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 the Basic BSN program?
The Basic program is designed for those students who are seeking a baccalaureate degree and licensure as a registered nurse. This traditional program is three years in length for the nursing course sequence for a total of 69 credit hours. Completion of the prerequisite coursework is required before beginning the nursing program. The time frame for the entire program is estimated at four to five years for completion.

How is the program scheduled?
The program requires full-time student status over three years for the nursing course sequence. The program begins in the fall semester of every year. Nursing classes are scheduled for the fall and spring semesters.

Prerequisite Coursework
Anatomy and Physiology I and II  
Chemistry I and II  
Microbiology  
Principles of Psychology  
College Level Mathematics  
English 101 and 102  

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

*Statistics and Health Care Ethics

*Support courses do not have to be completed prior to starting the program
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. We recommend that this be done at least six weeks prior to any School of Nursing deadlines.
2) Complete all prerequisite coursework with a grade of “C” or higher. Maintain an overall prerequisite GPA of at least 3.00.
3) Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75.
4) Apply for admission to the School of Nursing. Deadlines are January 1st for early decision and March 1st final deadline for the fall class. Must have successfully completed two of the science prerequisites at the time of application submission.
5) Submit two letters of recommendation (included in the application packet) 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

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