

RN-BSN

UNIVERSITY of
NORTHERN COLORADO



School of Nursing

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO RN-BSN PROGRAM
SUMMER 2010**

GENERAL DIRECTIONS AND CHECKLIST: ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE RN-BSN NURSING PROGRAM.

1. I HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY.
- In order to be screened for admission to the RN-BSN major of the School of Nursing, you must first be admitted to the University of Northern Colorado.
- If you have never attended the University of Northern Colorado, you must apply to the University as well as to the School of Nursing. Formal applications to the University are obtained from and returned to the UNC Admissions office. They are also available on the www.unco.edu website.
 - If you are presently enrolled at the University of Northern Colorado or were previously enrolled and withdrew in good academic standing, you need only apply to the School of Nursing.

2. I HAVE COMPLETED THE SCHOOL OF NURSING RN-BSN APPLICATION.
- Applications for the Nursing Program with all required attachments (see checklist) should be returned **by February 16th of every year** to the School of Nursing in Gunter 3080 or mailed to: **ATTN: Katrina Einhellig, UNC, School of Nursing, Gunter Hall 3080, Box 125, Greeley, CO 80639.** Repeat applicants must submit all requirements, including official transcripts, even if turned in previously.
- All completed School of Nursing applications must be:

Received in the School of Nursing office in Gunter 3080 on or before February 16th of every year,
Attention: Katrina Einhellig.

3. I HAVE ATTACHED/SUBMITTED ALL MY OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS.
- Students must submit OFFICIAL transcripts to document the following:
- Last 45 hours of course work
 - All completed nursing prerequisite courses
- Guidelines for submitting official transcripts
- If the school issuing the transcript will send the transcript directly to you:
 - Staple the transcript to your application.
 - Submit to the School of Nursing. (We can tell that it is an official transcript by the seal.)
 - Do this even if the envelope states, "This transcript is not official if seal is broken."
 - If the school will not issue the official transcript directly to you, then have it mailed to:
 - UNC School of Nursing, Attention: Katrina Einhellig, Gunter Hall 3080, Box 125, Greeley, CO 80639
 - School of Nursing must be in the address for the transcript to be sent to the SON office.
4. I HAVE ATTACHED PROOF OF CURRENT RN LICENSE.
- Attach verification of Registered Nurse license:
- If licensed in Colorado, print proof from Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/Verification.htm.
 - If licensed in another state, attach similar proof of your RN license.

5. I HAVE ATTACHED THE RN-BSN LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

6. I HAVE ATTACHED THE RN-BSN WORK EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION.
7. I HAVE ATTACHED THE RN-BSN STUDENT PERSONAL ESSAYS.
8. I HAVE ATTACHED THE SIGNED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS REQUIRED FOR NURSING.

SCHOOL OF NURSING ADMISSION POLICY—CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

1. Admission to the University of Northern Colorado.
2. Verification of Registered Nurse license.
3. Potential for completion of all required prerequisite courses by the end of Spring Semester, 2010.
4. Grade Point Average. Copies of official transcripts must be attached to your application.
 - a. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
 - b. Computation of Grade Point Average
 - GPA for screening purposes will be calculated using the most recent 45 semester hours of coursework from Fall 2009 back and GPA from the following prerequisite courses, or equivalent:

○ CHEM 281	Chemistry/Biochemistry
○ BIO 245	Anatomy and Physiology I
○ BIO 246	Anatomy and Physiology II
○ FND 357	Therapeutic Nutrition
○ STAT 250	Statistics
○ ENG 123	Research Paper
○ NUR 327	Pharmacology
○ PSY 230	Growth & Development
 - High School Advanced Placement scores are not considered transfer hours.
 - Grades from technical courses such as CNA, EMT, etc. will not be included.

➤ **ACADEMIC INFORMATION:**

The following courses must be completed **BEFORE** the Summer 2010 Semester start date.

REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES	SEMESTER COMPLETED	NAME OF SCHOOL WHERE COMPLETED	PLAN TO TAKE SPRING 2010	WHERE YOU PLAN TO TAKE SPRING 2010	(OFFICE USE ONLY) GRADE
BioChemistry CHEM 281					
Research Paper ENG 123					
Anatomy & Physiology I BIO 245					
Anatomy & Physiology II BIO 246					
Therapeutic Nutrition FND 357					
Statistics STAT 250 (OR STAT 150)					
Growth & Development PSY 230					
Pharmacology NURS 327					

Entry into the nursing program is contingent on completing and passing Spring 2010 courses.

