepted into the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, additional requirements—which include annual physical, immunizations, background checks and drug testing—will be required. For additional acceptance questions, please email the ABSN Nursing Coordinator.

Is your Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program licensed and accredited?

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is approved by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing and licensed by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Bridgeport is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

What is the job placement/salary outlook for Nursing?

The School of Nursing has a strong clinical outreach program. Student educational experiences are rich in both lecture content and clinical application of knowledge. Job placement and salary outlook have been outstanding in both a strong and weak economy. Increasingly, graduates of ABSN programs are the preferred candidates for employment. For further industry information, visit: https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm.



University of Bridgeport School of Nursing Supplemental Application for Admissions

Student ID (UB students only): Social Security Number (required to receive financial aid):	Name:	Former Name (if applicabl	e):
Email (will be used throughout the application process): Preferred Phone: ()	Student ID (UB students only):		
Alternate Phone: () Alternate Phone: () Street Address: Apt #: City: State: Zip: hereby agree that, if accepted, I will submit to and comply with drug testing and a confidential background check. Signature: Date: Have you been charged with or convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor since your sixteenth birthday? YES NO f yes, please attach a separate page that includes date for each incident, explains the circumstances, and reflects on what you have learned from the experiences. Academic Data: First Time Application Reapplication Internal Transfer External Transfer Previous College/University Information: (Official transcripts from ALL schools are required for an admissions decision.)	Social Security Number (required to receive f	financial aid):	
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times, the average of the courses will be used. If a course is taken once or twice, the highest grade will be used.

Course Title (Minimum Credits)	College/University Attended	Year Completed	Grade Earned
Anatomy & Physiology I (4 cr)			
Anatomy & Physiology II (4 cr)			
Life Span Development (3 cr)			
English Composition (3 cr)			
Microbiology (4 cr)			
General Psychology (3 cr)			
Intermediate/College Algebra (3 or 4 cr)			
Introductory Chemistry (4 cr)			
Principles of Sociology (3 cr)			
Statistics (3 cr)			



University of Bridgeport School of Nursing Supplemental Application for Admissions

Recommendation Information: Two (2) professional/work references from a professor/teacher/instructor or an employer/supervisor are required for an admissions decision. Letters of recommendation are not required but will be accepted as addendums to the required recommendation forms. Please see attached documents for official Recommendation Forms.

Name of Referrer	Title	Relationship					
Personal Statement: A typed personal statement will help us become acquainted with you and demonstrates your							

ability to organize and process your thoughts as well as express yourself. Include your name, date, and signature on the essay. Please answer the question. "What does professionalism mean to you?"
*Please submit Recommendation Forms and Personal Statement together with this Supplemental Application.

Healthcare and/or Volunteer Work: If applicable, describe any related healthcare or volunteer work/experience: (Use a separate sheet if more space is needed)

I hereby apply for admission to the University of Bridgeport and agree to abide by its regulations. Drug testing and a security background check are required prior to or at the start of classes. UABSN will deny a student's admission if drug testing is positive. The School of Nursing may revoke admission if Cumulative GPA drops below 3.0 or a C+ in the math and science courses is not attained.

To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided is accurate and complete. I understand that any falsification of information will result in dismissal from the School of Nursing at the University of Bridgeport. The undersigned agrees that the information furnished on the Application for Admission, together with all information and materials of any kind received by the Office of Admissions from any source, or prepared by anyone at its request, "...shall become part of the applicant's educational records, if accepted as a student, and will be dealt with as to confidentially and/or disclosure or inspection by the student or third parties, in accordance with the provisions of the status laws of the United States entitled "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)'."

nto the School of Nursing program.
Date:
Date: n must sign.)

The University of Bridgeport admits students regardless of sex, race, color, creed, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accepted or made available to students of the University. The University of Bridgeport does not discriminate on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, color, national or ethnic origin, creed, political affiliation, or handicap in the administration of its education policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic or other University administered programs. The University of Bridgeport is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The University of Bridgeport is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and by the Board of Governors of the Connecticut Department of Higher Education.



University of Bridgeport School of Nursing Recommendation Form

To the Applicant: You will need two completed recommendation forms. They may be from a professor/teacher/instructor, and/or an employer/supervisor. Provide this form to the Referrer. Please print your name on the line below.

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Organizational Skills						
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Teamwork						
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Return to: Email (pr	Admissions referred): ridgeport.edu					

Mailing address:126 Park

Bridgeport, CT 06604

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New Applicants Return to:	Office of Admissions Email (preferred): admit@bridgeport.ed					
	Mailing address:					

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