Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Accelerated Program

The health care field in general and the nursing profession in particular are undergoing rapid transition. Nurses today must be able to deliver care to individuals and groups across the lifespan. The Cleveland State University School of Nursing prepares graduates of its Bachelor of Science in Nursing program with a strong theoretical and clinical foundation which is necessary for them to function as professional nurses. Our community-based nursing program prepares students to deliver care in primary, secondary and tertiary settings, to take a leading role in responding to the challenges of our changing health care environment, and to continue expanding their scope of practice through continuing and graduate nursing education.

What is an accelerated BSN program?
An accelerated BSN program is an alternative program that can dramatically shorten the time frame for receiving a degree in nursing for students who already hold a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing subject and have completed all required prerequisites. Accelerated program students complete the nursing courses in a specially designed sequence providing the same number of credits (69 semester hours) as in a basic BSN program. By building on past educational achievements, students in our accelerated program can earn a BSN degree in four intense semesters.

How is the program scheduled?
The program requires full-time student status over four consecutive semesters. The program commences in January and students graduate in May of the following year.

Prerequisite Coursework
- Anatomy and Physiology I and II
- Chemistry I and II
- Microbiology
- Principles of Psychology
- Statistics
- Health Care Ethics

Computer Competency (proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, & PowerPoint)

Please see our website for scheduled Advising Sessions
Admission to the School of Nursing

Begin the admissions process by attending an information session. A schedule may be found on our website. You may also contact the School of Nursing and schedule an appointment with an advisor. Detailed admissions requirements, instructions, and application forms may be also found on the School of Nursing website. www.csuohio.edu/nursing

Requirements for admission include:

1. Apply for admission to CSU as a pre-Nursing student. We recommend that this be done at least six weeks prior to the School of Nursing application deadline.
2. Complete all prerequisite coursework with a grade of “C” or higher. Maintain an overall prerequisite GPA of at least 3.0.
3. Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
4. Apply for admission to the School of Nursing. The application deadline is June 1 for the cohort which begins the following January. You must have successfully completed two of the science prerequisites at the time of application submission, and have all prerequisites completed by the end of the fall semester in the year of application.
5. Submit two reference forms and a current resume with your application.

Cleveland State University
School of Nursing

The School of Nursing at Cleveland State University offers both undergraduate and graduate nursing programs which are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Our pre-licensure program is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN). The programs are available to men and women who have been admitted to Cleveland State University and the School of Nursing.

The School of Nursing offers programs in the following areas:

- Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program
- Accelerated BSN, a second degree that offers a BSN in four consecutive semesters
- RN to BSN, an online program which is completed in three consecutive semesters for practicing Registered Nurses
- Master of Science in Nursing (Specialized Population, Nursing Education, Clinical Nurse Leader, Forensics)
- MSN/MBA
- Interdisciplinary Certificates in Nursing Education, and Gerontology
- PhD in Urban Education with a specialization in Nursing Education through the College of Education and Human Services’ Doctoral Studies program

For More Information

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