School of Nursing

5th in U.S. News & World Report's 2016 Best Nursing Grad Schools
6th in NIH funding (2014) among schools of nursing
Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

OVERVIEW
This information is for currently enrolled University of Pittsburgh undergraduate students who intend to transfer to the School of Nursing. The curriculum for the undergraduate program in the School of Nursing leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree and eligibility to take the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) for professional licensure as a registered nurse. The full-time curriculum includes 124-126 credits. It will usually take 8 additional terms to complete the nursing program, unless placement to the sophomore year is granted (see below).

Students may begin to fulfill liberal arts and elective requirements while enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences, College of General Studies, or a regional campus. Liberal Arts Requirements: Anthropology/Culture, Art/Music/Creative Expression/Literature, English Composition, Psychology, Sociology, Speech, Statistics.

ADMISSION
Applications for transfer consideration are accepted for admission in Fall and Spring Terms. Applications will be reviewed and decisions made based on the student’s college and high school performance and consideration of the number of seats available in the class. The evaluation will consider grade trends, cumulative GPA, number of credits completed, level of challenge of curriculum, transferability of credits and coursework relevant to the major.

Attainment of the following items does not guarantee admission:

- Completion of 24 college-level credits (should include science courses with B or higher grade)
- 3.5 minimum cumulative GPA

APPLICATION
- Complete and submit the following forms to current academic advisor
  - Undergraduate Academic Program Change Form (available at respective academic center)
  - School of Nursing Internal Transfer Application Form (available at nursing.pitt.edu)
- The respective Student Records Office will forward the forms and academic file to the School of Nursing.
- The School of Nursing will notify applicant of its admission decision via student’s Pitt e-mail
- Deadlines
  - Spring Term Admission to Freshman Class
    - November 1
    - Fall Term grades must be evaluated for final determination
  - Fall Term Admission to Freshman Class*
    - April 1
    - Spring Term grades must be evaluated for final determination
* After admission to freshman class, eligibility for placement in sophomore class will be determined by review of academic records and availability of sophomore class seats

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SOPHOMORE PLACEMENT
Admission to the School of Nursing for all transfer students is to the freshman class. However, a limited number of seats are available at the sophomore level. Admission decisions for these seats are made separately, after admission to freshman class.

Eligibility for placement in sophomore class is determined by availability of seats in the sophomore class and review of the student’s academic records by Student Services.

Students interested in sophomore placement must have completed the following courses:
- NUR 0012/ NUR 0002  Anatomy & Physiology 1 Lecture/ Lab  (3 cr./ 1 cr.)
- NUR 0013/ NUR 0003  Anatomy & Physiology 2 Lecture/ Lab  (3 cr./ 1 cr.)
- CHEM 0910  Chem. Principles for Health Professions  (4 cr.)
- NUR 0031/ NUR 0032  Microbiology Lecture/ Lab  (3 cr./ 1 cr.)

PERMISSION TO ENROLL IN NURSING COURSES
First-year BSN sciences courses are reserved for nursing students. Therefore, students need to utilize the Admission to Closed or Restricted Class Request FORM to seek enrollment permission numbers from the course instructor.

Admission to Closed or Restricted Class Request FORM
- Available at:
  - nursing.pitt.edu > Resources for Students > Student Forms & Documents
  - 239 Victoria Building (Student Services Office)
- Complete the form
- Obtain instructor signature
- Return completed and signed form to 239 Victoria Building (Student Services Office)
- Information:
  - Class Instructor: my.pitt.edu > Student Center
  - Faculty office address: find.pitt.edu

TRANSFER CREDIT
The following criteria govern the transfer of advanced credits:
- Liberal arts courses: (C or higher grade required)
- Science courses: (B or higher grade required) completed within past 8 years (unless extenuating circumstances)
- When requested, course descriptions or syllabi must be submitted to determine equivalency to University of Pittsburgh courses.
- Credit transferred for a course may be no greater than the credit given by University of Pittsburgh

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Internal Transfer Information Session
- Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. (Fall & Spring Terms)
- Victoria Building (Student Services Office)
- No RSVP required

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