

University of North Florida Brooks College of Health, School of Nursing

RN-MSN Track

Frequently Asked Questions

Must foreign language be completed as an admission requirement to the major?

Yes; the foreign language requirement must be satisfied prior to starting the RN-MSN program if granted admission. The foreign language requirement can be met in one of three ways:

- 1) Two consecutive years of one foreign or sign language in high school;
- 2) Eight credit hours of one college-level foreign or sign language; or,
- 3) Receive certification as a bi- or multilingual student.

What is the CLAST examination?

CLAST stands for the College Level Academic Skills Test, which is designed to determine whether students have mastered basic college-level skills in math, English, reading, and writing. If students successfully pass two (2) English or Literature courses and two (2) Math courses with a 2.5 GPA or higher in both subjects, they will not be required to take the exam. *An Associate of Arts (AA) degree from any Florida community college (or a baccalaureate degree from any regionally accredited institution) will satisfy the CLAST requirement.*

What is the Gordon Rule?

The rule requires students to complete at least six (6) semester hours of English or literature, plus an additional six (6) semester hours of coursework with a substantial writing content for twelve (12) total semester hours. Courses that typically meet the additional writing semester hours include histories, humanities, philosophies, and additional English or literature courses. Additionally, students must complete six (6) semester hours of mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher and only one course may be selected from Elementary Statistics or Symbolic Logic. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. This requirement is considered satisfied if a student transfers to UNF with an AA degree from any Florida community college or a completed baccalaureate degree from any regionally accredited institution.

Can I apply before I have complete all of the prerequisites?

Yes; however, while applicants *may* apply before all of the prerequisites courses are completed, applicants will be required to complete **all** prerequisites before the *start* of the nursing program.

Will I be able to take the prerequisite courses at another university, college, or community college, and will the courses transfer?

Applicants are allowed to take prerequisite courses at any Florida community college; however, UNF is not currently accepting transfers from other universities. Again, all

prerequisites must be completed before the start of the nursing program. Final, official transcripts are necessary to confirm the successful completion of these courses.

Who should I contact to confirm the receipt of my application, application fee, and/or transcripts? Who should I contact regarding the status of my application?

Applicants can phone the UNF Graduate School at 904.620.1360 to confirm the receipt of basic application materials.

Applicants can email Beth A. Dibble, Nursing Admissions Coordinator, at bdibble@unf.edu regarding application status or admission-related inquiries.

How will I know my application status?

Applicants may contact the Graduate School at 904.620.1360 to verify the receipt of the application, application fee (if applicable), supplemental materials, transcripts, and GRE scores.

It is *imperative* for applicants to verify that the information listed on the documents is accurate and up-to-date. Maintaining up-to-date contact information (address, phone, and email) is also very important to the application process. This information should be updated with the Graduate School at 904.620.1360.

After the application deadline, all applicants will be notified by mail regarding the School of Nursing's admission decision. Letters are typically mailed from late March to mid-June. Decision letters will include offers to enter the track, waitlist notices, and denial notices. Those offered admission to the program will be required to submit written notice of one's intent to enroll in the program. There will be a deadline associated with this and listed in the letter.

Applicants are *highly* encouraged to include an active email account on their application and to check this account regularly for important notices from the School of Nursing.

If I already have a college degree, do I still have to complete the University's general education requirements?

Students who have earned an Associate of Arts (in addition to an Associate of Science in Nursing) from a Florida community college or who have earned a baccalaureate or advanced degree from a regionally accredited institution will be exempt from the *general education* requirements. However, **all prerequisite** courses must be completed in order to be eligible for admission to the Nursing major.

Will I be allowed to take nursing courses before I am admitted into the program?

No; only nursing students admitted to the program are allowed to register and take UNF's nursing courses.