

# NURSING (BSN)

## Admission Requirements

The School of Nursing accepts one class of nursing students to its program to start the nursing program each fall term and each spring term. An application to the School of Nursing is required for the competitive selection process. Admittance to the nursing program (upper level clinical course sequence) is conducted through a rolling admissions process. Evaluation for the fall cohort begins in November of each year, and students are selected by April of each year. Evaluation for the Spring cohort begins in March of each year, and students are selected by August of each year.

Students can apply for the Nursing program once they have met the following requirements:

- Completed AREA A, AREA D required sciences (CHEM 1151 Survey of Chemistry I/CHEM 1151L Survey of Chemistry I Lab and CHEM 1152 Survey of Chemistry II/CHEM 1152L Survey of Chemistry II Lab), Area F, and have fewer than nine (9) remaining hours of Core left to complete. Students must meet the terms of the School of Nursing Science Policy
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  - Students may only FAIL (D or F) or WITHDRAW FAILING (WF) from one Area D/F science course and be allowed to repeat it within five years of acceptance into the Nursing Program. The grade of the AREA D/F science course failure and the grade of the second attempt of the AREA D/F science course will be averaged and utilized in the program GPA. Failing two science courses (D, F, or WF) will make a student ineligible to apply for five years.
  - A science course that was taken more than seven years prior to acceptance into the Nursing Program MUST be repeated and ONLY the grade earned for the repeated course will be used in the nursing GPA.
  - Science courses: CHEM 1151/1151L (Survey of Chemistry I), CHEM 1152/1152L (Survey of Chemistry II), BIOL 2251K (Human and Physiology I), BIOL 2252K (Human and Physiology II), BIOL 2260K (Microbiology)
- Maintaining a 3.00 or higher overall GPA
- Pass the "A2 Assessment" test with 75% or greater on each of the three (3) sections (math, grammar and reading).
- During the application process, students will also be asked to provide three (3) professional recommendations

The application process begins in January each year for the upcoming fall nursing class.

Application deadlines are provided at our Nursing (BSN) page (<https://www.columbusstate.edu/nursing/bsn.php>)

## Additional Program Requirements

Requirements for students to progress in clinical nursing course sequence include:

- maintaining 3.00 overall GPA
- successful completion of prerequisites not met before entry into program

- successful completion of required nursing achievement exams
- annual evidence of required immunizations, TB screening, BLS certification, and current professional liability insurance
- eligibility to enter clinical agencies for clinical experiences

Requirements for students to graduate from BSN Program:

- maintaining a 3.00 or higher overall GPA
- successful completion of all university requirements
- successful completion of all BSN program requirements
- students who fail to meet graduation requirements within seven years of their first admission to the nursing program are subject to having all credits reevaluated