

# ADMISSION

All students admitted to the MSN program must meet all UNA graduate admission requirements (see General Regulations and Procedures (<https://catalog.una.edu/graduate/general-regulations-procedures>)). All required admission material must be submitted by the deadline date.

Additional requirements for admission to the MSN program are:

1. A completed application to the ACONHP graduate program (available online at <https://www.una.edu/graduate/>)
2. A cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0.
3. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from a professionally accredited nursing program in the United States.
4. A written statement of professional goals and the role of graduate education in achieving those goals.
5. A current unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse in the United States.
6. All teaching/learning applicants must have one year of clinical practice as a registered nurse.

Conditional admission is considered for applicants who meet the admission criteria in part. A student admitted conditionally must have three years of full time clinical experience as a registered nurse.

Conditionally admitted students must earn a grade point average of 3.0 or greater after the first nine hours of study. Conditionally admitted students who fall below 3.0 after nine hours of study may not continue in the program.

International students must meet all University and ACONHP graduate admission requirements and must have a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based TOEFL.

All applications for admission undergo review by the graduate nursing faculty. Admission decisions will be made by the ACONHP graduate administration and faculty.

## MSN Academic Requirements

- All students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 on all valid work attempted in the MSN program with not more than six semester hours at C or below. A student who has earned a grade of C or below in more than six semester hours of coursework will be dismissed from the program.
- Students who fall below a 3.0 will be placed on academic probation. Students will remain on academic probation until their cumulative GPA is restored to a 3.0 or above. However students must maintain a 3.0 in each probationary semester until the student's overall GPA is 3.0.
- A student whose final GPA is less than 3.0 is not qualified for graduation.
- A student may make a grade of C or below in no more than six semester hours of coursework, within the MSN program.
- If a student earns a grade below C (D or F) in any required MSN course, the student must repeat that course. If the subsequent grade is below C, the student may not continue in the program. If the subsequent grade is C or above, continuance in the program is contingent upon the MSN Academic Requirements as stated above. A student may repeat a maximum of six semester hours. **Repeating a course does not delete the previous grade.**
- A student who has a GPA below 3.0 after completing all courses in his/ her program of study is ineligible for graduation. However, this student may enroll in a maximum of six additional hours in order to reach the required GPA. Students may enroll in MSN courses not previously taken, or may retake courses in which they earned a grade of C or less. No other courses will be accepted. Students must complete the six additional hours within two semesters of completing the program of study. Repeating a course does not delete the previous grade.
- A student who has earned a grade of C or below in more than six semester hours of coursework is ineligible for graduation and may not take any additional courses.
- A student must complete all coursework within seven years from the date of initial enrollment. Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances. A written request for extension should be sent to the director of the MSN program explaining the reason for the extension. If granted, the extension will be for one calendar year.