College of Nursing – BSN Program

2022 Admission Application Instructions

Who should use this application?
These instructions are for applicants to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. Applicants with an associate's degree in nursing should apply to the RN to BSN Program. Please read these instructions carefully before completing the online application.

Consideration for admission
The application process for the BSN is highly selective and involves a comprehensive evaluation of all eligible applicants. All aspects of the application, including the recorded online video interview and submission of official transcripts by the deadline, must be completed to be considered eligible. Our goal is to build a class that exemplifies the values of our college and the university. We strive to enroll an undergraduate class that exemplifies diversity in thoughts and experiences, academic preparedness and the ability to persevere through challenges. We receive far more applicants than we can accommodate in our program and are in a position to deny qualified applicants.

Due to the sequential nature of the curriculum, entering classes are admitted for autumn semester only.

To be considered for admission to the nursing major, an applicant must have met the following requirements by the posted deadlines:

1. Completion of the prerequisite courses listed below with a minimum of 30 semester hours by the end of spring term. Advanced Placement (AP), Credit by Examination (EM), and transfer credit (K) will be counted toward the 30 required credit hours.

2. A grade of C+ or better in all specified prerequisite courses. Students taking prerequisite courses at institutions that do not award grades on a +/- scale must earn a grade of "B" or higher in each prerequisite course in order to be eligible for admission.

3. An overall 3.2 grade point average (GPA) on all undergraduate and graduate coursework, including any college-level coursework taken through high-school post-secondary programs.
BSN prerequisite courses

Anatomy 2300 or 3300 or EEOB 2510
Biology 1101 or 1110 or 1113 (with lab)
Chemistry 1110 or 1210 (with lab)
EEOB 2520 or PHYSIO 3200 or PHR 3100
English 1110*
Psychology 1100
Sociology 1101 or Rural Sociology 1500

* Per university policy, students who have transfer or post-secondary/CCP credit for 2367 will be exempt from taking English 1110.

Courses listed above are Ohio State course numbers. Students can fulfill nursing prerequisites by taking the Ohio State courses listed or directly equivalent courses at other accredited institutions. Students may also earn credit for prerequisite coursework through CLEP or department exams. The BSN program does not accept General (GEN), Special (SPL) or Technical (TECH) credit for prerequisite courses. Contact the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions for additional information. All transcripts must be received by May 23, 2022 to be considered for admission, including transcripts demonstrating completion of prerequisite coursework.

Transfer Students & Transfer Credit
An eligible applicant who has completed college work elsewhere (including through College Credit Plus (CCP)) may receive equivalent semester hours of credit for academic courses completed with a grade of C+ or higher from a regionally accredited college through the transfer credit process. Transfer credit is evaluated on a case by case basis. Please refer to the University Registrar website to learn more about transfer credit and resolving General, Technical, and Special credit. The traditional BSN program does not accept General (GEN), Special (SPL) or Technical (TECH) credit for prerequisite courses.

Students transferring from other institutions or individuals who have already completed a college degree are considered on the same basis as Ohio State students who apply for admission to the nursing major. Students who plan to take or have taken their prerequisites at an institution other than Ohio State must check transfer equivalencies at www.transferology.com or contact the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions with questions regarding course equivalencies at other accredited institutions. Although evaluation of prerequisite courses is a function of the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions, applicants are responsible for ensuring they will complete the prerequisites or their equivalencies by the conclusion of spring term. All official transcripts and test scores (such as AP scores) must be received by May 23, 2022 to be considered for admission. Official transcripts from all colleges or universities where credit was earned are required to be submitted. This includes transcripts with college credit that may not be applied towards the prerequisites or BSN degree.

