University of Michigan-Flint
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
TRADITIONAL BSN PROGRAM
For students who do not already have a RN license

It's a great time to be a nurse! Opportunities for nurses are abundant and are evolving in numerous new and challenging directions. At one time, nurses were primarily prepared for work in hospital settings. Today, a large variety of rewarding opportunities are available in a range of geographic and cultural settings. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students prepare to provide health care to people across their lifespan. RNs design, provide, manage, and evaluate nursing care for individuals, families, and communities through evidence-based practice. Theoretical and clinical learning experiences prepare students to meet the healthcare needs of a diverse society by providing holistic health care to the acutely and chronically ill and also by instructing clients in health promotion and disease and injury prevention. BSN students also develop skills necessary to manage the healthcare needs of clients in a variety of settings. A four-year BSN degree allows for career flexibility and serves as the foundation for education at the master’s or doctoral level.

Where do I start?
The School of Nursing recommends that you prepare to enter the UM-Flint Traditional BSN program by completing high school college preparatory courses including biology, chemistry, English, and mathematics. First-time students and transfer students who wish to join the BSN program first apply to the University for admission. Apply online at http://www.umflint.edu/admissions. While completing prerequisite requirements, you will enroll in the University of Michigan-Flint School of Nursing Pre-Nursing program. Pre-Nursing students are advised in the Student Success Center (285 University Pavilion) by calling 810-762-3085; appointments only. The University of Michigan-Flint has a revolving admission policy; you may be admitted to the University to begin prerequisite work in fall, winter, spring, or summer. To learn details of the application and selection processes, prospective applicants are encouraged to attend a School of Nursing information meeting. Scheduled dates are on the UM-Flint School of Nursing website (www.umflint.edu/nursing).

Steps to Apply to the Traditional BSN Program
1. Apply to UM-Flint as a freshman or transfer student with Undeclared/Pre-Nursing as your major: https://www.umflint.edu/admissions
2. Send official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended to Undergraduate Admissions.
3. Once accepted, meet with an advisor in the Student Success Center (810-762-3085) to review transfer credits and plan for remaining prerequisite courses and general education requirements.
4. Attend a Nursing Information Meeting (dates held throughout the year).
5. Complete a nursing application and submit to the School of Nursing.

How do I apply for the Nursing program?
To be admitted to the Traditional BSN program, you must apply online on the UM-Flint School of Nursing website (www.umflint.edu/nursing), due in mid-January for fall admission and mid-September for winter admission (check the website for specific due dates). Admission to the BSN program is competitive; participation in the Pre-Nursing program does not ensure acceptance into the Traditional BSN program. Forty-eight students are selected from the applicant pool each fall and winter semester. An applicant's cumulative prerequisite GPA and last 30-credit GPA must be 2.75 or higher. It is likely that the prerequisite GPA and overall GPA of accepted students may be well above minimum requirements. In addition, two academic/professional references are required. At least one reference must be from a college/university instructor. Applicants are also required to complete a one-page essay. Students who have attended a previous nursing program must be eligible for progression/reacceptance to the previous program without reservation. Applicants who are non-U.S. citizens, non-native English speakers, and those not born in the U.S. are required to complete an English language proficiency exam even if they are a permanent resident or regardless of enrollment in the English education system. Students are allowed to complete TOEFL (must be internet based) or MELAB or IELTS tests. Minimum scores for both overall score and each subtopic are required. The TOEFL is offered at UM-Flint: http://www.umflint.edu/international/elp/testing

What types of courses will I take while in the Traditional BSN program?
The Traditional BSN program consists of three areas: Prerequisite courses, general education requirements, and the Nursing core curriculum. General education requirements are required for any University degree. Please refer to your appropriate catalog for general education information. Most of the nursing prerequisite courses also count as general education requirements. The Nursing core curriculum consists of five semesters of nursing courses. Nine of these core courses include clinical components that take place in regional hospitals or other healthcare facilities. A BSN degree requires a minimum of 120 credits. Transfer credits may be a part of this total. At least 45 credits must be completed at UM-Flint, of which the last 30 may only be completed at UM-Flint.

