

Department of Nursing
RN-to-BSN PROGRAM

RN Advanced Entry Program . . . for applicants already licensed as Registered Nurses

Responsibility for satisfying all requirements rests upon the student. Students must meet both the general education and the specific requirements of the Department of Nursing to qualify for graduation. The BS program requires a minimum of 122 credit hours, with a minimum of 30 of those credits being completed at UVU and a minimum of 40 credits completed in upper division courses. Until matriculated in the program, all requirements are subject to change without written notice or obligation.

PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS: Eligibility to apply requires completion of all prerequisite courses listed. Prerequisites, including all nursing courses, **if completed prior to January 1, 2010**, will be accepted under our previous C grade minimum requirement; however, beginning January 1, 2010, all prerequisites and/or nursing courses taken AFTER that date, will be under the new B- minimum requirement. **Final grades must be available by the application deadline in order to be eligible to make application.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate-level nursing core courses • CHEM 1110 Elem Chemistry • ZOOL 2320 Human Anatomy w/ lab • ZOOL 2420 Human Physiology w/ lab • MICR 2060 Microbiology w/ lab | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATH 1050 College Algebra • ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing • ENGL 2020 Intern Writing • PSY 1100 Human Development/Life Span |
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GE REQUIREMENTS: The following GE requirements are also required for the degree. Courses marked with an * have options; go to www.uvu.edu/cacc for options from which you may choose. Depending on previous degree(s) completed, some of these GE requirements may be waived. Check with Advisor.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Institutions * • Fine Arts * | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanities * • PHIL 2050 Ethics & Values |
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NURSING CURRICULUM OUTLINE:

SEMESTER 5			SEMESTER 6		
NURS 2300	Nursing Health Assessment	3.0	NURS 4300	Nursing Theory	2.0
NURS 2310	Nursing Pharmacology	3.0	NURS 4310	Nursing Research	3.0
NURS 3400	Patient Care Coord & Mgmt	3.0	NURS 4320	Nursing in the Community	4.0
NURS 4400	Pathophysiology	4.0	NURS 4330	Nursing in Hlth Systems & Policy	4.0
Nursing Elective		<u>2.0</u>	MATH 2040	Prin of Stats (or MATH 1040 Intro Stats)	<u>4.0</u>
Total		15.0	Total		17.0

SEMESTER 7		
NURS 4400	Nursing Leadership	4.0
NURS 441G	Nursing in Global Perspectives	3.0
NURS 4420	Senior Seminar in Nursing	3.0
NURS 4430	Senior Project in Nursing	3.0
Nursing Elective		<u>2.0</u>
Total		15.0

- It is STRONGLY suggested that Pathophysiology and Statistics be taken prior to entry; if not, patho can be taken with any nursing semester (or summer) but statistics MUST be taken either as a pre- or co-requisite to NURS 4310 in Semester 6.
- A minimum of 4 Nursing Electives are required to graduate; Special Topics are the preferred choice to satisfy these credits and can be taken with any semester of the program; check with advisor for choices offered each semester.
- A minimum of 40 upper-division credits is required to graduate; nursing credits alone will NOT satisfy this total, so additional upper-division credits may be necessary.

HOW TO BEGIN . . .

✓ APPLY TO UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

If you have **NEVER** applied to UVU, submit a UVU application and pay the one-time fee. Application can be done either online at www.uvu.edu or in person at One Stop, BA 106. Along with your application, you must also submit official high school and college transcripts from all college campuses attended.

If you have **applied to UVU before**, but never attended or have not attended classes for a year or more, you must submit an updated application and be readmitted to the campus; there is no additional fee.

✓ SEND TRANSCRIPTS TO UVU ADMISSIONS OFFICE

If course work has been completed on another campus, it is your responsibility to arrange for official, sealed transcripts to be submitted to either One Stop or in the UVU Admissions office, where the evaluation process will begin. **Until credits are posted on the UVU record, they are considered pending and may not satisfy requirements of the nursing program.** Any grade below C- WILL NOT transfer to UVU.

