

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?

Foreign language is **not** required for admission **into** the Prelicensure BSN track; however, students must complete the foreign language requirement before they are able to apply to **graduate** from the University of North Florida (must be completed prior to final semester in the program).

How can I satisfy the foreign language requirement?

The foreign language requirement can be met in one of three ways:

- 1) Two consecutive years of one foreign language in high school with passing grades;
- 2) Eight credit hours of one college-level foreign or America Sign language; or,
- 3) Receive certification as a bi- or multilingual student (done after admission to UNF is granted via the language department).

What is the CLAST examination and how is it satisfied?

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) college-level English or Literature courses and two (2) college-level Math courses with a 2.5 GPA or higher in both subjects then they will not be required to take the exam. An Associate of Arts (AA) degree from any Florida public institution or a baccalaureate degree from any regionally accredited institution will satisfy the CLAST requirement once the degree is conferred and submitted to UNF via official transcript.

What is the Gordon Rule?

The rule requires students to complete 12 semester hours of coursework that demonstrates a substantial amount of college-level writing. No fewer than six (6) of these hours should come from English/Literature coursework. The other hours typically come from courses in the humanities (religion, art, history, music appreciation, Philosophy, theater appreciate, additional literature, etc). 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 public institution or with a baccalaureate degree from any regionally accredited institution.

This statement is to serve only as a brief summary of the UNF Gordon Rule requirement. The full requirement is outlined online at www.unf.edu in the current Undergraduate Catalog.

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.

How do I apply?

To apply one should submit the correct form electronically (if that method is available) or by hardcopy to the Graduate School. **THERE IS NO SEPARATE NURSING APPLICATION AT UNF.** The necessary application links and descriptions are provided on the School of Nursing webpages. First-time applicants must pay a \$30 fee to the university. Transcripts should be directed always to the Graduate School and never to the School of Nursing.

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?

Applicants may take the prerequisite courses at any regionally accredited institution. 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 or check via the student portal in myWings (at www.unf.edu).

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. 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.

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.