



UNC

School of Nursing

Admission screening and selection process & criteria, Bear Admission (2021):

SCREENING CRITERIA:

- Completion of all application criteria.
 - *If any item is missing, or if instructions are not followed correctly, the application will not be considered.*
- Must have a minimum of 20 earned credits completed at UNC.
- Must have a minimum of 15 liberal arts core (LAC) or pre-requisite courses still in progress during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters.
- ***Must have had a minimum of 4 pre-requisite courses completed, and no more than 6 of the 10 required prerequisite courses still in progress at the time of application.***
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - ALL official transcripts must be submitted to UNC from any other institution attended (including dual/concurrent enrollment courses from high school).
 - Minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for the most recent 30 semester hours of credit completed. Credit is not given for vocational or remedial courses below college level.
 - A grade of 'C' or higher is required in each of the prerequisite courses (or course equivalent). 'C-' is not acceptable.
 - Course repeats/grade replacement – applicants who have repeated a prerequisite course will only have the most recent grade from the first two completed attempts used for the screening criteria (must have a C or higher) and in GPA calculation.
- Demonstration of English Proficiency (if applicable).
 - If your primary language is not English, or if you are an International Student, you will need to provide demonstration of English proficiency for the clinical phase of the nursing program by meeting one of the following criteria at the time of application:
 - i. **TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)** – minimum of 80 on the internet-based test (iBT) with a minimum score of 26 on the spoken English section.
 - ii. **IELTS (International English Language Testing System)** – minimum of 6.5 total score with a minimum speaking sub score of 7.
 - iii. Successful completion of the **Intensive English Proficiency Program at UNC** with a minimum average score of 87% in level 6 courses.

SELECTION PROCESS:

If an applicant meets the above screening criteria, their application will then be reviewed for Bear admission as follows:

- Computation of **Admission GPA**
 - Admission GPA will be calculated using the most recent 30 credit hours of coursework **and** GPA from all of the completed nursing prerequisite courses.
 - High School Advanced Placement scores are **not** factored into GPA.
 - Grades from technical courses such as CNA, EMT, etc. will **not** be included.

- Grades from remedial coursework will **not** be counted.
- The admission GPA will only be calculated on prerequisite coursework completed at the time of admission. If there are still courses to be taken, these will **not** be factored into the admission GPA.
- Course repeats/grade replacement – students who have repeated a course will only have the most recent grade from the first two **completed** attempts used in Admission GPA calculation.
- If you are repeating a prerequisite course during fall 2021 semester, the **previously completed earned grade** will be used in admission GPA calculation.
- If a student is admitted to the nursing program and earns less than a grade of 'C' in any of the remaining prerequisite courses or course equivalents during the fall 2021 or spring 2022 semester, their admission will be rescinded.

Required prerequisite courses included in Admission GPA calculation:

- **BIO 110** – Atoms to Cells
 - **BIO 245** – Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology (must include 1 credit of lab)
 - **BIO 246** – Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology (must include 1 credit of lab)
 - **BIO 251** – Allied Health Microbiology (must be a 4-credit course, 1 credit must include a lab)
 - **CHEM 281 and CHEM 281L** – Fundamentals of Biochemistry and Biochemistry Lab
 - **ENG 123** – College Research Paper
 - **FND 250** – Principles of Nutrition
 - **NURS 326** – Pathophysiology
 - **PSY 230** – Human Growth and Development
 - **STAT 150** – Introduction to Statistical Analysis
- Standardized Letters of Recommendation (SLORs)
 - The SLORs will be averaged between the 2 recommendations.
 - Personal Essay
 - The Personal Essay will be reviewed and scored by at least 2 faculty members of the Undergraduate Leadership Team (ULT). The average score will be used for admission.
 - Scores are determined by faculty after review of the applicant pool for this admission cycle. If you use a previously submitted essay, please note that your score may not be exactly the same as it was for a different admission cycle.

The weighting for the above admission criteria is as follows: 60% GPA; 20% Letters of Recommendation; 20% Personal Essay. An overall admission score will then be assigned to each applicant and all the applicants will be ranked based on their score.

If you do not meet one of the above admission requirements, you may request an exception to the admission policy. The requested exception must be received before September 17th, 2021 at 5pm to the BSN Program Coordinator, Dr. Kristin Schams, at kristin.schams@unco.edu prior to application submission. The exception must outline what screening/admission criteria you are requesting the exception for and your specific circumstance. The exception will then be reviewed and a letter approving or denying your request will be sent back to you at your BearMail address. **Exceptions requested after the above due date will not be reviewed for this application cycle.**

NOTIFICATION: notification letters will be sent to applicants by Friday, October 21st, 2021.

If offered ADMISSION into the Nursing Program through Bear Admission:

All students who are offered and accept admission to nursing BSN major through Bear Admission, will be required to meet progression requirements for full admission to the clinical phase of the nursing program for summer or fall 2022 start.

- GPA
 - All students accepted through Bear Admission, must maintain a minimum cumulative UNC GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Pre-requisite Grades
 - All students accepted through Bear Admission must earn a minimum of a 'C' ('C-' is unacceptable) in any outstanding prerequisite course(s). All remaining prerequisite coursework must be taken at UNC.
- HESI Admission Assessment Exam
 - All students accepted through Bear Admission will need to take the HESI entrance examination toward the end of spring 2022 semester. Students will be required to achieve a minimum *composite of 75% and subcategory scores of 70% (required subcategories- Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Basic Math Skills, Anatomy and Physiology). Students may take the exam one time during a designated window at the end of spring 2022 semester.
*Composite score: total of Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Basic Math Skills, Anatomy and Physiology only
- Background Check and Drug Screen
 - Full admission to the clinical phase of the nursing program will be contingent on passing a background check (see disqualifying events on our website) and clear drug screening during the Spring 2022 semester.
- REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION FOR NEW NURSING STUDENTS: information regarding program requirements such as purchase of malpractice insurance, specific health clearance requirements, CPR certification, purchase of uniforms and ATI materials, and course information will be sent to admitted students during the Spring 2022 semester.

Contact the School of Nursing at 970-351-2293 or nursing@unco.edu if you have any questions.