Once this process has been completed, you are able to access your "Transfer Credit Awarded" information via UVLink to see exactly how your credits have transferred and what program requirements they satisfy. You will need your UVID# to access this information.

The University also requests official high school transcripts, GED or other certification of high school completion.

✓ COMPLETE PREREQUISITE COURSE WORK

Accepted applicants must complete all 10 prerequisite courses, with a B- grade minimum, prior to beginning the program. All 10 prerequisite courses will be used to calculate the GPA. **Course work must be completed and graded by the application deadline.**

All prerequisites are available to ALL students at UVU. All courses identified with a prefix of "NURS," with the exception of NURS 1400, are core program courses which are only open to those accepted to the program. Any additional general education requirements (i.e. Humanities, American Institutions) may be completed prior to entry.

Be aware of the following credits and/or grades and how they affect your nursing application:

Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit Grades: With the majority of points being awarded based on the prerequisite GPA, only letter grades are acceptable for these courses.

AP Credits: AP credits can be accepted as filling prerequisite requirements but only with scores of 3, 4 or 5. These must be posted to your transcript as credit. For purposes of calculating the GPA, a score of 3 = B+, 4 = A- and 5 = A.

ACT Scores: An ACT Score is only used to determine placement into a subject, but it DOES NOT waive ANY prerequisite course. MATH 1050 or a higher level math course which required MATH 1050 as a prerequisite (except for Trigonometry), is required in order to satisfy the Quantitative Literacy requirement for both the program prerequisite, as well for the university.

Repeating Course Work: Repeating courses for a better grade is an option but can only be repeated once within a 5-year time period. HOWEVER, only the MOST RECENT grade will satisfy degree requirements for the nursing program and for the University. **Once repeated, the grade for ALL previous attempts becomes unuseable in satisfying any degree requirement. ONLY THE MOST RECENT ATTEMPT will be considered for satisfying nursing application requirements, as well as UVU Graduation requirements. This applies not only to prerequisite courses but also GE requirements.**

✓ GRADE REQUIREMENTS

The grade required for ALL prerequisites and ALL nursing program course work is a B- or better. Grades of C or lower, will not satisfy these requirements.

✓ ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

An English Language Proficiency requirement must be met by all accepted applicants, for whom English is a second language, regardless of previous degrees completed in the United States. A minimum TOEFL score of 560 written, 220 computer or 83 iBT, taken within the past 2 years, must be provided as a contingency of acceptance. The TOEFL is not required in order to apply, but is required to meet contingencies of acceptance, if a position in the program is offered.

✓ CREDIT REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEGREE

The BSN program requires a minimum of 122 credits, 30 of which must be completed at UVU in order to meet the University's residency credit requirement. The degree also requires a minimum of 40 credit hours of upper division course work. Upper division course work is identified as course work at or above the 3000 level.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS . . .

To be eligible to apply, you must have

- 1 - completed a UVU application and been issued a UV ID#; and
- 2 - completed BIOL 1010, CHEM 1110, MATH 1050, ENGL 1010, NUTR 1020, MICR 2060, PSY 1100, ZOOL 2320,

ZOOL 2420 and NURS 1400, with a B- grade minimum, and taken no more than twice in the previous 5 years.

If prerequisite course work is in process, you are not eligible to make application.

APPLICATION TIME FRAMES . . .

Students are admitted in both Fall and Spring semesters each year. Fall Semesters begin the end of August and run through mid-December. Spring semesters begin the first week of January and run through the end of April.

Application to nursing is made for a specific semester only, as is acceptance to the program. Application can only be made for the upcoming semester when that application period is "open." Application can not be made for future application periods. Applications become available on the day the application period "opens" and completed applications, which must include ALL necessary documentation, will be accepted from the opening date, through 4 pm on the closing date. Materials WILL NOT be accepted after the published deadline. Application time frames open and close according to the following schedule:

	<u>Opens on...</u>	<u>Closes on...</u>
FALL	3 rd Monday in April	3 rd Friday in May
SPRING	3 rd Monday in August	3 rd Friday in September

The Department of Nursing CLOSSES at 4 pm on the day of the application deadline. In order to have a completed application, all documentation must be submitted by the 4 pm deadline. If the date lands on a holiday, the next business day applies.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS INCLUDE . . .