Criminal Background Checks
In seeking to provide a safe learning environment and comply with standards set forth by clinical agencies, all undergraduate nursing students will be required to complete a criminal background check after admission to the program. A disclosure statement will be required at the time of application, and clinical agencies may require further screenings and checks. The criminal background check must be performed by the vendor designated by the School of Nursing or by a vendor designated by a clinical agency. Data obtained through the criminal background check is reviewed by the School of Nursing in consultation with legal counsel to ensure compliance with requirements set by the School of Nursing and clinical agencies. Each student is responsible for costs incurred for their criminal background check(s).
**What are the prerequisite courses for the Traditional BSN program?**

Four prerequisites (at least two must be science courses, one of which must be a biology course) must be completed by the nursing application deadline date to apply to the Nursing program. All prerequisite courses are required to be completed before beginning the program.

Nursing core curriculum. Chemistry and biology coursework are counted as one course if the lecture lab is separated into two courses. If you are applying in fall for winter admission, four prerequisite courses must be completed by the early-September deadline and the remaining prerequisite courses must be completed fall term for a winter (January) start. If you are applying in winter for fall admission, four prerequisite courses must be completed by the early-January deadline and the remaining prerequisite courses can be completed winter, spring and/or summer term for a fall (September) start.

**A minimum grade of C+ is required for prerequisite courses.** The exception is chemistry; a grade of C is acceptable in chemistry.

| BIO 167 | Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4) | ENG 111 | College Rhetoric (3) |
| BIO 168 | Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4) | ENG 112 | Critical Writing & Reading (3) |
| BIO 135 | Microbiology with Lab (4) | NUR 110 | Intro to Professional Nursing (2) |
| CHM | A 3-4 credit general chemistry course with a laboratory (Excludes CHM 135 and any other chemistry for non-science majors) |

**SPECIAL NOTES:**
- Biology credits must be no more than ten years old (BIO 167, 168, & 135).
- A NLN competency exam may be completed if biology credits are more than ten years old. Contact the School of Nursing to schedule.

**What is the Nursing Core Curriculum?**

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* Additional Traditional BSN Program Requirements – May be completed prior to entry into the program:*

| NSC 180 (3) | Legal and Moral Decisions in Health Care |
| NSC 209 (3) | Basic Nutrition for Healthcare Practitioners |
| NUR 316 (3) | Research in Nursing |
| NUR 369 (3) | Transcultural Health Care |
| PSY 313 (3) | Developmental Psychology (Complete prior to BSN Semester 4) |

| Select Nursing Electives (4-6) | Choose from: NUR 274, NSC or NUR 350-399 (excluding NUR 362 & NUR 369), NUR 499, INT 391, INT 394, INT 395, INT 398. |

**ALSO REQUIRED:**

Traditional BSN students are required to take nationally-developed tests throughout the curriculum. In the last semester of the curriculum, students will be required to take a comprehensive nationally-normed exam. Students must achieve a satisfactory score (as determined by the School of Nursing) on this comprehensive exam prior to graduation.

**Are there any nursing courses I may take before I am accepted into the Nursing program?**

The following courses are a part of the Traditional BSN program Nursing core curriculum but may be taken before entry into the program: NSC 180 Legal/Moral Decisions in Health Care; NSC 209 Nutrition; NUR 316 Research in Nursing; NUR 369 Transcultural Health Care; and PSY 313 Developmental Psychology. NSC 233 Pharmacology may also be completed early; however, faculty strongly recommend it is completed in BSN Semester 1, just prior to NUR 250-Medical/Surgical Nursing I. A few nursing electives may also be taken before beginning the program.

**What is the passing standard for Nursing program requirements?**

A minimum grade of C+ is required for prerequisite courses, Nursing core curriculum, and Nursing electives. The exception is chemistry; a grade of C is acceptable in chemistry courses.
Additional Program Requirements
Students admitted to the Traditional BSN program are charged according to a tuition and fee schedule specific to BSN students. This fee structure is used for all courses taken while in the program – nursing undergraduate-generic tuition: [http://www.umflint.edu/tuition](http://www.umflint.edu/tuition). Additional funds will be needed for uniforms, medical equipment, background checks, yearly health form updates, and professional textbooks. An automobile will also be needed to travel to clinical locations, some of which may be outside of Genesee County. A pre-entrance physical examination, immunizations, CPR certification, and health insurance will also be required at the student’s expense. Students must meet health requirements and background check requirements as mandated by their clinical sites. Students who do not provide verification of health requirements and background checks by the announced deadlines will be disenrolled. Readmission for the next semester will be dependent on available space.

