

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Science Program (RN4)

First Year Students

Admission to the four-year bachelor of science (RN4) program is competitive. Applicants must

- Be graduates of an approved secondary school* with a minimum of 16 academic units that include:
 - Four years of English
 - Three to four years of history/social sciences
 - Three to four years of college preparatory mathematics
 - Biology with integrated lab
 - Chemistry with integrated lab
 - Two years of a foreign language
- Maintain a high school GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Submit a recommendation from a high school counselor and/or teacher
- Submit a personal statement or essay.

Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board scores are optional.

**A High School Equivalency Diploma, with satisfactory scores, may also be accepted.*

Regular Admissions or Change of Major Students

All current students (without previous experience) must meet the following criteria in order to be admitted to the RN4 program and sophomore-level nursing courses:

- Earn and maintain a minimum CQPA of 2.75
- Successfully complete the following: Critical Writing (ENG 120), Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 152), Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 153), Principles of Chemistry (CHE 113), Introduction to Psychology (PSY 112), and UNV 101. **NOTE:** A grade of B- or higher is required for the following courses or their equivalent: BIO 152, BIO 153, CHE 113, PSY 112.

Transfer Students

Transfer students applying to the RN4 program must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible and considered for admission to the nursing program:

- Have a minimum CQPA of 3.0
- Successfully complete prerequisite courses (BIO 152, BIO 153, CHE 113, ENG 120, & PSY 112) or their equivalent with a grade of B- or higher.
- Submit a Letter of Good Academic Standing (**only** for transfer applicants currently enrolled in a nursing program at another institution) from the dean/director of their program. **Note:** *Transfer applicants who have failed a nursing course at another institution are not eligible for admission.*

Transfer students admitted to the RN4 program will begin the program at the sophomore level regardless of the number of credits transferred.

Admission decisions for transfer students take place in June of each year. **Meeting the eligibility criteria listed above does not guarantee admission.**

Accelerated Bachelor of Science Degree, Nursing Major (ABS)

Admission to this degree program (for non-nurse college graduates) is through the Graduate Admission Office. This degree is an accelerated curriculum. Applicants must show satisfactory achievement in previous undergraduate work. Students must meet all entrance requirements of the Department of Graduate Studies (see College of Health Professions Graduate Catalog (<https://catalog.pace.edu/graduate/schools/college-health-professions/admission-requirements-nursing-programs/>) for admission requirements and course sequence). Students must maintain a CQPA of 2.75 for progression in and graduation from the program. Following the completion of the baccalaureate program, students are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN to become registered nurses.

Admission to the ABS program is highly competitive.

- The application deadline for January entry for the Pleasantville campus is September 15. The application deadline for September entry for the New York City campus is February 1.
- Students who previously failed a nursing course or who were academically dismissed from a nursing program are not eligible for admission to the degree program.

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- Admission of students who have attended other nursing programs (without failing a class or being academically dismissed) will be considered on a case-by-case basis. These students may be required to provide additional application materials (e.g., letter(s) of reference from didactic and clinical faculty).
- This is an intensive, rigorous program so students must plan to consistently study to be successful. The full-time program requires students to dedicate as many as 36 hours to weekly class and clinical hours, in addition to study hours. We encourage students to think about personal and professional commitments and the significant amount of time necessary to devote to the program on a daily basis. Students will be taking 15 to 18 credits each semester and therefore, should not work.
- Students must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Students must complete all prerequisites with a minimum grade of B- in order to be eligible for application review. Prerequisites include: two semesters of biology (anatomy and physiology) and one semester of microbiology, general chemistry, Introduction to Psychology, and statistics.
- Students must have achieved an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Applications will not be considered for admission until all required documents have been submitted to the Graduate Admission Office.