Description

The Accelerated Bachelor of Science nursing (ABSN) program is a pre-licensure nursing program designed for students with a baccalaureate degree in another discipline. This program is an intense three semester nursing program which requires daily attendance in either a classroom or clinical experience. The ABSN program graduate is eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensure examination.

Essential Elements of the Program

Student completes the course of study as a member of a cohort, thus full-time status is required. A new cohort begins each fall semester. The course of study for each cohort includes Fall, Spring, and Fall semesters. There are no mandatory academic activities during the summer, but students are encouraged to seek out a nursing internship. Graduation is in December.

- Seating is limited to approximately 20 applicants per cohort. A new cohort begins each fall semester.
- The ABSN Program is academically rigorous requiring the completion of many out-of-class assignments.
- Theory classes and clinical instruction occur during both day and evening hours and vary by semester. Students are in clinical 2-3 days/week throughout the program.
- Student is responsible for transportation to/from the clinical agency.
- Student must achieve a minimal grade of “C” in every course to progress in the program. However, student must achieve a GPA of 3.0 at the end of each semester to progress as well as upon completion of the third semester to graduate.
- In addition to tuition, books, and housing, other financial demands include the purchase of essential nurse clinical equipment (e.g. stethoscope and a student lab pack), Edinboro nursing uniforms, and the purchase of a commercial assessment testing package (ATI).
- A nursing student is required to complete and remain current with various requirements for the clinical agencies (cardiopulmonary resuscitation for the healthcare provider, immunizations, physical examination, drug testing, malpractice insurance, FBI clearances, Child Abuse Clearance, etc.). Proof of these requirements must be submitted to the nursing department secretary prior to July 31, for first semester, and may require annual updating.
Admission Criteria

In addition to global university admission criteria, the ABSN Program applicant is required to meet the following program specific criteria:

- Graduation from an accredited Baccalaureate degree program.
- Baccalaureate GPA ≥ 3.0 (Effective Fall 2015).
- Completion of the following ABSN Program pre-requisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher:
  - General Chemistry with a lab (EU equivalent Chem 140)
  - Anatomy and Physiology I with a lab (EU equivalent Bio 312)
    - Anatomy and Physiology II with a lab (EU equivalent Bio 313)
    - Statistics (EU equivalent STAT 260).

Due to the rigorous, fast-paced nature of the ABSN Program, an applicant who performs below standard, is released from another nursing program, or has an academic history of multiple course withdrawals or failures (D or F) will not be considered for admission to the ABSN Program.

Admission Timeline

- An application to the ABSN Program may be submitted beginning July 1 through the Edinboro University admission’s office. The selection process begins in late Fall semester for the following Fall cohort.
- An applicant is considered for admission based on the following process and timeline:
  - In November, applications are reviewed by the program’s faculty admission committee and ranked according to the applicant’s GPA and prerequisite grades.
  - In December, the top applicants are interviewed by the program’s faculty admission committee. The interviews continue until the cohort is filled. Depending on the pool of candidates, a full cohort may be identified by late February or early March.
  - Only an applicant who meets all the admission criteria will be offered an interview.
  - Each applicant will receive a letter from the Edinboro University admission’s office indicating an offer of admission or decline for admission to the program.
  - On occasion, an applicant who initially accepts an admission offer declines prior to the start of the Fall semester; thus, creating a vacancy in the cohort. An applicant who applies after the initial cohort is selected may be considered for admission, if a vacancy occurs. However, the same admission criteria are necessary.
After the start of the Fall semester, any applicant who was not selected will need to reapply via the Edinboro University admission’s office for consideration in the next cohort.

**Admission Process**

Although the requirements for all applicants are consistent, the process for completing admission application is different depending on the applicant’s previous status at Edinboro University.

- An applicant who is **new to** Edinboro University is required to complete an online admission application noting major as ABSN Program - Code 0682.
- An applicant who graduated from Edinboro University is required to complete a Reinstatement Application Form and to submit it to the Office of Records and Registration. An applicant will be notified in writing when his/her record has been evaluated and a decision rendered regarding reinstatement.

**Admission Offer**

- Once an applicant is offered an admission into the ABSN Program, the applicant will receive a letter from the Edinboro University admission’s department requesting the applicant to accept or to decline the admission offer. Any applicant **accepting the admission offer is required to make a deposit by May 1**. Failure to submit the required deposit by May 1 will result in the applicant being dropped from the cohort.

**Additional Inquiries**

- Admission requirements or questions regarding prerequisites can be directed to the Admissions Office. Ms. Sheila McCarthy 814.732.1756 or smccarthy@edinboro.edu
- Program specific questions can be directed to the ABSN Program Coordinator, Dr. Elizabeth Farbotnik, 814.732.1135 or efarbotnik@edinboro.edu)