

Accelerated BSN (Veterans and 2nd Degree Students)

FAQs

Who qualifies for this program?

To qualify for the Accelerated BSN program, you must be either a US Veteran/Active Duty Military personnel or be seeking a second bachelor's degree.

What are the admission requirements?

- GPA 3.0
- Completion of all general education requirements and foundational courses
- Veteran/Active Duty: Recommendation from CO or Honorable Discharge papers
- 2nd Degree: completion/conferral of a bachelor's degree in another subject
- Signed Non-Work Agreement
- Completed Nursing Application (application is found on the LUSON home page)

What are the general education requirements/foundational courses?

These general education requirements and foundational courses help to build a strong foundation on which nursing specific courses can build upon. Please see the Degree Completion Plan (DCP) for the Veteran to BSN and BS/BA to BSN programs.

Can classes be taken online?

General education courses and some foundational courses can be taken online. However, all core NURS classes will be taken in person on campus in an intensive format. We recommend that all sciences be take in person with a "wet" lab. NURS104 Intro to Nursing and Medical Term may be taken online or in residence. NURS116 Cellular Pathophysiology for Nurses can be take online or if preferred, the NURS115 Pathophysiology of Nurses may be take in residence.

How long is the program?

Once all general education and foundation courses are completed and the applicant is accepted into the program, the nursing portion will take 12 months. NURS courses start in January and complete in December of the same year.

When is the application due?

The Liberty University School of Nursing (LUSON) anticipates admission to the Accelerated BSN program for Fall 2024 or Spring 2025.

What are Clinical Placement Requirements?

Nursing students must complete several items prior to beginning in the program. This requirement upholds our professional obligation to deliver safe care to patients. You will receive a list of requirements upon tentative acceptance (Gate 1). Some requirements include, but not limited to, background check, drug screen, immunizations, etc. NOTE: Requirements may change based on clinical site requirements; please see your student handbook to confirm.

What does a “normal” week look like?

For most weeks, students will be in class for 2 full days, in the Simulation Center for 1 full day, and in the clinical setting 2 full days. Typically, simulation days will be Wednesday, and lecture days will be Tuesday and Thursday. Clinical days may be Monday, Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday. You can expect to be engaged with classroom and clinical experiences 4-5 days each week. Some courses which are fully didactic will be held in the classroom 5 days. Clinical days are subject to change based on the needs of the clinical partners.

Can my life experience offer Prior Learning (PLA)?

In some cases, your professional life experiences will allow you to apply for PLA credit. This credit is only considered for senior NURS elective courses. Application for PLA does not guarantee that credit for the course will be given.

Veteran examples: If the applicant has overseas deployment (working with individuals from another cultural group), they will be eligible to apply for PLA for **NURS416 Cross Cultural Nursing**. If the applicant has deployment in which there is a healthcare crisis (war time deployment, peace keeping mission, etc.) during which they worked within a healthcare crisis, they will be eligible to apply for PLA for **NURS417 Crisis Nursing**.

2nd Degree examples: If the applicant has lived overseas working with multiple cultures or with multiple sub-cultures domestically, the student is eligible to apply for PLA for **NURS 415 Cross Cultural Nursing**. If the applicant has worked within crisis centers, work to support communities in crisis (such as working for the American Red Cross during a national disaster, etc.), the student is eligible to apply for PLA for **NURS 417 Crisis Nursing**. If the applicant has worked in hospice, palliative care, or other such areas of service, the student is eligible to apply for PLA for **NURS 419 Strategies for End of Life Care**. If the applicant has worked with individuals suffering from acute/chronic pain, opioid addictions, hospice/palliative care, etc., the student is eligible to apply for PLA for **NURS 420 Comprehensive Pain Management**.