School of Nursing

8th in DNP & 13th in MSN, U.S. News & World Report’s 2017 Best Nursing Schools
6th in NIH funding (2014) among schools of nursing
Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

OVERVIEW
Who can apply?
• Individuals with a baccalaureate or graduate degree in another discipline
• Senior baccalaureate students

The Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN enables students to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) in three consecutive terms. Current baccalaureate students may complete prerequisites during their undergraduate studies and apply during senior year. The curriculum is fast-paced and combines rigorous academics and state of the art clinical practice experiences in a research intensive setting. Students utilize evidence based practice to provide the most comprehensive patient care.

Clinical rotations are held at nationally renowned healthcare facilities; most are completed at the six local major teaching hospitals and/or more than 50 community healthcare facilities in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Graduates of the program are generalists with the necessary foundation for graduate nursing education and continuing professional development. Students who successfully complete the undergraduate BSN curriculum qualify to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for professional licensure as a registered nurse.

CURRICULUM FORMAT
• Fall, Spring, and Summer Term admission
• Onsite / Full-time (3 consecutive terms)
• 54 credits (includes 960 clinical hours)

OBJECTIVES
The BSN Program is designed to meet the Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice, established by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), to provide a curriculum development framework as well as a definition of competencies universally expected of BSN graduates.

ADMISSION CRITERIA
• ≥ 3.0 GPA in previous undergraduate or graduate degree.
• Successful completion of all pre-requisite courses
  – Courses from other institutions will be evaluated for equivalency to University of Pittsburgh courses
  – Courses taken at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, prior to admission, may be taken as non-degree seeking
• Online application: nursing.pitt.edu
  – May submit application while completing the prerequisites
• International applicants: nursing.pitt.edu & ois.pitt.edu
• Rolling Admissions
• Preferred Deadlines: February 15 (Fall Term) / June 1 (Spring Term) / October 1 (Summer Term)

*Effective Fall 2017, admitted students are required to submit official GRE scores prior to start of Term 1 (exam fee paid by School of Nursing).

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PREREQUISITE COURSES
English Composition (3 cr.)
General & Bio-Organic Chemistry* includes lab (4 cr.)
Human Anatomy & Physiology* includes lab (6-8 cr.)
Human Genetics* (3 cr.)
Directed Elective (3 cr.)
Microbiology* includes lab (4 cr.)
Pathophysiology* (4 cr.)
Psychology (3 cr.)
Sociology (3 cr.)
Statistics (descriptive, probability & inferential) (3 cr.)
(36-38 credits)
*Completed within past 10 years with B- or higher grade required
Credits listed are term credits (quarter courses will be individually evaluated)

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TERM 1
Nutrition for Clinical Practice
Pharmacology & Therapeutics
Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice [lecture and lab]
Nursing Mgmt of Adult with Acute/Chronic Health Problems
Nursing Mgmt of Adult with Acute/Chronic Health Problems Clinical
Research for Evidence-Based Practice 1
(18 credits)

TERM 2
Advanced Nursing Mgmt of Adult with Acute/Complex Health Problems
Advanced Nursing Mgmt of Adult with Acute/Complex Health Problems Clinical
Nursing Care of Clients with Psychiatric-Mental Health Problems
Nursing Care of Clients with Psychiatric-Mental Health Problems Clinical
Nursing Care of Mothers, Newborns & Families
Nursing Care of Mothers, Newborns & Families Clinical
Nursing Care of Children & Their Families
Nursing Care of Children & Their Families Clinical
Nursing Care of Older Adults
(18 credits)

TERM 3
Advanced Clinical Problem Solving
Advanced Clinical Problem Solving Clinical
Transition into Professional Nursing Practice
Transition into Professional Nursing Practice Clinical
Community Health Nursing
Community Health Nursing Clinical
Ethics in Nursing & Health Care
Nursing Informatics
Senior Seminar
Baccalaureate Comprehensive Exam*
(18 credits)
*Successful completion of the Baccalaureate Comprehensive Exam is required during Term 3

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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