

School of Nursing

*9th in DNP & 12th in MSN, U.S. News & World Report's 2020 Best Nursing Grad Schools
4th in NIH funding (2018) 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 (complete prerequisites during undergraduate studies)

The Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN enables students to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) in **three consecutive terms**. One-hundred percent of admitted students have successfully completed the program.

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, including six local major teaching hospitals and/or more than 50 community healthcare facilities in the greater Pittsburgh area.

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.

Graduates of the Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN are generalists with the necessary foundation for graduate nursing education and continuing professional development and qualify to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for professional licensure as a registered nurse.

DIRECT ADMISSION to MSN

Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN students are offered direct admission to the MSN Clinical Nurse Leader or Nursing Informatics, if MSN admission criteria are met. Students are required to successfully pass the NCLEX during the first term of the MSN program.

CURRICULUM FORMAT

- Onsite / Full-time (3 consecutive terms)
- 54 credits (includes 810 clinical hours)
- Fall, Spring, and Summer Term admission

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 may be taken at the School of Nursing, prior to admission, as non-degree seeking
 - Online application: nursing.pitt.edu (may submit application while completing prerequisites)
- International applicants: nursing.pitt.edu & ois.pitt.edu
- **Rolling Admissions**
- **Deadlines:** February 15 (Fall Term), June 1 (Spring Term), October 1 (Summer Term)

⁺Admitted students are required to submit official GRE scores prior to start of Term 1 (exam fee paid by School of Nursing).

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 I
(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
Introduction to Healthcare Finance and Policy
(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
(18 credits)

A series of Kaplan Preparation Practice Tests are integrated throughout the curriculum. A Diagnostic Prep, Predictor Exam, and 3-day Kaplan Review are scheduled at end of program to provide students with prep resources to take the NCLEX.

ACCELERATED 2nd DEGREE BSN INFO SESSION

Every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. (see academic calendar at registrar.pitt.edu/calendars.html for university closures)
240 Victoria Building (Student Affairs), 3500 Victoria Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15261. No RSVP needed

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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