

GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF NURSING BSN-RN

Prepare to become a Registered Nurse while completing your Bachelor degree

When does the nursing program begin?

We have one start date a year and that it is the summer (usually close to July 1st).

Is your program a full time program?

Yes, we have daytime classes that all the junior students are in together. It is a full time commitment. Some students have part-time jobs for evenings and weekends but we encourage flexibility in their work hours and schedules.

What is the minimum GPA requirement?

2.5 CUM GPA is the minimum but we recommend higher for better chance of selection.

What requirements do I need to meet to be ready for your program?

Prospective students must have a minimum of 66 hours of general education courses and nursing prerequisite courses to begin our program. Accelerated Option applicants need minimum of 69 hours.

What are the prerequisite courses?

These courses must be completed in December to be considered for acceptance to the following summer start date of the program. These courses make up the science/math GPA.

- College level Algebra/or college level math (College Algebra preferred)
- Chemistry w/lab
- Anatomy & Physiology w/lab (can be taken together or separately)
- Microbiology w/lab

These courses must be completed prior to summer enrollment in the nursing program.

- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology
- Developmental Psychology (human lifespan)
- Nutrition
- Introduction to Statistics

This course is offered at Graceland in the spring semester of the junior year.

- Advanced Comp: Technical Report Writing (spring semester) upper division course. Adv. Comp: TRW will be waived (no hours given) if student has previous bachelor degree or if student has taken English 101 and 102 with a grade of A or B for each course.

What criteria do you use in making selections to the program?

The Cum GPA of 2.5 preferably higher (all points divided by attempted hours)
Pre-requisite GPA includes: Algebra, Intro to Statistics, Chemistry, Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Nutrition, Intro to Psych, Intro to Sociology and Developmental Psychology

The scores on the HESI exam
Reference letters and student essay/personal statement
Interview scores (students being considered may be invited to interview with a faculty member)

Our goal is to select the students most likely to complete the program successfully.

When is the application deadline?

November 30th and it is strongly suggested that students apply BEFORE that date so that all paperwork is received in a timely manner. The committee begins discussing the prospective students in the fall meetings. Late applications will be considered on a space-available basis.

When do you make selections to your program?

We begin making selections in January but the process may continue into June if openings become available.

How many do you select for your program?

The maximum we have selected is 50 students. All applicants apply to the nursing program. If they are invited to come for an interview, then they are asked if they would like to be considered for the AO program.

Do you maintain a waiting list?

No, when all the openings are filled then those students who have not been selected will be notified by mail. They are welcome to re-apply for the next year and be considered with that group of applicants.

What is the HESI exam?

A pre-admittance that we offer for students who want to be considered for the Graceland program.

The exam is online and scores are immediately available.

We offer the HESI proctored exam in December and January for prospective students.

Exam information and registration forms are online. It is the responsibility of the prospective student to print and send the registration form and fee. The cost is approx. \$35.

Information to purchase the study guide is also available online.

How long does the nursing program last?

Basically two years---students begin the summer of the junior year and continue with the fall and spring semesters. They return for the fall and spring semesters of their senior year, with the pinning ceremony and graduation in May.

What is the Accelerated Option or AO Program?

The **Accelerated Option** is an 18 month fast track to complete the BSN program. To be eligible, student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have completed 69 hours of the required general education & prerequisite courses. Selections are made by the committee to fill limited openings.

All applicants apply to the nursing program. If they are invited to come for an interview, then they are asked if they would like to be considered for the AO program at that time. All the new students (both regular and accelerated track) are in class together,. The AO students add one course in the Spring semester, take two courses in the summer and then take their Senior Clinical Practicum in January the second year. AO students usually return to participate in the Nursing Pinning Ceremony and Graduation with their classmates. See schedule of courses in Application Packet

Questions?

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