List name of every school from which you are submitting transcripts:

- Last 45 hours of course work

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RN-BSN Letter of Recommendation

TO THE APPLICANT:

One letter of recommendation is required for admission to the nursing program. Friends/family are not eligible. Give this form to an individual (professor, supervisor or acquaintance) who is familiar with your qualifications. Also provide each person with a stamped, pre-addressed envelope addressed to yourself and attach sealed envelope to your application:

Type (or print in black ink) the following information:

Student Name _____

Student Address _____

In accordance with the *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act*, you may waive your right to inspect this recommendation by signing the statement below. Should you decide not to waive the right, you will have access to the recommendation if you enroll in the above degree program.

I choose to: waive not waive my right of access to this letter

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

TO THE ACADEMIC REFERENCE/RECOMMENDER:

Please type or print your comments **on this form**. This recommendation will be used by the School of Nursing only in its procedures relative to admission. If the student has not waived the right to access the recommendation, it will be accessible to the student only if he/she enrolls in the above-referenced degree program at the University of Northern Colorado. Please answer as candidly as possible about the applicant's qualifications and potential to carry out studies in the nursing program.

When you have completed the recommendation, place it in an envelope, seal the envelope, and sign it across the seal. Return envelope to the applicant for submission with application.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

	Consistently Demonstrates Behavior	Sometimes Demonstrates Behavior	Does NOT Demonstrate Behavior
1. Mature and well motivated.			
2. Strong intellectual orientation.			
3. Works well with others.			
4. Leadership skills/potential.			
5. Effective communication skills.			
6. Honest and dependable.			
7. Empathetic, supportive of other people.			
8. Adapts to new situations.			

You may attach additional pages of comments, if desired. Please comment on your "Does Not Demonstrate Behavior" responses:

Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Institution _____ Title _____

Address _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

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RN-BSN Work Experience Verification

To validate current clinical competence, this form must be completed. * **New graduates must show evidence of 1000 hours of work experience prior to the first clinical course.**

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

 Full Name Signature

 Present Address

 Current Employer Employer's Address

TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYER:

- The above named person was employed by us from _____ to _____,
Date Date
 a period of _____.
- This was full-time part-time employment. Please provide the total hours worked in a
 pay period: _____
- She/he was employed as a _____
Job Classification
- Please provide a description of job duties: _____

- Is she/he considered a skilled, competent, and successful worker in his/her field? (circle) Yes No
- Additional comments: _____

Employer _____
 Address _____

 Telephone _____
 Signature _____
 Name _____
 Title _____
 Date _____

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RN-BSN STUDENT PERSONAL ESSAYS

Please type a response to each of the following questions. Limit your comments to no more than 1 page per question.

1. Please describe how life experiences (i.e. major illness, employment, additional degrees or courses, volunteerism, family commitments, other health professionals in the family, experience with chronic illness, etc.) have contributed to your interest in nursing as a career.
2. Please describe any special talents, gifts or aptitudes you possess (i.e. bilingualism, musical ability, artistic ability, leadership, computer literacy, etc.) and how the talent(s), aptitude(s), gift(s) contribute to your career in nursing.
3. Please describe how you envision yourself, as a nurse, practicing in the United States Health Care System in the next 5 to 10 years.

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PERFORMANCE STANDARDS REQUIRED FOR NURSING

The following is a listing of performance standards that are required for clinical practicums in the School of Nursing. Please review these standards and sign the statement below indicating that you can perform all of the functions.

PROFESSIONAL ISSUE	STANDARD	SOME EXAMPLES OF NECESSARY ACTIVITIES (not all inclusive)
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations in order to develop nursing care plans.
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues.
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses.
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	Move around in patients' rooms, work spaces, and treatment areas, administer cardiopulmonary procedures.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients.
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Hear monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help.
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.	Observe patient/client responses.
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g. insertions of a catheter.

The Standards were developed by the Board of Directors of the Southern Council on College Education for Nursing (SCCEN) for the 14 southern states nursing programs. The Standards were adopted by the Tennessee Board of Regents in September 1993.

Students are informed that they should contact Disabled Support Services for assistance if they believe they would have difficulty meeting any of the standards.

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I have read and understand the list of essential functions/Performance Standards for the nursing program. I will be able to meet all of the standards with or without reasonable accommodations by the University of Northern Colorado.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Program