

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO
School of Nursing

Questions frequently asked by students with a previous baccalaureate degree who are interested in nursing as a second degree:

Q. What are the requirements?

A. The program has 5 prerequisites (see next question), plus two years of clinical courses. Students must apply for admission to the clinical courses. This application is separate from the application for admission to UNCG. The application deadline for the clinical courses is February 1 each year. Students are usually enrolled in some of the prerequisites when they apply. There are more applicants than spaces, so admission to the clinical component is not guaranteed.

Q. What are the prerequisites?

A. There are 5 prerequisite courses: anatomy (BIO 271), physiology (BIO 277), microbiology (BIO 280), Concepts in Nursing (NUR 210), and Nursing Assessment of Well Individuals (NUR 220). The biology courses may be taken at UNCG, or transferred from other schools. If the biology courses are completed at UNCG, then BIO 111 (Principles of Biology I) with a grade of "C-" or better is required as a prerequisite. Other prerequisites for the biology courses include a high school chemistry course with a grade of C or better as a prerequisite for BIO 277 – Mammalian Physiology, and completion of BIO 271 (anatomy) or 277 (physiology) prior to BIO 280 – Microbiology. Statistics (STA 108) is a pre/co-requisite to NUR 473.

NUR 210 is offered during the fall semester only, and NUR 220 is offered during the spring semester only. Each of the 5 courses is 4 semester hours of credit, 3 hours for class/lecture, with a 3-hour lab each week for the remaining hour of credit.

Q. Can I transfer NUR 210 or 220?

A. These two courses are not offered at the community college level. Rarely, a student finds a comparable course at a four-year institution, and the course can be transferred. To do this, the Associate Dean at the School of Nursing must review the course materials from the other school to see if the courses are transferable. Generally, students should plan on completing these two courses at UNCG. For questions about this, contact Dr. Karb at (336) 334-5282, or via email at virginia_karb@uncg.edu.

Q. What are the criteria for admission?

The major criterion for admission is academic performance. Students must submit copies of their transcripts from previous post-high school education along with their application to the School of Nursing. In addition, students must pass the anatomy, physiology, and microbiology with a grade of C (2.0) or better, and NUR 210 and 220 with a grade of B- (2.7) or better. No more than two of these courses may be repeated to earn the minimum grade, and courses may be repeated only one time to earn the minimum grade. The minimum GPA for consideration for admission is 3.0. However, when there are more applicants than spaces, it is not unusual for the lowest GPA to be admitted to be well above this mark.

Q. What if I am not admitted to the Upper Division?

A. Even though there is a nationwide nursing shortage, there are more applicants to the Upper Division than can be accepted. Because admission cannot be guaranteed, students are encouraged to think through their options in the event they are not accepted to the Upper Division. There are three basic options for students who are not admitted: 1) Stay at UNCG and apply again the next year; 2) Stay at UNCG, but change majors; 3) Transfer to another nursing program. Students who choose to apply to other nursing programs must contact each school individually for information about prerequisite requirements and application deadlines. Students should talk with their advisor to better understand their likelihood of being admitted, discuss career options, and learn about campus resources.

Q. Can I go part-time?

A. The prerequisite courses can be completed on a part-time basis, but the clinical component requires full-time enrollment.

Q. Can I do the prerequisites in the summer?

A. All of the biology courses are available in the summer (although it would not be possible to do all 4 at UNCG in one summer, due to the way they are scheduled, if you need the BIO 111 course). NUR 210 and 220 are not offered in the summer.

Q. Can I go in the evenings?

It may be possible to complete the biology courses in the evening, although at UNCG the biology courses are typically offered during the day. It is possible to complete NUR 210 and 220 during the evening. The clinical component requires daytime attendance.

Q. You said we could transfer the biology courses. Can we take them at a community college?

Yes. In North Carolina, the course numbers are listed in the table below:

Community College course numbers	School of Nursing accepts the course for:
BIO 165 & BIO 166 (must complete both courses) Anatomy and Physiology I & II	Anatomy and physiology courses
BIO 168 & BIO 169 (must complete both courses) Anatomy and Physiology I & II	Anatomy and physiology courses
BIO 175 <i>or</i> BIO 176	Microbiology course

Students from outside of North Carolina should contact the Registrar’s Office to confirm that courses will transfer at (336) 334-5946.

Q. Why else do I need to know?

A. Beginning fall 2005, the School of Nursing passed new policies, and some relate to transfer students. The policies are listed below:

Minimum Criteria to Remain a Nursing Major Prior to Admission to the Clinical Courses, Pre-Licensure Program:

1. Nursing majors must earn a 2.0 or higher in their first semester in order to remain a declared Nursing major. Students with a GPA below 2.0 after their first semester must change to a major other than Nursing.
2. After attempting 30 hours at UNCG, Nursing majors must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative UNCG GPA to remain a declared Nursing major. Students not meeting this requirement must change to a major other than Nursing.
3. Students wishing to change their major to Nursing from another major must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative UNCG GPA to do so.
4. **Transfer students with more than 30 transferred hours must earn a 3.0 or higher UNCG GPA on the first 12 hours attempted at UNCG in order to remain a declared Nursing major. Students not meeting this requirement must change their major out of Nursing.**
5. **Incoming Transfer and Second Degree students must have a transfer GPA of 3.0 or greater to declare Nursing as their major upon admission to the University.**