

Accelerated/Fast Track Nursing Program

A fifteen month program leading to the
Bachelor of Science in Nursing



The ABSN (Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program is for individuals who already possess a prior baccalaureate degree in any discipline.

- Qualified applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in their initial baccalaureate degree.
- Acceptance into the program is academically competitive – the better your GPA and the more prerequisites completed make the applicant a better qualified candidate.

Application Deadline

The ABSN program, is an undergraduate program. Therefore, applications are through the [Undergraduate Admission's Office](#) online.

Applications for the ABSN program are accepted September 1st through October 1, each year.

Nursing Prerequisite Courses

- **BIO 1120** General Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits w/lab)
- **BIO 1130** General Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits w/lab)
- **BIO 1700** Basic Microbiology (4 credits w/lab)
- **PSY 1100** General Psychology
- **PSY 2110** Life Span Development
- ***CHEM 1330** Chemistry for the Health Sciences (4 credits w/lab)
- **MATH 1300** Elementary Stats
- ***NUR 3500** Nursing Research (must be a nursing major to register for this course at WPU)
- ***PBHL 2240** Therapeutic Nutrition (must be a nursing major to register for this course at WPU)
- ****BIO 3120 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology** (A&P I & II and CHEM 1330 are prerequisites)

Equivalent courses may be transferred from other institutions.

- * If accepted to the program, your nursing advisor may consider similar courses as equivalents.
- ** We are not aware of any courses which may be considered an equivalent to this course in the local geographic area of WPU.

Academic Policy

- A grade of **C- or below** in a nursing prerequisite course will eliminate a student from acceptance into the ABSN program even if the course has been successfully repeated at WPU or elsewhere.
- Once accepted into the ABSN program a grade of C- or below in a prerequisite or nursing major course will preclude the students progression in the program.
- The student may transition into the generic nursing program and abide by the Nursing Student Academic Standards Policy as posted in the WPU Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook.

Transfer Credits

- Courses must be completed at an accredited institution.
- Courses from a New Jersey Community College are transferable if equivalent.
- Science courses must be less than ten years old.
- Initial transcript/course evaluations are performed by the Transcript Evaluation Office.
- Upon acceptance into the ABSN program, your Nursing academic advisor may choose to waive courses they believe may be equivalent. (It is beneficial for students to provide course descriptions and syllabi if appealing to your advisor.)

Can I take prerequisite courses at William Paterson?

-Students may take nursing prerequisite courses at WPU. However, you would have to apply to the [Graduate Admissions Office](#) as a visiting student to take undergraduate nursing prerequisites.

-You would still need to make an application to the Undergraduate Admission's Office at the appropriate time for the ABSN program.

Application Process

- All applications are completed online via the [Undergraduate Admissions Office](#).
- An application is not complete until
 - The completed application is received
 - The application fee has been paid.
 - All transcripts have been received by the Undergraduate Admissions Office.
 - Applications for the ABSN program are accepted September 1st through October 1, each year.
 - *It is not necessary to have all prerequisites completed before applying to the program.*

- Due to certain prerequisite courses only being available at WPU. Accepted ABSN students are expected to come on campus in the Spring semester to complete the last of the necessary prerequisites. WPU does permit ABSN students to take up to nineteen credits in the spring semester, if necessary.
- Due to course prerequisites A&P II cannot be taken in the same semester as A&P I. Or Advanced A&P in the same semester as A&P II.

- The core ABSN nursing courses will begin in WPU's summer semester (May) and continue through the summer, fall, spring and the following summer and graduate in August with their BSN.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can I apply to the accelerated program with an Associates Degree?

A. Students with an Associates Degree are not eligible for the ABSN program. They may apply to the [Undergraduate nursing program](#) at WPU.

Q. I have a degree from another country, am I eligible for the ABSN program?

A. Your transcripts would have to be evaluated by an international accrediting service to validate the legitimacy of the transcript and the US equivalency of the program completed. If the review is equivalent to the program requirements, then yes, you are eligible.

Q. If I'm graduating in December may I apply for the ABSN program?

A. Yes, you may apply but you would need to communicate with Mr. Dan Baker (bakerd17@wpunj.edu) in the Undergraduate Admissions Office to help coordinate the processing of your application.

Q. If I'm graduating in May, may I apply for the ABSN program?

A. Yes, you may apply, but you would need to be able to come on WPU's campus in the spring semester to complete the last of the nursing prerequisites.

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