



## McKENZIE-ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF NURSING

### *ACCELERATED ADMISSION INFORMATION PACKET*

# ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

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For most current program information, please see our website at:  
[HTTP://UNCP.EDU/NURSING](http://UNCP.EDU/NURSING)

The enclosed information provides important details about the Accelerated Program at UNCP. Prospective students should be aware that the program is designed to prepare students for entry into professional nursing at the Registered Nurse (RN) level.

Students are admitted to the baccalaureate nursing program at the Upper Division level. Lower Division courses must be completed before beginning nursing courses.





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### *ACCELERATED PRELICENSURE PROGRAM*

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)**

The accelerated prelicensure program is a competitive program. Students are required to apply to the program and earn a seat based off of a point system. The online application for the program is available by attending an information session of the year prior. Applications are due by November 10 of the semester before entry.

Listed within this packet are the minimum requirements to apply to the program. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Each of the required courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher. ATI TEAS™ results must be submitted by the application deadline of November 10 of the semester before entry. Review [this page](#) for information about the TEAS™.

The prelicensure program prepares students to take the NCLEX-RN. Requirements for licensure may vary by each state. All students should review licensure requirements for the state of which they want to seek licensure.

If accepted into the accelerated program, students are required to submit documentation of up-to-date immunizations, American Heart Association CPR certification, and a certificate of malpractice insurance with required minimum coverage. Students will submit all required documentation to Castle Branch for processing and should not turn in this information to the School of Nursing. Students must consent to a criminal history background check and to a urinalysis drug screening. This information will be shared to assigned clinical partners. If denied entry into any clinical facility, you may be unable to fulfill the clinical requirements of the pre-licensure program. Following graduation, the North Carolina Board of Nursing will make the determination, based on your criminal background, as to whether or not you may be eligible for a license.

Clinical sites are available in Robeson and surrounding counties and are typically within an hour and a half drive of campus. Rotations may be scheduled during the day or evening. Some nights and weekends may be necessary to gain specific clinical experiences. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to clinical sites.

The baccalaureate and master's programs at the University of North Carolina Pembroke are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

## CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS

- Are you admitted to UNCP as a degree-seeking student?
- Do you have at least a 3.0 GPA in your most recent 60 credits and a 3.0 Math/Science GPA?
- Will you have completed all Lower Division courses (prerequisite courses) by the end of the fall semester with a grade of 'C' or higher?
- Have you taken, or will you have taken, the ATI TEAS exam by November 10 with a score of 70% or higher?
- Are you able to meet all the essential abilities listed on Page 7?
- Are you able to pass a criminal background check and drug screening?
- Do you have, or will you have, a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts by the end of December 2021?

You must be able to answer **“YES”** to **all** of the questions above in order to be eligible to apply to the Accelerated Program.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA:

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

The School of Nursing administers the selection process and students are not guaranteed admission into the Upper Division. Students will be notified of their admission decision via an e-mail message sent to their UNCP Bravemail account. Qualified applicants must submit an application by November 10 of the semester before entry. The application automatically closes and late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

### Lower Division Requirements:

- Admitted to UNCP as a degree seeking student.
- Completion of all Lower Division (prerequisite) courses with a grade of C or higher.
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher in the most recent 60 credit hours.
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher in the following coursework or their equivalents: MAT 1050 or higher, BIO 2110, BIO 2120, BIO 3150, CHM 1300 and CHM 1100 OR CHM 1400 and CHM 1120, NUR 3250, and statistics.
- Physical, mental, and emotional health that enables a student to participate in and complete the program (see policies listed in the Student Handbook).
- Completion and submission of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS™) to UNCP before November 10. Scores must be from an examination taken between February 1<sup>st</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Attend a Mandatory Information Session.

### Prerequisite Courses (Lower Division):

*Elective choices are restricted. Refer to the flyer or checklist [available here](#) for the accepted course selections.*

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Philosophy Elective  | BIO 3150                   |
| BIO 1000             | MAT 2100 or equivalent     |
| Chemistry I with Lab | NUR 2020 *                 |
| MAT 1050 or higher   | NUR 3250 *                 |
| PSY 1010             |                            |
| BIO 2110             | * Courses may taken in     |
| BIO 2120             | tandem with Upper          |
|                      | Division courses in Spring |
|                      | 2022.                      |

### Admissions Timeline:

**Fall 2021** – Apply to UNCP as a second degree student for admission in Spring 2022 or earlier. Students must be accepted at UNCP prior to receiving acceptance into the Upper Division.

**Sept., Oct., Nov.** – Attend mandatory information session to receive a copy of the application.

**Nov 10, 2021** – Applicants must submit their TEAS® score report by this date. Scores must be dated between February 16, 2021 and November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with a score of 70 or higher.

**Nov 10, 2021** – Application Deadline! Applications must be submitted by this date.

**December 2021** – Decision letters will be emailed to student's Bravemail account.

**December 2021** – Accepted students must have completed all pre-requisite courses with a C or higher by the end of the semester. NUR 2020 and NUR 3250 must be completed in the spring if not already completed.

**Spring 2022** – Nursing courses begin.

## **RANKING PROCESS:**

## ***Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)***

The ranking formula consists of the following components **added** together:

- Points earned based off the ATI TEAS score (refer to table below)
- Points earned based off of the highest degree earned (refer to table below)
- Maximum of one point for being a member of any of these groups: an active or honorably discharged member of the Armed Forces.

