

NURSING (ACE) BSN OPTION



Accelerated Career Entry (ACE) BSN Option

The Accelerated Career Entry (ACE) BSN option is an 11-month, full-time nursing program designed for students who have already earned at least a bachelor's degree in another field, and who will benefit from intensive immersion in nursing science. ACE is ideal for recent graduates as well as those prepared for a career change. Due to the program's structure and rigor, students are strongly discouraged from maintaining outside employment while enrolled.

Career Opportunities

Job prospects for baccalaureate-prepared nurses are exceptional. Registered nurses with a BSN are in short supply nationwide, and the need continues to grow. Because of the quality and prestige of a Drexel education, our graduates are able to select positions from a variety of practice sites and specialties.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, a candidate must have earned at least a bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 overall GPA or a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credit hours completed (which may include prerequisites taken after completion of the highest degree). The application fee is waived for students who apply online or at an Information Session.

Priority Application Deadlines

- October 15 for programs beginning the following September
- April 15 for programs beginning the following April

Applying a year in advance allows time to complete any outstanding prerequisites.

Prerequisites

Admitted students must successfully complete all prerequisites with a grade of C or better before entering the program. Transcripts will not be evaluated until after a student has been accepted, but applicants should have at least seven of the prerequisites completed (including at least one in science) by the time they apply. Prerequisites may be taken in traditional or online formats at any accredited university or community college. The prerequisites are listed below as semester credits:

- English (6 cr.)
- Chemistry with lab (4 cr.)
- Introductory Sociology (3 cr.)
- Introductory Psychology (3 cr.)
- Developmental Psychology (3 cr.)
- Anatomy with lab*† (4 cr.)
- Physiology with lab*† (4 cr.)
- Microbiology with lab* (4 cr.)
- Introductory, Bio- or Medical Ethics (3 cr.)
- Computer Applications, Public Speaking, or Communication elective (3 cr.)
- Human Nutrition (3 cr.)
- Statistics (3 cr.)

*Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology must be taken within the five years prior to enrollment.

†Students must take either Human Anatomy and Human Physiology or Anatomy and Physiology I and II.

International Students

The University requires an evaluation of all courses and degrees earned outside of the United States. Evaluation services used by our students include:

World Education Services (WES): www.wes.org

International Consultants of Delaware: www.icdel.com

Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE): www.ece.org

In addition, all applicants born outside of the United States* are required to pass the TOEFL iBT with a minimum score of 79 and a speaking section score of 26.

**Waiver may be made for applicants born abroad on a U.S. military base or those who have attended four years of high school and earned a high school degree in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or the United States.*

Financing

Students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for need-based financial aid. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information.

Drexel University does not offer scholarships for this program. Many ACE students secure personal loans or find private scholarships.

Visit Us

We frequently offer Information Sessions specifically designed for prospective ACE students. These sessions provide an in-depth look at the program, and allow attendees to ask any questions they may have. For more information and to register, visit www.drexel.edu/em/events.

Apply Now

Go to www.drexel.edu/ugapp and choose the Transfer Instructions (the application fee is waived for those who apply online), or call 1-800-2-DREXEL (215-895-2400 for international students) to request a paper application.

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