



Traditional Nursing Program FAQs

Prerequisite Classes

The following classes are required to be completed before a student can begin clinical placements. These courses do not need to be completed before transfer. If some or all of these classes have not yet been taken, a student can still be admitted to the Nursing program.

- **English 1 and 2**
 - ENGL 101 and 102 at UMass Boston
 - Must be C or higher
- **Chemistry**
 - CHEM 130 at UMass Boston
 - Needs to be taken with lab
 - C+ or higher to fulfill prerequisite requirement
 - Needs to be taken within the last 10 years
 - Cannot be taken pass/fail
- **Statistics**
 - Can be fulfilled by a few classes at UMass Boston
 - EHS 280, PSYCH 270, SOCIOL 350, MATH 125, ECON 205, MSIS 111
 - Must be C or higher
- **Social Behavioral Science Elective**
 - Introduction to Psychology or Introduction to Sociology preferred
 - SOCIOL 100, or PSYCH 100 or PSYCH 101 at UMass Boston
 - Reach out to admissions if you'd like to request an appeal for another course (transfercredits@umb.edu)
 - Can be waived with a 3 on the AP Psychology test
 - Must be C or higher
- **Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2**
 - BIOL 207 and BIOL 208 at UMass Boston
 - Must be taken with lab
 - Must be a C+ or higher
 - Must be taken within the last 10 years
- **Microbiology**
 - BIOL 209 at UMass Boston
 - Must be taken with lab
 - Must be a C+ or higher
 - Must be taken within the last 10 years
- **Human Growth and Development**
 - HLTH 230 at UMass Boston
 - Also known as "Lifespan Growth and Development" or "Lifespan Across the Ages" at other colleges
 - Must be C+ or higher
- **Nutrition**
 - EHS 150 or BIO 108 at UMass Boston
 - Must be C+ or higher

- **How do I know if a class I took will transfer?**
 - To find out a class fulfills a prerequisite requirement, use UMass Boston’s online class database [Transferology](#). Create an account, and then use the “Transfer Equivalencies” tool. For more information, and video instructions on how to use the transferology.com website, please see visit the Transfer Course Database [website](#).
 - Nursing classes taken at another institution are not eligible to transfer into UMass Boston.

The Admission Process

- **Deadlines**
 - Student may apply for a Fall or Spring start.
 - **Spring deadline – November 1**
 - **Fall deadline – March 1**
 - These deadlines are strict and applications are not accepted after the posted deadlines.
- **Application Requirements**
 - Application (Common App or UMass Boston app)
 - Official transcripts from all colleges attended
 - International coursework must be evaluated by a third-party company such as CED or WES
 - High School transcript (or GED equivalency)
 - Essay – 500 words on the topic - UMass Boston's College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) is committed to advance efforts towards promoting health equity, social justice, and population-based health in our community and beyond by educating health professionals to serve communities as diverse as our students. Why are you interested in studying nursing at UMass Boston, an institution committed to advancing health equity?
 - Letter of recommendation
 - TEAS Optional (TEAS is not required for admissions). If submitting TEAS scores, we recommend a 75 or higher on each section. Students will not be penalized for choosing not to submit the TEAS exam.
- **Student Selection**
 - The nursing program is competitive due to limited space. After the deadline passes, the nursing committee meets to evaluate all applicants. While all application materials are considered in review, the nursing committee looks closely at overall academic and performance as these metrics trend most closely to program success. Decisions are typically released within a month of the application deadline. There is often a waitlist for qualified students that cannot be accommodated due to space restrictions. Students placed on the waitlist are typically notified on their final status within 1-2 months. Students not selected for the Nursing program, may still be admitted for an alternative major at the University. If a student chooses to enroll in an alternate program, the expectation is to make progress toward that major; an alternate major should not be viewed as a pathway into the nursing program. It is very difficult to transfer into the nursing program once enrolled at UMass Boston in a different major.

Program Structure and Cost

➤ **Length of Program**

- The program is a minimum of five semesters. If a student still needs to complete prerequisites, the program will take longer.
- Nursing courses are required to be taken in a set sequence. Once clinical courses begin, nursing becomes a full-time program of study. The nursing program is very time intensive due to clinical and class assignments. Students are strongly advised to limit employment to fewer than 20 hours per week.

➤ **Clinical Placements**

- Students will complete five clinical placements as part of the traditional nursing program. Students will have opportunities to complete their clinical placements in Greater Boston's healthcare institutions, such as Brigham and Women's Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Children's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, Good Samaritan-Brockton, and the VA Medical Centers, among many others. Students are required to provide their own transportation to their clinical placements. If transportation is an issue for any students, the nursing department works to find clinical placement locations on public transportation, or can possibly help a student find other nursing students to carpool with.
- NOTE: To comply with clinical site requirements, all students are required to give permission for a [Criminal Offender Record Information \(CORI\)](#) investigation.

➤ **Program Structure**

- A [sample curriculum guide](#) for the program can be found online.

➤ **Program Cost and Financing**

- Please visit the [billing website](#) to see current rates.
- Students who are permanent residents and US citizens are eligible to apply for Financial Aid. To apply for financial aid, students [must submit a FAFSA](#).
- Students can submit separate applications to be considered for scholarships:
 - [Transfer Scholarships](#)
 - [Nursing department Scholarships](#)