

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Nursing at Quinnipiac University is to prepare graduates for professional nursing practice who are capable of providing holistic care for diverse individuals, families, communities, and populations in a variety of settings. The faculty affirm that nursing is both a science and an art that is creative, goal-directed, research-based, and concerned with the health and dignity of the whole person. Learning occurs in a highly personalized, student-centered community which promotes academic excellence.

Definition of Holistic Nursing

Holistic nursing is a professional discipline that develops and uses empirical, ethical, aesthetic and personal knowledge to promote healing. Within the metaparadigm of nursing, the client is any human being or community seeking healing.

Holistic Nurse

The holistic nurse is an individual who is educated to use empirical, ethical, personal and aesthetic knowing to promote healing

The Nursing Major

The nursing major at Quinnipiac is an intense educational experience that seeks to prepare competent, sensitive professionals, willing and able to assume positions of responsibility in a dynamic health care environment and to meet the many nursing challenges of the new millennium. Students are provided with clinical experiences totaling over 800 hours in facilities that include acute and chronic health care institutions, clinics, community health agencies, and a variety of other settings within the community where health care is delivered. Students have ample opportunity to practice clinical skills in our extraordinary clinical skills practice lab and simulation lab on campus. Nursing students in the undergraduate program are mentored by faculty who are specialists in adult, pediatric, psychiatric, maternal-child, gerontological, critical care, and community nursing. Inspired and empowered by the quality of education students receive from the Department of Nursing, our graduates are recognized as leaders throughout the profession.

“Caring To Make a Difference”

Nursing is a profession that illuminates a culture of compassion, commitment and connection to individuals. Quinnipiac nursing students are taught that caring makes a difference in the health and well-being of all individuals.

The Accelerated BSN Track

The Accelerated BSN Track is designed for students with a bachelor's degree in another discipline wishing to pursue nursing as a second baccalaureate degree. The curriculum provides these students with a means to achieve their professional development goals and builds on the individual's prior educational preparation. The Accelerated BSN must be

pursued on a full-time basis only. All prior relevant course work is evaluated for transfer credit. A grade of C or better is required for transfer credit. Once admitted to the program, students are required to take only nursing courses. The BSN will be completed in one calendar year, providing the candidate meets the admission criteria and has completed the required prerequisites. Accelerated BSN students complete a 13 week intensive summer session and then join undergraduate students in the generic program to complete the remainder of the nursing major requirements in the fall and spring semesters. Please refer to the attached curriculum.

Admission

Applicants to the accelerated BSN program must hold an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and have achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least **3.0**. Individuals who are undergraduate students at time of application, must document proof of graduation with a GPA of at least 3.0 from an accredited college or university prior to the May start date.

All prerequisites must be completed in the last five years with a grade of C or better. **It is highly recommended that the majority of the prerequisite courses are completed at the time of application.** For transfer credit to be granted for courses taken at another university, the courses must be equivalent in content matter to the Quinnipiac University courses listed below. Please see the Accelerated Track for Nursing, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) page, on the Department of Nursing web site for course descriptions. Go to www.quinnipiac.edu.

Anatomy and Physiology I and II (4 credits each with lab)	BI 111/112 or 211/212
Microbiology (4 credits with lab)	BI 213 or BI 370
Pathophysiology (3 credits, no lab)	BI 318 or BI 518
Statistics (3 credits)	MA 206 or MA 275 or PS 206

Students may be admitted conditionally if they are in the process of completing prerequisite course work and meet all other admission requirements. **Documentation that all prerequisite coursework has been successfully completed with a grade of C or better must be submitted to the Department of Nursing prior to start of classes in mid-May.**

Complete Accelerated BSN applications must be submitted no later than October 1. Final decisions will be mailed to students early December. Accelerated BSN applications are available on the Accelerated Track for Nursing web site as well as through the Office of Admissions. Students are encouraged to begin submitting applications in August.

Progression

Continued good standing in the professional component of the nursing major is dependent upon satisfactory academic and clinical performance. Students must attain a cumulative and semester grade point average (GPA) of **3.0**, a grade of C or better in all

nursing courses, and a grade of Pass in each clinical skills and hospital laboratory. Students must also pass all medication calculation testing.

Graduation

Graduation requirements include a minimum **cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0**, a grade of at least C in all nursing and science courses as well as a grade of Pass in each clinical skills and hospital laboratory, and completion of 132 course credits as indicated by the Academic Audit (this includes transfer credit). Graduates are eligible for registered nurse licensure in any of the United States upon satisfactory achievement of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®) and are qualified for an entry level nursing position and/or graduate study.

Costs

Tuition and fees are *approximately* \$54,000. Books, uniforms, housing and travel expenses to and from clinical sites are additional. Financial aid is available to students who qualify. Be sure to submit the necessary forms to the Office of Financial Aid early in the application process to be considered. All eligible students are encouraged to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) due no later than March 1 (www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov and www.fafsa.ed.gov).

On-campus housing is not available for second-degree students, however, residential life has listings for available off-campus housing.

Please visit our webpage and FAQ page for more detailed information at www.quinnipiac.edu. [Once at the web site click on: Academics; Undergraduate Programs; Majors, Minors, Certificates; Nursing; Accelerated BSN for Second Degree Students]

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