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Accelerated Bachelor of Science (ABS) in Nursing Program

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Our intensive program allows students to complete their program of study within 15 months, and students receive the same quality of clinical practice as their counterparts in our traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Students first accelerate through a bachelor's degree in nursing, get their license to practice, and set themselves up to pursue advanced nursing degrees in clinical practice, research, and administration.

Employers eagerly seek out graduates of accelerated programs because of the strong clinical skills, academic experience, and maturity these students bring to the workplace.

Top hospitals and health care agencies in the Delaware Valley and southern New Jersey partner with the Rutgers School of Nursing – Camden to provide challenging clinical experiences. This program offers opportunities to build skills and knowledge through participation in research and service learning projects in the region and abroad. Courses are taught by a faculty that is comprised of award-winning teachers, scientists, and clinicians.

Let us show you how our ABS in Nursing program can fit your academic plans and career goals!

Admission Requirements

Students admitted to the ABS program must meet the following requirements:

- Bachelors degree in any field
- Successful completion of the following prerequisites (Please note, Rutgers University School of Nursing-Camden has different pre-requisites than Rutgers University School of Nursing in New Brunswick or Newark):
 1. General Chemistry or Organic Biochemistry or General Chemistry II (4 credits with lab)
 2. Anatomy and Physiology I & II (8 credits with labs)
 3. Microbiology (4 credits with lab)
 4. Statistics (3 credits)
 5. Human Growth and Development (3 credits)
 6. Nutrition (3 credits)
 7. Any Ethics course (3 credits)

Prerequisites

Prerequisites provide students with foundational skills necessary for success in the ABS program. All prerequisite requirements must be successfully completed before starting the program. Applicants can be accepted conditionally while only two prerequisite courses (or degree) are in progress; however, they must be successfully completed in that semester. Please note all courses in progress on the application and submit a copy of a transcript for in progress courses. Successfully completed prerequisite coursework is accepted without time restrictions on the date the course was taken.

Important Notes:

- Prerequisites should be completed at Rutgers University-Camden or a regionally accredited college, university or community college.
- Online science courses with labs will be accepted (A&P I, A&P II, Microbiology, and Chemistry).
- All science prerequisite courses must be completed (with grades) prior to application submission.
- Nursing courses taken at another nursing school are not transferrable.

Course acceptance is subject to approval by the SNC Center for Academic Resources, Engagement, and Services (CARES). If you have questions about whether a certain course will fulfill a prerequisite, you can:

- Check NJtransfer.org to see the transfer equivalent at Rutgers University Camden. Technically, the prerequisites are not being transferred, but it will provide a general idea about the course equivalents.
- Email a [full course syllabus](#) for review to nursing@camden.rutgers.edu. The course will be reviewed to determine if it contains similar content as the required course.

Failure to send transcripts on time or successfully complete the required prerequisite courses in progress will result in the acceptance being rescinded.

Admission Criteria

All applications are reviewed; however applicants with GPAs of at least 3.0 are more competitive. Application reviews are holistic and examine all aspects of a student's academic performance including their undergraduate degree and prerequisite requirements. Strong science grades are a plus. A history of numerous course failures, repeated courses, and withdrawals may preclude acceptance to the program. We do not accept nor review any recommendation letters.

Application Instructions

Application instructions, as well as application deadlines, can be found on the School of Nursing's website: <https://nursing.camden.rutgers.edu/accelerated-bachelor-science-nursing-applicants>.

Application Timelines

Program admission occurs twice a year. Students may begin in the fall or spring. Applications open at scheduled times posted by the Rutgers Camden Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Dates are also available on the School of Nursing's website. The typical application deadlines are:

- Spring Admit : October 1st
- Fall Admit: February 15th

Program Timeline

The ABS program is a full-time program designed to be completed in 15 months. Students are enrolled in courses for four consecutive semesters, including the summer.

Typical Schedule

Class and clinical schedules are predetermined in advance of a new class or “cohort.” This means ABS students will be enrolled in the same classes and clinicals in a sequence and graduate together after completing all the requirements. Clinical sites are assigned by the School of Nursing-Camden (SNC) Center for Academic Resources, Engagement, and Services (CARES). Clinical shifts can occur any day of the week, including Saturdays and Sundays, any time from 6:30am to 10:30pm.

Classes and clinicals occur 3-4 days per week. Lecture courses are normally stacked on two days of the week, with clinicals occurring on separate days. Many clinical shifts can occur any day of the week, including Saturdays and Sundays, any time from 6:30am to 10:30pm.