Estimated Expenses After Admission and Before Starting Program
Background Check and Medical Document Manager - $72.75 (minimum)
Toxicology Test - $40.00
Immunizations - varies depending on what is needed
CPR Certification - $75-$125
Required Physical
Health Insurance
Nursing Supply Kit - $60
Stethoscope, Blood Pressure Kit & Badge Buddy - $110
UM-Flint Nursing Scrubs - $200-$300
First Semester Nursing Books - $1000-$1200

Application Deadlines
Winter (January) Admission: Apply beginning July 1
Fall (September) Admission: Apply beginning December 1

Accreditation
The baccalaureate, master’s, and DNP programs at the University of Michigan-Flint are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ([http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation)).

The University of Michigan-Flint is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution.
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Phone: 810-762-3420; Fax: 810-766-6851; Website address: [www.umflint.edu/nursing](http://www.umflint.edu/nursing)
Are you interested in becoming an advanced practice nurse?
If you are interested in pursuing a career in advanced practice nursing as a Nurse Practitioner (NP), this opportunity is available to admitted UM-Flint BSN students.

Do you want to get a job that lets you earn a top salary?
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average annual median salary for nurse practitioners is $113,930. The highest paid 10% of nurse practitioners earn $182,750. In some cities, the average annual income for a nurse practitioner is $125,450.

Admitted students to the Accelerated or Traditional BSN Program are eligible for early review by the School of Nursing Graduate Admissions Committee and potential Early Assurance Admission to the MSN or DNP Program.

- At the time of application to the Accelerated or Traditional BSN Program, students may specify interest for early review and potential Early Assurance Admission to UM-Flint’s Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program or the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program including Adult-Gerontology (Acute or Primary Care), Family, or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner tracks.
- The early review is conducted after at least two (2) semesters of successful completion in the Accelerated BSN program students, three (3) for Traditional BSN program students. This early review is conducted annually at the end of the Summer term.
- Early Assurance Admission is competitive with up to 10 available seats. If not selected for Early Assurance Admission, BSN candidates may apply through the standard competitive admission process.

CRITERIA FOR POTENTIAL EARLY ASSURANCE ADMISSION TO MSN or DNP:

- Admission to the University of Michigan-Flint.
- Application and admission to the Accelerated or Traditional BSN Program.
- Minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA in the Accelerated or Traditional BSN Program with emphasis on nursing and science (BIO, CHM, Patho) coursework and successful completion of the NCLEX (Registered Nurse) exam prior to the start of the MSN or DNP program.
- Minimum of one (1) year work experience as a Registered Nurse for DNP Adult-Gerontology Acute Care applicants.
- Successful completion of a 3-credit college-level statistics course with a “C” or better grade.
- Consult the Graduate Nursing Advisor to verify minimum criteria and MSN or DNP program requirements.

For more information on UM-Flint School of Nursing graduate programs, visit https://www.umflint.edu/graduateprograms/.
Nursing Program Information Meetings – 2020

Traditional BSN Program:  2:00 – 3:00 pm  
2nd Degree Accelerated Program:  3:10 – 4:00 pm

UM-Flint Campus, School of Nursing  
2199A William S. White Building

(Please park in parking lot S at the north end of the White building.  
For directions to campus, please visit [http://maps.umflint.edu](http://maps.umflint.edu))

Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
Wednesday, April 8, 2020  
Thursday, June 4, 2020  
Thursday, August 13, 2020  
Wednesday, September 9, 2020  
Thursday, November 12, 2020  
Friday, December 4, 2020

Pre-nursing advising is available through the Student Success Center,  
810-762-3085, 285 University Pavilion.

The intent of these meetings is to provide a brief program overview and answer questions students may have about the application process. Questions specific to your degree requirements should be directed to advisors in the Student Success Center.

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