



Nursing Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to do to apply for the Nursing Program?

Start by setting up an appointment with the Nursing Program Academic Coach, Maisie R. Baca at maisierb@unm.edu or calling 505-925-8560. She will meet with you to identify courses you might need, and what the entrance requirements are. Once you have met all prerequisites, you will need to complete the entrance exam. UNM VC is currently accepting passing scores from the HESI, ATI TEAS, and Kaplan. Once you pass the entrance exam you will apply through NursingCAS.

When do you admit students and how many?

*UNM VC admits students once a year. A selection committee reviews applicants throughout the month of June. This is a competitive application screening, with 8 available Dual Degree (AASN/BSN) slots and 12 AASN slots. ASN/Dual Degree Nursing CAS applications go live **April 1, 2024- June 1, 2024.***

My application is in. What's next?

Qualified applicants are scored by a point structure on the Nursing Centralized Application System (CAS). The Selection and Progression committee meets during the summer to review all applicants, their scores, and make the selection of 20 students. All completed applications are reviewed equally and the process is competitive. It is not a first-come-first serve process. Applicants are notified via letter of acceptance, alternate status, or non-selection by July.

May I complete my pre-requisite courses in the summer and still apply?

Pre-requisite courses may be completed during the spring semester, but the grades must be posted before the application deadline date. Prerequisite courses may not be completed during the summer session of the application cycle year for fall entry. Your official transcripts must be sent to Nursing CAS to be reviewed. Please make sure official transcripts are sent then verified by Nursing CAS by the deadline date.

If I have attended another school, will my credits transfer?

The Nursing Program Academic Coach, Maisie Baca, is able to review your transcripts to determine which courses transfer or- not. The Nursing Program Director will be consulted for those courses that are in question.

Can I work while I am in the Nursing Program?

The program is rigorous and you may or may not be able to handle both school and work. Although the course schedule will list your class days, it will not list your clinical and lab times. Those are determined each semester through collaboration with our clinical partners. Classes and clinical experiences are not scheduled around individual work schedules.

Where can I find more information about the program?

You may review the Student Handbook posted on the website.



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You may also contact the department at 505-925-8870.

You may contact Sheela Kaufman via email at skaufman67@unm.edu.

Go to the UNM Valencia Nursing Website at

<http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/divisions/nursing/index.html>.