When to apply
Application materials are available beginning October 1 of each year. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible to ensure the application is complete at the time of review. The application deadline is January 15. Decisions will be announced by mid-June.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring they will complete the prerequisites (or their direct equivalencies), as well as 30 semester credit hours by the conclusion of the spring term, and will have official transcripts demonstrating the completion of
Students applying directly from high school

Senior-level high school students may apply directly to the College of Nursing BSN program for Autumn 2022 admission. The following items must be complete in order to be considered for admission to the BSN program:

- Students must apply concurrently to:
  - The Ohio State University - through the Undergraduate Admissions website (by February 1)
    - Applicant must be accepted to The Ohio State University Columbus Campus only.
  - The College of Nursing BSN program - through the Professional Admissions website (by January 15)

- Completion of all prerequisite courses by the end of the 2022 Spring Semester with a C+ or better*. All official transcripts and test scores, including transcripts demonstrating completion of prerequisite coursework, must be received by May 23, 2022.

- Minimum GPA of a 3.2 on a 4.0 scale on overall collegiate academic courses.

- Completion of 30 semester credit hours of college coursework (25 of which are prerequisite courses) by the end of the 2022 Spring Semester. Credit from AP scores and transfer credit count towards this requirement. Official test scores and transcripts for college-level courses taken through spring semester must be received by the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions no later than May 23, 2022. If you will have any AP courses in-progress at the time you apply, please contact nursing@osu.edu to discuss the timeline for submission of your AP scores.

*Students taking prerequisite courses at institutions that do not award grades on a +/- scale must earn a grade of "B" or higher in each of the prerequisite courses in order to be eligible for admission.

Application materials

The application materials listed here constitute a complete application for admission to the nursing major. You may check the status of your application at appstatus.osu.edu, but please allow two weeks from the time of submission for updates to be made to your status. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to deny applicants for an incomplete application.

- **Online application for admission**

  Use your correct legal name at the time you apply to the university. If your name, address, or email changes prior to enrollment in the university, please access your Self-Service webpage after the change occurs to update your student record. Instructions to access this website will be emailed to you after your application is submitted.

- **Application fee**

  A nonrefundable $60 application fee is required of U.S. applicants; a $70 application fee is required of international applicants. If you are or have ever been enrolled as an undergraduate degree-seeking student at Ohio State, no application fee is required.

- **Transcripts**

  Official and complete transcripts of all courses attempted at a college or university (including through College Credit Plus and at colleges and universities other than Ohio State) must be submitted to the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions directly from the institution(s) attended. It is the applicant’s responsibility to provide all transcripts by the May 23 transcript deadline. Official test scores,
including AP scores, must be on file by May 23, 2022. The applicant may be denied admission if transcripts and/or test scores are not received. **We are not able to make any exceptions or extensions to this deadline.**

**Applicants who have attended Ohio State are not required to furnish Ohio State transcripts, but must submit updated, official transcripts of any courses taken elsewhere, including through College Credit Plus.**

Institutions that issue electronic transcripts should send them to gpadocs@osu.edu.

◆ **Prerequisite Summary Worksheet**

All applicants must complete the Prerequisite Summary Worksheet on the online application. This information will be helpful as an initial step in evaluating prerequisites for admission. Please ensure you have completed the form to the best of your ability by reviewing the sample worksheet below. Students can meet nursing prerequisites by taking the Ohio State courses listed on page two of these instructions, or directly equivalent courses at other regionally accredited institutions. **Course grades must be C+ or higher.** Students may find many transfer credit equivalencies at [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com) or can email the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions at gpadmissions@osu.edu.

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◆ **Personal Statement & Essays**

Complete the personal statement and essays embedded in the online application by January 15. The personal statement and essays provide an opportunity for you to share attributes and experiences that will make you a successful student in the BSN program. Please review the instructions/guidance provided in the application for specific details. You will have the ability to save and go back to your work before submitting the application.

