BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING-ACCELERATED OPTION

Admission for Accelerated Option

The accelerated BSN option is a hybrid program available for students who have previously completed a baccalaureate degree. The didactic portion of the courses will be delivered primarily in an online format. The clinical component of the courses will be face-to-face and the student will be required to attend clinical at designated times and locations in Northwest Alabama.

Applications will be admitted to the accelerated BSN option after completion of the BSN undergraduate program prerequisites as listed in the catalog. Applicants must be admitted to UNA and have all transcripts submitted to the Admissions Office by the application deadline. In addition, international applicants must have met all University requirements regarding TOEFL/English proficiency by the application deadline. A baccalaureate degree from another country is acceptable, provided a WES evaluation has deemed the courses as acceptable and the applicant is given credit for the degree through the University’s Office of Admissions. There is no time limit on prerequisite courses. The student must be aware that they are responsible for the information in the prerequisite courses as the nursing curriculum builds on prior learning.

Applications will be available in February and due March 1 of each year for admission to begin in the May intersession. Applications are available on the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions (ACONHP) website during this time. Decisions will be made and students notified by April 1 of each year.

In addition to the current traditional BSN admission requirements, with the exception of the general education component, the following admission criteria will be applied:

- Completion of baccalaureate degree in another field.
- Completion of required prerequisites prior to entering the program.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA for first degree or prerequisite courses.
- Students who do not meet the admission requirement of 3.0 GPA (first degree or nursing prerequisites) may apply and if accepted, the acceptance shall be conditional. Students admitted conditionally in the Accelerated BSN option, who fail (below C or 75) in two courses or more, are ineligible for readmission.
- Students must be available to attend clinical at designated times and locations in Northwest Alabama every week.

It is suggested that applicants have the following:

- Willingness to limit or cease working during this period, as necessary
- Flexible schedule for class and clinical
- Literacy in computer applications and a functional home computer
- Transportation to clinical site

Progression/Retention

Accelerated Option

Retention in the traditional/accelerated program is based on continued satisfaction of health requirements, certification, liability requirements, and appropriate academic progress with a grade of C or higher in each nursing course.

- Appropriated academic progress with a grade of C (75) or higher in each professional nursing course and satisfactory in the clinical component of the course to receive a C (75) or higher.
- Students must be eligible to participate in rotations in all clinical facilities to be eligible for admission/retention in the program.
- Satisfactory completion of nursing courses done in sequence. When a student receives a grade of less than C (75) or a clinical failure, the student may not progress to any clinical course until the failed course is repeated and requirements are met. Progression to a nonclinical course will only be granted with permission of the department chair.
- Foundations of Nursing Accelerated (NU 341R) is the prerequisite and/or co-requisite for Community Health Nursing Accelerated (NU 342WR). A student withdrawing from Foundations of Nursing Accelerated (NU 341R) must also withdraw from Community Health Nursing Accelerated (NU 342WR) until Foundations of Nursing Accelerated (NU 341R) enrollment is resumed and/or completed.
- A student who has failed a nursing course may repeat the failed course only once. In the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions, no student will be permitted to use the Repeat/Recompute Policy or the Second Chance Provision for any nursing course (NU designation). A student in the nursing program can receive no more than one course failure throughout the nursing program. After two course failures, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- Students in the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions who have received 3 unsatisfactory courses in a clinical course for any reason (administrative or otherwise) will receive a clinical failure and get an “F” in the course. There are reasons other than three clinical unsatisfactory courses for which a student might fail clinical and these include critical incidents found in the Disciplinary Policies of the current Nursing Student Handbook. The clinical failure is an “F” for the course no matter when/if the student withdraws. This includes any time within the University's withdrawal (“W”) period. Should this be a second course failure for the student, the student will be required to withdraw from all nursing courses at the time of the second course failure.
- Any student who withdraws from the first summer term courses (NU 341R, NU 342WR, NU 345R) will be required to submit a formal application during a future application period, see the current Nursing Student Handbook.
- Once admitted into the ACONHP, a student with a failing average in any nursing course may not withdraw from the course to prevent course failure. This includes any time within the University's withdrawal (W) period. Any student who drops a course with an average of less than 75 will receive a WF in nursing courses. A WF for any reason is considered a course failure. Students who are eligible to repeat a failed course will be readmitted to the course on a "space available" basis.
- After a second withdrawal from the same course (without extenuating circumstances), a student will be required to wait one semester (excluding the summer semester) before retaking the...
course. Extenuating circumstances are to be determined by faculty on an individual basis.

- Students eligible to return to a nursing course after a withdrawal "W" or course failure "D/F" from a required nursing (NU) course will be readmitted to the course on a "space available" basis.
- Maintenance of 2.0 GPA throughout the nursing program.
- Once the student is "out of sync", he/she must adjust to any curriculum changes occurring at that time.

**Dismissal**

After two course failures, the student is dismissed from the program. A situation in which the student places the client’s life in danger or shows severe behavioral misconduct toward the client and family, clinical facility staff, faculty or other students will result in immediate Administrative Dismissal of the student from the program. In such cases, the student’s transcript will reflect the University’s grade system as outlined in the University catalog. Behaviors for which the ACONHP have zero tolerance and result in dismissal from the program are listed in the appropriate nursing student handbooks.

**Readmission**

The student who has failed two nursing courses may petition the appropriate Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions Admissions, Readmissions, and Progressions Committee Chairperson for readmission after being dismissed from the program. Students may seek readmission to the ACONHP only one time, after the second course failure. Any readmitted student who earns a grade below “C” in a nursing course will be permanently dismissed from the program. Guidelines for readmission may be found in the Nursing Student Handbook that is specific to the student.

**BSN Accelerated Option Requirements**

* See required course sequence under Plan of Study Tab (p. 2)

**Completion of a baccalaureate degree in another field**

Accelerated nursing majors must complete (or have completed) the following General Education Courses:

- BI 241 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BI 242 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- BI 307 Microbiology
- BI 302 Clinical Microbiology
- CH 101 Introductory Chemistry
- CNH 342 Nutrition
- ED 299 Human Growth and Development
- PY 201 General Psychology
- MA 147 Elementary Statistics
- NU 203W Nursing Concepts
- NU 203WR Nursing Concepts
- NU 238 Pathophysiology for the Professional Nurse
- NU 238R Pathophysiology for the Professional Nurse

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**Total Hours** 60

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2. Online "R" courses are subject to online nursing fees. (See Expenses (https://catalog.uma.edu/undergraduate/expenses/) section)

**BSN Accelerated Option Plan of Study-Required**

The following semester-by-semester Plan of Study is required for the Accelerated BSN option:

Completion of a baccalaureate degree in another field

Accelerated nursing majors must complete (or have completed) the following General Education requirements:

1. Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BI 241)
2. Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BI 242)
3. Microbiology (BI 307)/Clinical Microbiology (BI 302)
4. Introductory Chemistry (CH 101)
5. Human Growth and Development (ED 299)BI
6. Nutrition (CNH 342)
7. General Psychology (PY 201)
8. Elementary Statistics (MA 147)
10. Pathophysiology for the Professional Nurse (NU 238R)
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