### **ATI TEAS™ Score and Points Awarded:**

70% - 73.9% = No points awarded

78.0% - 90.6% = 2 points awarded

74.0% - 77.9% = 1 point awarded

90.7 – 100% = 3 points awarded

### **Highest Degree Held and Points Awarded:**

Master's Degree = 1 point awarded

PhD or Doctorate = 2 points awarded



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## ESSENTIAL ABILITIES

UNCP's School of Nursing provides equal opportunities and equal access for all persons regardless of gender, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, marital status, sexual preference, or disability. Students who meet the minimum requirements for admission will receive equal opportunity for selection into the Upper Division as space allows. Students may be denied entry into the Upper Division if the capacity has been reached.

The practice of nursing is an applied discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective and motor components. All students must be able to perform the functions that are necessary for the safe practice of nursing with diverse nursing care recipients in a wide variety of settings and which are essential to the licensing requirements for nursing. Students must be capable of meeting the following core performance standards with or without reasonable accommodations in order to be admitted and progress in the Nursing Program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP).

| Issue              | Standard  | Examples of Standard Activities (not all inclusive)   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Critical Thinking  | Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment  | Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, use nursing process, develop concept maps   |
| Cognitive Ability  | Ongoing capacity to learn new information and skills  | Comprehend, measure, calculate, analyze, and evaluate diverse forms of information in timely manner, and learn and adopt new methods of providing nursing care  |
| 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, families, and colleagues   |
| Communication      | Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form   | Follow instructions, explain nursing actions, 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  | Moves around in patient's room, work spaces, and treatment areas, procure emergency materials, lifting, moving, carrying, pushing, and supporting clients, equipment, and other objects independently |
| Motor Skills       | Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care  | Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients, administer CPR, calibrate and use equipment, draw and give injections   |
| 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   |
| Visual             | Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care  | Can read charts, flowsheets, monitors, thermometers, observes and assesses patient/client responses to care   |
| Hearing            | Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs  | Hears monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help, understand mechanically reproduced voices such as audiotape  |
| Personal Behaviors | Maintains personal behaviors consistent with the Code of Ethics for Nurse with Interpretive Statements  | Demonstrate personal responsibility, integrity, accountability, and honesty, demonstrates respect, avoids chemical dependency and abuse, engaging in or supporting criminal behavior                  |

## ***REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES***

This document and the Upper Division application are available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact the Accessibility Resource Center, D.F. Lowry Building, Room 107, or call 910.521.6695.

In post-secondary school settings, academic accommodations are not automatic; to receive accommodations, students must make a formal request and must supply documentation from a qualified professional to support that request. Students who believe they qualify must contact the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) in DF Lowry Building, Room 107 or call 910.521.6695 to begin the accommodation process. All discussions remain confidential. Accommodations cannot be provided retroactively. More information for students about the services provided by ARC and the accommodation process may be found at: <http://www.uncp.edu/arc>

## ***CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT***

Nursing students must consent to a criminal background check prior to being placed in clinical facilities. This process is completed through Castle Branch and access to the background check is granted to assigned clinical partners. Students should not pay for their own background check in lieu of the services provided by Castle Branch. Information obtained from the background check is kept strictly confidential. If a student is not allowed into a clinical facility due to an issue arising from the background check, the student will be unable to complete the course and clinical requirements and will be dismissed from the Upper Division.

## ***DRUG SCREENING REQUIREMENT***

Drug screening is required of all Upper Division students. Students are required to submit a urinalysis drug screening through Castle Branch. Castle Branch will provide the testing location and requirements to the student. The student should not submit their own urinalysis drug screen in lieu of the services provided by Castle Branch. A positive drug screening may make you ineligible to access a clinical facility and thus unable to complete the course and clinical requirements. Students denied access to a clinical facility due to an issue arising from the drug screening will be dismissed from the Upper Division.

## ***SCHEDULING OF CLASS AND CLINICAL HOURS***

Classes and clinical rotations may be scheduled at any time on any day of the week. Advanced notice will be provided so students may plan for their out-of-class responsibilities. Clinical rotations may involve up to 12 hours in duration. During the last semester, students will be paired with a nurse to complete a preceptorship which may require extended time in the clinical setting.

## ACCELERATED BSN PLAN OF STUDY

### Spring Semester

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| NUR 3010             | 2       |
| NUR 3030             | 5       |
| NUR 3050             | 3       |
| NUR 3100             | 3       |
| NUR 3200             | 3       |
| NUR 2020 (if needed) | 1       |
| NUR 3250 (if needed) | 3       |
|                      |         |
|                      | 16 - 20 |

### Summer Semester

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| NUR 3040 | 2  |
| NUR 3450 | 5  |
| NUR 3500 | 5  |
|          |    |
|          | 12 |

### Fall Semester

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| NUR 3150 | 5  |
| NUR 4000 | 3  |
| NUR 4150 | 5  |
| NUR 4350 | 5  |
|          |    |
|          | 18 |

### Spring Semester

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| NUR 4120 | 5  |
| NUR 4450 | 5  |
| NUR 4510 | 3  |
|          |    |
|          | 13 |



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