



PRE-LICENSURE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

FAQ's and Things to Know

1. When is the application deadline?

Applicants will need to apply to the UC Application by November 30th and apply to the School of Nursing by January 15th.

2. When is the start date?

This Fall Semester will start in late September 2021.

3. Who can apply?

UCLA accepts applications from first-time freshmen and junior-level transfer students.

4. Am I admitted into UCLA before the School of Nursing?

No, the School of Nursing will recommend the admission decision to UCLA who will then send out the admissions acceptance letter.

5. How many applications do you receive?

For Freshman admission, the School of Nursing receives over 3,600 applications.
Transfer admission, the School of Nursing receives over 200 applications.

6. How many students do you admit every year? How competitive is the program?

The BS Freshman program admits 40 students per year.
The BS Transfer program admits 10 students per year.
Yes, this is a very competitive program.

7. Is there a waitlist?

Yes, the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) will create a waitlist for those who apply and do not make the initial admission offer.

8. When are applicants notified of admission?

Those applying for Freshman admissions will find out in mid-March, while Transfer admission decisions will be sent out by late April.

9. Is there an entrance exam required for admission?

The University recognizes the challenges that students are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic and, in response, UC is suspending the standardized test requirement for students applying for fall 2021 freshman admission. For more information, please refer to <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/university-california-board-regents-approves-changes-standardized-testing-requirement>.

10. What is the average SAT and ACT exam scores?

The average SAT score is a 1290 and the average ACT score is 28.

11. What is the minimum GPA requirement for admissions?

There is no minimum GPA requirement for BS Freshman admissions. Those applying for BS Transfer admissions will need to have a minimum GPA of 3.5 for all UC transferrable coursework.

12. What is the average GPA for admissions?

The average GPA for BS Freshman admission for Fall 2020 was a 4.2 weighted. The average GPA for BS Transfer admission for Fall 2020 was a 3.77.

13. Do I need to send transcripts for college courses I completed? What if they do not pertain to nursing?

For those applying for freshman admission, you do not have to submit a transcript to the School of Nursing. Transfer applicants are required to submit transcripts from each college they have attended regardless of the number of courses they took there.

14. Do I need to send you transcript for a college that I attended over 5 years ago?

Yes, we require transfer applicants to submit transcripts from each college they have attended regardless of how long ago you took courses there.

15. Do I need to send you transcripts from my CNA/LVN course?

No, UCLA does not consider CNA or LVN coursework transferrable.

16. Do I need to complete the prerequisites before I apply?

Freshman applicants must satisfy the general freshman admission requirements of the University of California and provide the information requested on the School of Nursing Supplemental Application for Freshman Admission.

Transfer applicants must have completed all IGETC requirements or all general education requirements at the school where currently or previously enrolled and the equivalent of all of the non-nursing preparation for the major courses as follows <https://www.nursing.ucla.edu/admissions/degree-programs/bachelor-science/admission-requirements>.

17. Can I apply with prerequisites in progress?

Those applying out of high school of Freshman admission do not have to complete prerequisites. Those applying from a community college or university can have prerequisites in progress.

18. What if I took the science courses more than 5 years ago?

There is no time limit for science courses or any other UC transferrable coursework.

19. Can prerequisites be completed during the summer before entering the program?

Yes, but it is recommended to complete them by spring in order to assure the possibility to complete the prerequisites before the start of the program.

20. Can prerequisites be completed at UCLA School of Nursing?

No, all IGETC or General Education courses will need to be completed before entering. All prerequisites except for Communications, Microbiology, Calculus and Psychology will need to be completed before entering the program as well.

21. Do I need healthcare experience to apply?

It is recommended that applicants receive healthcare experience. For other ways of strengthening your application, please review the Tip Sheet https://www.nursing.ucla.edu/sites/default/files/BS-G%20Evaluation%20Criteria%20-%20Tips%20and%20Information_0.pdf.

22. What degree will I earn if I graduate from the BS undergrad program?

Students who graduate from our BS undergraduate program will receive a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Nursing.

23. Is there an interview process?

We do not conduct interviews at this time. The statement of purpose is considered your written interview. You need to clearly articulate why you want to be a nurse and why the BS program at UCLA will help you meet your goals. For this reason, your statement of purpose will be given a great deal of consideration. Can I reapply if I am not admitted this year?

24. Can I reapply if I am not admitted this year?

Yes, applicants can reapply for admissions the following year.

25. Can I enter UCLA in another major and transfer to nursing?

No, unfortunately we do not accept “Change of Major” applicants. Current students cannot change their major into nursing.

