

# Admission to Upper Division Nursing Courses

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After being accepted into the University and having completed or being currently enrolled in NURS 2213, the student may apply for enrollment in the upper division nursing courses. An application for admission may be obtained from the College of Nursing website.

Each applicant is considered by a committee composed of faculty from the College of Nursing. Admission to and continuation in the nursing program requires a professional review by the faculty. Criteria for admission to and progression in the Nursing Area of Concentration are listed below. These criteria must be met prior to enrollment in junior-level nursing courses.

Prior to the first day of class in NURS 3294 (due date designated by College of Nursing), student must provide certification of the following:

- Immunizations/Titers
  - Measles
  - Mumps
  - Rubella
  - Varicella (Chicken Pox)
  - Hepatitis B
  - Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap)
  - Influenza
- TB testing (PPD, Tspot)
- CPR Certification
- Health Insurance
- Background check
- Drug Screen
- Confidentiality Statement
- Student Handbook Signature Page
- NESAs mandatory education

For more detailed information, see the [Clinical Practicum Requirements Policy](#) in OBU College of Nursing student handbook.

## Criteria for Conditional Admission in Upper Division Nursing Courses

The following criteria must be met for conditional admission into the nursing program:

- Complete online application and pay application fee.
- Earn a minimum 2.8 Cumulative GPA.

For the courses listed below, the following applies:

CHEM 1124 or CHEM 1054/1056	MATH 1163	NURS 1101
BIOL 2354	MATH 2003	NURS 2013
BIOL 2364	SOCI 1223	NURS 2213
BIOL 3274	PSYC 1223	

- A student must complete the courses with a minimum grade of “C”
- A student may repeat any one course only one time
- A student cannot repeat more than two of any of the courses listed above. If a student must repeat more than two of the courses at any institution to achieve a grade of C, they will not be able to apply for admission to the OBU College of Nursing
- Achieve a minimum average of 70% on nursing course exams except NURS 1101.
- Completion of all [Clinical Practicum Requirements](#).
- If the student has attended any nursing programs previously, submit a letter from the Dean/Director stating that the student was in good academic standing. This must accompany the application.

**The following criteria must be met for full admission into the nursing program:**

- Upon admission to the upper division nursing program, the applicant may have a maximum of 9 non-nursing credit hours to complete (not including those in the degree plan for the junior year). The outstanding 9 credit hours cannot include courses required for admission to the College of Nursing. The student must have these outstanding credits completed by the start of the Senior I semester to continue progression into the senior year of the program.
- Completion of all conditional requirements.
- For courses taken during the summer session at another college or university, all official transcripts must be in the Academic Center no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>, or the student will not be considered for admission.

**General Criteria for Progression in Area of Concentration Courses**

Once a student has been admitted to the College of Nursing, the following progression criteria must be met to remain in the program:

- Student must achieve at least a C in all nursing Area of Concentration courses.
- A student is limited in the numbers of pre-requisite, supportive, and Nursing Area of Concentration courses that can be repeated. (See list of pre-requisite and supportive

courses in Admission Criteria.) If a student is unsuccessful in a third course which has been taken at any institution, at the time of the third failure, they will not be able to continue working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at OBU.

- A student may repeat any course only once.
- A student must achieve a 95% score on a Dosage Calculation Exam each semester.
- Achieve a minimum average of 70% on exams in all nursing courses except NURS 1101.
- Maintain current [Clinical Practicum Requirements](#).

**Section 504 Statement: Pursuant to Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act Of 1973, any student who has a documented disability (or would like to pursue documenting a disability) should contact the Student Services Center as soon as possible to discuss potential accommodations. Identification is the responsibility of the student.**

In order to be admitted or retained in the program after admission, all applicants will possess:

- Sufficient visual acuity, such as is needed in accurate preparation and administration of medications, and for the observation necessary for client assessment and nursing care.
- Sufficient olfactory acuity to detect the presence of unusual odors, such as a wound infection.
- Sufficient auditory perception to receive verbal communication from clients and members of the health care team and to assess health needs of people through the use of monitoring devices such as stethoscopes, IV infusion pumps, fire alarms, and other monitors which emit audible signals.
- Sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to respond promptly and to implement the skills required in meeting the safety needs of a client. These include, but are not limited to, the manipulation of equipment, performance of CPR, assisting a client with daily hygiene, positioning and ambulating clients, and administration of medications.
- Sufficient communication and language skills (speech, comprehension, reading, and writing) to communicate effectively with clients, families, and members of the health care team, as may be necessary in the client's interest and safety.
- Sufficient intellectual functioning and emotional stability to plan and implement care for clients.
- Ability to manage personal health status.

Students who have a need for services due to disabilities, please contact the Director of Student Services. Students will also need to notify the College of Nursing faculty in writing that a disability exists at the time of admission to the upper division nursing courses or if a disability occurs during enrollment in the nursing program. Documentation from a qualified professional will be requested to validate the student's ability to provide safe nursing care. Continuation in the nursing program will be based on the student's ability to provide safe nursing care to clients.