◆ **Recorded online video Interview**

Complete the recorded online video interview by January 15. The recorded online video interview process provides an additional avenue for you to demonstrate your attributes and experiences through a verbal response. This will provide you with an opportunity to showcase your professionalism and ability to effectively communicate your thoughts. Please visit [nursing.osu.edu/bsn](http://nursing.osu.edu/bsn) for more information on the process and to access the recorded online video interview. Applicants should submit the BSN application prior to completing the recorded online video interview.
The College of Nursing will not contact applicants that are deficient for application requirements. It is the applicant's responsibility to complete prerequisite coursework by the deadline, meet the minimum requirements for admission, and verify transfer credit will fulfill the prerequisite courses. Please refer to [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com) or the academic unit at Ohio State for information about credit transferability or re-evaluation of credit. For more information or a definition of the re-evaluation process, please visit [http://registrar.osu.edu/transfer_credit/index.asp](http://registrar.osu.edu/transfer_credit/index.asp).

**English proficiency requirements**

Success at Ohio State depends upon the student's ability to converse, write, and understand English. The university requires any applicant whose native language is not English, and who has been educated primarily outside of the U.S., to submit official TOEFL or IELTS scores. To be considered official, the scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to Ohio State. Ohio State does not conditionally admit applicants who have not met the requirement for proof of English proficiency. Information on minimum score requirements and exceptions for the testing requirement can be found at [http://gpadmissions.osu.edu/intl/english-proficiency.html](http://gpadmissions.osu.edu/intl/english-proficiency.html). No student will be considered for admission until proof of English proficiency is determined.

**Financial requirements for student visa**

International applicants who are determined to be academically admissible will be reviewed for sufficient financial resources. If determined academically admissible, applicants will be emailed an Affidavit of Support form and will be required to submit financial documents in order to produce the I-20 (for F1 visa) or DS-2019 (for J1 visa).

**Financial aid**

All students are encouraged to apply for aid even though an admissions application may be under review. General information about the Office of Student Financial Aid is available at [http://sfa.osu.edu](http://sfa.osu.edu).

The priority deadline for students applying for merit and need based university financial aid is February 1. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be accessed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and submitted electronically. Reapplication for aid is required yearly; forms are available after January 1. For more information you can contact Buckeyelink at buckeyelink@osu.edu or by phone at 614-292-0300.

**Retention/reapplication information**

Application materials are retained in the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions for one year. The application and all supporting documents become the property of Ohio State and will not be returned to the applicant or forwarded to another institution. **If you wish to reapply to the next year's class, it will be necessary for you to submit a new application.** The new application must be received in the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions by the deadline date listed on the website: [gpadmissions.osu.edu](http://gpadmissions.osu.edu).
Licensure and certification

In order to practice professional nursing as a Registered Nurse, you must pass a licensing examination (NCLEX RN). Applicants must submit their fingerprints to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) in order to be eligible to sit for the licensing examination. A prior conviction for certain criminal offenses identified in the Ohio Revised Code (e.g., O.R.C. Sections 4723.09) may bar an applicant from taking the licensing examination for Registered Nursing. Admission to the College of Nursing in no way guarantees that an applicant will be eligible for licensure or employment as a Registered Nurse.

Diversity statement

The Ohio State University is committed to building a diverse faculty and staff for employment and promotion to ensure the highest quality workforce, to reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for minorities and women. The university embraces human diversity and is committed to equal employment opportunity, affirmative action and eliminating discrimination. Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status—defined as age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran status—is prohibited.

For further information, contact the Office of Human Resources, 1590 N. High St., Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43201-2190 or 614-292-4164.
Application checklist
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Please use this checklist to ensure you have completed all necessary steps to apply to the BSN Nursing major in the College of Nursing. The following items are to be submitted to the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions:

1. Complete and submit the online application which includes the Prerequisite Summary Worksheet and essay responses. A non-refundable application fee, if required, will be payable by debit or credit card only. These items are due by January 15.
2. Complete the recorded online video interview by January 15. Visit nursing.osu.edu/bsn for information on the online interview.
3. Request official transcripts of all non-Ohio State post-high school course work (including College Credit Plus or any college coursework completed outside of Ohio State) and all test scores, including AP test scores, to be sent to the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions at the address below. Official transcripts and test scores must be received by the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions by May 23.
4. Arrange to take the TOEFL or IELTS, if required, and have the score sent directly to Ohio State.

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