26. If I have an associate degree in nursing, can I still apply?

No, unfortunately the UCLA School of Nursing does not offer a RN-BSN bridge program. This is pre-license so students will enter without a nursing degree or RN license.

27. I have a BS in a different major, can I apply for a BSN in nursing?

No, you will be eligible to apply to the School of Nursing MSN-MECN program.

28. Do you offer the BS program part-time or online?

No, part-time and online is not an option.

29. How many days a week will I take classes? How many days a week will I attend clinical rotations?

At this time, you should expect to be either in class or in the clinical setting four to five days a week, which may include evenings and Saturdays. The scheduled time for your clinical experience will depend upon both the work schedule of your clinical instructor and the availability of the site.

30. Where do clinical experiences take place?

Currently we have clinical partnerships with Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA, Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA, Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, St. John's Health Center, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, VA-West Los Angeles Healthcare Center, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Northridge Hospital Medical Center, Torrance Memorial Medical Center, and Good Samaritan Hospital Los Angeles. You

may be assigned to complete your clinical rotations at different hospitals from among our affiliates to provide a variety of clinical experiences.

31. Can I work while I am in this program?

Undergraduate study requires a great deal of time and effort to assure academic success. Obviously, it is optimal to devote all of your time and energy to your nursing education. While many of our students choose to continue to work full- or part-time in the first two quarters, it will be difficult to do so once the clinical rotations begin because clinical rotations may include days, evenings or weekends and will take priority over your work schedule. You should consider your financial situation before starting a graduate program.

32. Is financial aid and scholarships available?

Applicants are encouraged to complete the FAFSA by the deadline at the beginning of March. Once you are admitted to the program, we will send you additional information about how to apply for merit or need-based scholarships and awards. These scholarships are competitive, so you may need to consider financing some of your education with federal loans.

33. When would I take the exam to become an RN (registered nurse)?

Students will have the opportunity to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NLCEX) exam during the summer after graduating in June.

34. Can I pursue an MSN after I complete the BS program?

Yes, graduates will have the opportunity to pursue a MSN degree but it is recommended that newly graduates gain RN experience before applying.

35. What kind of job will I get when I finish this program?

Graduates will be able to work bedside as a RN within a hospital or clinical setting.

36. Is the nursing program considered a UCLA-certified capstone major?

Yes, the BS program is a UCLA-certified capstone major. During the last clinical course in the 4th year, each student plans and implements a Clinically-based Scholarly Project designed to improve the system of care provided to patients and their families.

Additional information:

LOCATION

The UCLA Campus is located in the green rolling hills of Westwood. The 419-acre campus is bounded on the north by Sunset Boulevard, on the south by Westwood Village, which includes shopping, restaurants, theaters and the Armand Hammer Cultural History Museum. The UCLA campus is just 5 miles from the beach. The School of Nursing in the Louis and Doris Factor Building is part of the Center for Health Sciences complex located on the corner of Charles E. Young Drive South and Tiverton Avenue at the south end of campus.

Get directions to campus or an interactive map. You can search for The Louis and Doris Factor Building on this map.

TRANSPORTATION

It is important that students have access to adequate transportation, particularly for traveling to clinical sites. Depending on where they live, some students may find it convenient to take one of the local bus routes to campus. For bus routes to campus and information about parking permits, see the UCLA Transportation website.

COST OF ATTENDING THE PROGRAM & OTHER EXPENSES

All UCLA students pay fees as part of the registration and enrollment process. In addition to these fees, California nonresident students are charged tuition. Click here for the current fee schedule. Students also will be required to pay for background checks and internet-based assessment tests and uniforms (see items below). Other expenses include housing, books, equipment for clinical, health clearance examination, immunizations and titers, health insurance and transportation.

HEALTH SCREENING FOR CLINICALS

All students entering the nursing school must show documentation of immunizations, blood titers, a negative two-step TB skin test, and a physical examination, as well as current certification of CPR training for healthcare providers. Documentation is due at the beginning of November of the first quarter. Click here for the current fee schedule for services offered through the Arthur Ashe Student Health Center.

SCHOOL OF NURSING IDENTIFICATION BADGES

All BS students will be asked to submit an application for a School of Nursing identification and security badge. These badges will serve as hospital identification and take the place of the BruinCard, the UCLA student identification/library/campus debit card.

UNIFORMS

BS students will be required to purchase uniforms and a lab coat. The uniforms are custom-made for the School of Nursing and run about \$40 a set. The lab coat is approximately \$28. These are subject to change.

BOOKS

BS students should budget around \$1,464 a year for books. This is subject to change.

EQUIPMENT

BS students need to purchase a lab pack. The cost is roughly \$275. The lab pack includes a stethoscope and other essentials for nursing practice. This is subject to change.