

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO
School of Nursing

Questions frequently asked by transfer students declaring nursing as their major:

Q. Is there a minimum GPA required to transfer UNCG as a pre-nursing major?

A. Yes. Incoming transfer and second-degree students must have a transfer GPA of 3.0 or greater to declare pre-nursing as their major upon admission to the University. No exceptions are made to this policy because admission to the upper division program at UNCG is highly selective.

Q. What courses will I have transfer credit for?

A. The official evaluation of transfer credits is done by the Office of Admissions at the time a student applies for admission. There are some online resources that you can use to see if the courses you completed will transfer. For NC community college course, go to the following website:

<http://www.uncg.edu/reg/TransferCredits/CommCollege/CCindex.html>

For students from four-year schools, go to the following website:

<http://web.uncg.edu/reg/static/transfer/search.asp>

Effective fall 2005, only transfer courses with grades of C or higher will be considered for transfer; a grade of C- or lower will not transfer.

If you see that a course you have completed transfers as 000, do not be alarmed. For example, a combined anatomy & physiology course will transfer to UNCG as BIO 000 or BIO elective. This is because we do not have a combined A & P course, so there is not an equivalent course number to assign to that course. The credit earned (assuming it was a grade of C or better) will apply toward the degree. If you are unsure if the course will meet a School of Nursing requirement, contact the School of Nursing to check with us.

You will start a new GPA at UNCG when you begin here. However, when you apply for admission to the upper division the application requires that you attach copies of transcripts of all post-high school education, so the Admission Committee will consider your grades in the courses you completed elsewhere in making their admission decision.

Q. When can I apply for admission to the School of Nursing?

A. The School of Nursing accepts new students into the clinical component once a year. Students apply by the February 1 deadline, for admission to the clinical courses that will begin the next August. The application is available to be printed from the School of Nursing web site between December 1 – February 1. Go to www.uncg.edu/nur. Choose Academic Programs, then Undergraduate Programs, and then scroll down to “Documents of Interest.” Students must also apply for admission to UNCG; the School of Nursing cannot accept students into the clinical component who have not been admitted to UNCG.

Q. How long will it take me to finish at UNCG?

A. The clinical portion of the program (the upper division, or junior and senior level courses) takes two academic years of full-time study. Depending on how many hours you transfer, and the specific courses you transfer, you may be able to finish in one year plus the two years of clinical courses. Others may need as many as 4 years to finish the requirements. It is important to meet with an advisor in the School of Nursing to work out a projected plan of study for your situation.

Q. What are the criteria for admission to the upper division?

A. The major criterion for admission is grade point average. There are also criteria for admission in the School of Nursing section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin*, which address specific courses that must be completed at a level of C or better, or “B-“ or better (NUR 210 and 220). We have many more applicants than spaces, so it is very competitive to get into the upper division. We do recommend that students apply to more than one nursing program, since there is no guarantee that a student will be admitted to the UNCG program.

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 that 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. Do I have to take math?

A. Nursing students must complete statistics (STA 108) by the time they enter their senior year.

Q. Why else do I need to know?

A. The School of Nursing has policies regarding GPA and SAT scores for pre-nursing students:

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

1. Pre-nursing majors must **earn and maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA** in order to remain a declared pre-nursing major. Students with a GPA below 3.0 after their first semester must change to a major other than Nursing.
2. Students wishing to change their major to Nursing from another major must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative UNCG GPA to do so.
3. Incoming Transfer and Second Degree students must have a transfer GPA of 3.0 or greater to declare pre-nursing as their major upon admission to the University.
4. Incoming freshmen must have either: 1) and SAT Critical Reading score of at least 500 and an SAT Mathematics score of at least 500 or 2) an ACT Composite score of at least 21 to declare pre-nursing (PNUR) as their major. Incoming freshmen who are initially ineligible to declare pre-nursing as their major may change their major to pre-nursing after successful completion of 15 semester hours of coursework at UNCG with a GPA or at least 3.0.

Q. Will I have an advisor?

A. See the above item. If your GPA qualifies, you will have an advisor in the School of Nursing. Until your advisor is assigned, you may contact our Advising Center to set up an appointment with an advisor at (336) 334-5288 or via email at sonadv@uncg.edu. We also recommend that you attend the summer orientation program (called 'SOAR') for transfer students, because it will give you a chance to get oriented to the campus, and to complete activities like activating your ID card and email address, and purchasing your textbooks.

Q. Do I have to have a minor?

A. No. Students who wish to pursue a minor certainly may do that, and the requirements for various minors are described in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*, in the section for each department. A minor typically requires 15 to 18 semester hours of course work in the selected area of study. Students thinking about this should talk it over with their advisor. Sometimes, transfer students may wish to take additional course work at UNCG to bring up the overall GPA; pursuing a minor is one way to do this.

Q. What is a "tuition surcharge"?

A. The NC General Assembly has imposed a 50% tuition surcharge on students who take more than 140 credit hours toward a baccalaureate degree. Courses taken during summer school and credit by exam do not count toward the surcharge.

Q. Do I have to attend summer school? May I attend summer school?

A. The School of Nursing does not require summer school. However, many students **choose** to attend summer session in order to lighten their academic load during the regular academic year. At UNCG, there are two 5-week summer sessions, and a student may attend one or both sessions, and may take 1 or 2 courses each session. Other colleges and Universities may follow a different schedule during the summer.

Q. Can I study abroad?

A. Study abroad is enriching and a wonderful opportunity for students. However, a student who plans to complete the program in four years would have to study abroad during the summer, or move to the five-year plan.