Tuition

The total cost of the program, including books and supplies, is *approximately* \$42,000 (in-state, 2023-2024).



Curriculum

| Level I - First semester | Course # | Credits | | Level II - Second Semester | Course # | Credits |
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| ABS Seminar on Professional Nursing | 57:705:336 | 3 | | Pharmacology | 57:705:321 | 3 |
| Foundations of Nursing - Theory | 57:705:332 | 3 | | Research and Evidence Based Practice in Nursing | 57:705:421 | 3 |
| Foundations of Nursing - Lab | 57:705:333 | 2 | | Health and Illness in Adults – Theory | 57:705:318 | 3 |
| Wellness and Health Assessment | 57:705:338 | 3 | | Health and Illness in Adults – Lab | 57:705:320 | 3 |
| Wellness and Health Assessment Lab | 57:705:339 | 1 | | Psychiatric Mental Health – Theory | 57:705:466 | 3 |
| Clinical Pathophysiology | 57:705:256 | 3 | | Psychiatric Mental Health – Lab | 57:705:467 | 3 |
| Level III - Third Semester | Course # | Credits | | Level IV - Fourth Semester | Course # | Credits |
| Complex Health and Illness in Adults – Theory | 57:705:350 | 3 | | Community Health Nursing and Global Health – Theory | 57:705:460 | 3 |
| Complex Health and Illness in Adults – Lab | 57:705:351 | 3 | | Community Health Nursing and Global Health – Lab | 57:705:461 | 3 |
| Nursing of Women and The Childbearing Family – Theory | 57:705:380 | 3 | | Nursing Management and Leadership | 57:705:434 | 3 |
| Nursing of Women and The Childbearing Family – Lab | 57:705:381 | 3 | | Aging and Health in Global Communities | 57:705:432 | 3 |
| Nursing of Children & Adolescents – Theory | 57:705:360 | 3 | | Capstone – Theory | 57:705:468 | 3 |
| Nursing of Children & Adolescents – Lab. | 57:705:361 | 3 | | Capstone – Lab | 57:705:469 | 3 |
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Frequently Asked Questions about Prerequisites

Prerequisites provide students with the foundational skills necessary for success in the ABS program.

Do all of the prerequisite requirements have to be completed before applying?

All prerequisite requirements must be successfully completed before *starting the program*. Applicants may have only two prerequisites in progress at the time of application. It is *recommended* they not be one of the science courses such as Anatomy & Physiology I and II w/lab, Microbiology w/lab or Chemistry w/lab. Applicants can be admitted conditionally with only two prerequisites in progress and completed in the same semester as the submission of the application. Applicants must submit transcripts indicating which courses are in progress.

Can the prerequisite requirements be more than five years old?

Rutgers School of Nursing-Camden will accept prerequisite courses over five years old. However, it is *recommended* that science courses be ≤ 5 years.

How can I find out if a course I have already taken will be accepted as a prerequisite requirement?

If you have taken a course that you believe is similar (with a different course name) to a prerequisite requirement, you can check the Rutgers course catalogs to determine if the course covers the same content. Next, you must submit *a full syllabus* (with weekly content) for review to the SNC-CARES address: nursing@camden.rutgers.edu.

You will receive an email with a form attached either approving or not approving the course. You will submit this form when you send your transcripts.

There is one prerequisite course that applicants frequently request information:

Human Growth & Development: this is a “life span” psychology course (birth to end-of-life). It is the same as Lifespan Psychology or Developmental Psychology (neither require a syllabus). If it is a course other than the two above, please submit a syllabus.

Where can I take the prerequisite requirements?

Prerequisites can be completed at Rutgers University Camden or a regionally accredited college, university or community college. We do accept prerequisites taken online.

Will Rutgers School of Nursing-Camden accept nursing courses from other nursing schools?

RUSNC rarely accepts nursing courses from another nursing school.

How do I know if Rutgers University Camden's Admissions office has received my transcript?

When you apply, you set up an account. Once you submit your application, you will continue to use this site for the status of your application (and transcripts).

How will I know when admissions decisions will be made?

Admissions are reviewed after the application deadline. Consult your online account to see the status of your decision. Decisions for the spring semester are made by early November and decisions for the fall semester are made by early April.

Admission Criteria

All applications are holistically reviewed. The application reviews are very competitive as there are more qualified candidates than available space. Strong science grades are a plus. A history of numerous course failures, repeated courses, and withdrawals may preclude acceptance to the programs. We do not accept, nor review, any recommendation letters.

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