- 1 - Nursing Application Form - Application forms are specific to a semester and are not available year-round (refer to above time frames). When available, they can be obtained either in the Department of Nursing office, located on the UVU West Campus, suite MT 203 or can be printed off our website at www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing.
- 2 - Transcripts -All applicants (including UVU students) must submit a transcript with the application. An unofficial copy of grades is acceptable from all colleges and universities you have attended.
 - a - if credits have been transferred to UVU, submit a printout of the "Transfer Credit Awarded" page from UVLink showing all prerequisites; or
 - b - if credits have NOT been transferred, submit a hard copy of the transcript from **each** campus where a prerequisite course was completed. (Then follow directions under "SEND TRANSCRIPTS" to get these officially transferred and posted as credit at UVU.)
- 3 - TEAS Test Scores - The TEAS Test is a scored part of the application and therefore, is required for ALL

applicants!! A minimum score of 50% in ALL areas is required to remain eligible and be considered in the applicant pool.

Taking the TEAS Test requires a test voucher from the Department of Nursing, in MT 203. The voucher can be obtained at any time. The test results must be submitted with the completed application. **Each applicant will only have the opportunity to test once per application period and twice in a 5 year time frame.** If taken twice the student will determine which test to submit with the application. The TEAS Test was developed to measure basic essential skills in the academic content areas of Reading, Mathematics, Science and English/Language Usage. These entry-level skills were deemed important for nursing program applicants by a panel of nursing program curriculum experts.

The test is administered by UVU's Testing Services Office, located in the trailers at the NW corner of campus at 1165 West 800 South. Cost of the test is \$35, payable to Testing Services at the time of testing. Each section is timed and taking the entire test requires a maximum of 3 hours 29 minutes. Testing Services requires an additional half hour, so 4 hours must be allotted, even though you may finish in less time.

Check with the Testing Services Office at 801-863-8269 for their office hours and to verify the test is ready and available on the day you wish to test.

Study materials for the TEAS Test can be obtained through ATI Corporation's website at www.atitesting.com or some items can be purchased at the UVU Bookstore.

The TEAS Test is a 170-item, four-option, multiple-choice assessment. The following table may help you prepare in an organized and efficient manner.

Content Area	# of Questions	Time Allotted	Sub Categories	Min Score
READING	40	50 min	paragraph comprehension; passage comprehension; inferences/conclusions	50%
MATH	45	56 min	whole numbers;; fractions & decimals; percentages; ratio & proportion; metric conversions; algebraic equations; diagrams & graphs	50%
SCIENCE	30	38 min	science reasoning; science knowledge; biology; chemistry; anatomy & physiology; physics; general science	50%
ENGL/LANG	55	65 min	punctuation; grammar; sentence structure; spelling; contextual words	50%

SELECTION PROCESS . . .

Entry into the program is determined by a point-based, competitive process—THERE IS NO WAITING LIST!!

Each application will be scored up to a total of 2000 points, according to the percentages identified below. The weighted GPA will be scored to a maximum of 1200 points, the TEAS will be scored to a maximum of 800 points

Percentage	Factor	Which includes...
60%	Prereq GPA	BIOL 1010, CHEM 1110, MATH 1050, ENGL 1010, NUTR 1020, Micr 2060, Zool 2420, Zool 2320, Nurs 1400 and Psy 1100
40%	TEAS Scores	English, math, reading, science and overall comprehensive scores EACH worth max of 160 pts

All applicants will be notified of admission status **by mail within 8 weeks of the application deadline**. All eligible applicants will be rank-ordered, the top **60 will be conditionally accepted** into program. (See acceptance to the program)

All remaining, eligible candidates will be identified as alternates. Candidates from the alternate pool will be notified in rank-order if openings occur prior to the beginning of class for the semester for which the application was made.

Alternate candidates will not be carried forward to another application time frame. Applicants must re-apply to be considered for another application period

In the future, the nursing application may also include an interview process. It may be implemented as early as Fall 2010.

ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM. . .

Acceptance will be contingent upon:

- 1 - providing satisfactory results of both a federal background check and a drug screen. The background check will include a record of employment and all non-juvenile arrests and convictions, including sex offenses; UVU has sole discretion to deny entrance based upon the information contained in either of these two reports.
- 2 - providing a TOEFL score, no older than 2 years, of 560 for the written, 220 for the computer or 83 for the iBT test. (An English Language Proficiency requirement must be met by all applicants for whom English is a second language.) TOEFL Exam information is available at <http://www.ets.org>.

Space is limited in the program, so all eligible candidates can not be accepted. Acceptance to the nursing program

does not guarantee eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensing exam.

WHAT ARE COMPETITIVE LEVELS??

The mean scores from the past are reflected below. They reflect pools with 5 GPA classes. These means reflect the past 4 application periods.

Prerequisite GPA:	3.91	TEAS Reading:	96
TEAS English:	89	TEAS Math:	89
TEAS Science:	85	TEAS Comprehensive	89

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES . . .

Responsibility for satisfying all requirements rests upon you, the student. You must meet both the general education requirements, as well as the specific requirements of the Department of Nursing, including limitations on grades for specific courses, in order to qualify for graduation from the program.

All courses identified by the “NURS” prefix, must be taken in the sequence listed. Due to limits in class size, numbers of clinical placements and prerequisite sequences, it is not possible combine semesters to finish more quickly.

APPROXIMATE COSTS . . .

Information regarding current tuition and fees at UVU can be found at www.uvu.edu/tuition. In addition to these costs, nursing students will also incur expenses for the following items: (all dollar amounts are approximate)

Nursing Lab Fees	\$50-\$80 (per semester)
Drug Screen	\$45
Background Check	\$45
Uniforms	\$150-200
Textbooks	\$150-400 (per semester)
Supplies	\$150-\$200
Graduation Fee	\$25
Licensure Fees	\$300

Students will also incur costs associated with CPR certification, receiving and/or updating immunization records, physical exam and passport photos.

INFORMATION ABOUT NURSING . . .

Students are strongly encouraged to acquaint themselves with the various demands associated with nursing. Students in UVU's Nursing Program are expected to demonstrate the ability to perform functions similar to what would be expected in a nursing employment situation. Students must

be able to tolerate physically- and emotionally-taxing activities and perform appropriately during stressful situations, in order to meet the demands of the program, and eventually the profession.

The following web sites provide information regarding the physical, mental and emotional demands of nursing. We strongly suggest that you access, and become familiar with, this information before deciding to pursue a career in nursing.

Physical Demands:

www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing/docPhysicalDemands.html

Mental/Emotional Demands:

www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing/information.html

Essential Performance Requirements for UVU Nursing Students:

www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing/information.html

WEB RESOURCES . . .

• **DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

The Department of Nursing's website is located at www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing. This site has helpful information about our Department, current program information, transfer information from other State campuses, a Nursing GPA calculator to help you identify how competitive you might be in an applicant pool, downloadable applications for the current application period, etc. We suggest you access this site and become familiar with our Department and our programs.

• **UVLINK**

Another vital web resource for all UVU students is the online student information system, called UVLink.

Once you apply to UVU and are assigned a UVID#, you can access UVLink, which will give you access to a wide variety of information.

On the main UVLink page, you will be able to access general information such as:

- student timetables (registration, finals, etc.)
- registration tools (add/drop, class schedules, etc.)
- access to Blackboard Vista's "My Courses" pages
- tuition account balances and online payment options
- link your home e-mail to your UV e-mail
- buy parking permits. . . and MUCH, MUCH more!!

Also on the main UVLink Page is a link to your personal Student Records Menu. This link allows you to

- access final grades for the current semester
- view and/or print an unofficial UVU transcript
- view all Transfer Credit Awarded information
- run a Degree Evaluation . . .and MUCH, MUCH more!!

Access UVLink by going to UVU's official website at www.uvu.edu and click on the UVLink icon in the top left-hand corner...give it a try and see what information you have available!

ADVISORS

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