

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

School of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing



Frequently Asked Questions

1. How often does the School of Nursing admit students into the nursing major?

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) School of Nursing starts a traditional and freshman cohort into the nursing major every fall semester. The application deadline for both cohorts is March 1 of every year.

2. Does the UTC School of Nursing offer freshman admission into the nursing major?

The UTC School of Nursing accepts 40 students as freshman to the nursing major. Students admitted as freshman will spend their first year and a half completing the pre-requisite coursework then begin the nursing coursework in the spring semester of their sophomore year. Freshman admission is based on the following criteria:

- High school GPA of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale.
- Standardized test score for the ACT of 23 (SAT of 1620)
- Two recommendation letters. One of which must be a high school faculty member from whom you have taken courses and the other may be from a second faculty member or supervisor.
- Interview a BSN or higher Registered Nurse and write a reflective essay.
- Apply to UTC through the UTC Admission's office.

3. What if I am not accepted into the UTC School of Nursing as a freshman?

The UTC School of Nursing will accept 40 students not admitted as freshman and/or transfers into the nursing coursework every fall semester. Students applying for admission to the nursing major in the fall semester must meet the following:

- a. Completion of credit hours required for sophomore classification including the following prerequisite courses with no grade lower than a C:

Chemistry 1110/1110L

Psychology 1010

Biology 1910/1910L, 2080/2080L, 2100/2100L

Nursing 2260

English 1010, 1020

- b. Minimum college cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 point scale at UTC.
- c. Minimum Science GPA of 2.50. The nursing major includes a strong biophysical science component; thus the first grade earned in a required science course will be used to compute the student's science GPA.
- d. Students must take the TEASTM (Test of Essential Academic Skills) Version V and complete all four sections (math, English, reading and science). Students must score at the proficient level or higher to be considered for admission.
- e. Only two of the pre-requisite courses listed above may be in progress at the time of application.
- f. Physical and emotional characteristics appropriate for nursing practice as stated in the Core Performance Standards in the School of Nursing application packet.

4. Is the UTC School of Nursing accredited?

The UTC School of Nursing has received a full 10-year accreditation without any recommendations for improvement for its baccalaureate and master's degree programs. This follows an examination of an extensive self-study and a comprehensive onsite evaluation of the school's curricula and resources by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) in September 2009.

5. Does UTC have an associate of science in nursing (ASN)?

UTC only offers the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. For those who have already received their ASN they can complete the Gateway RN-BSN track.

6. What is UTC School of Nursing’s NCLEX pass rate?

Program	1st Attempt Pass Rate	Overall Pass Rate
BSN Program - 2009	95.83%	100%
BSN Program - 2008	100%	100%
BSN Program - 2007	87.27%	100%

7. Where do students complete their clinical experiences in the UTC School of Nursing?

The UTC School of Nursing is fortunate to have three major hospitals near the campus including a level one trauma center at Erlanger Hospital. Although the majority of clinical experiences are in the hospital setting, students also have the opportunity to experience a variety of clinical experiences. These experiences are in nursing homes, clinics, home health agencies, schools, mental health facilities and the health department.

8. Does the UTC School of Nursing have a simulation lab?

The UTC School of Nursing has a state of the art simulation lab where students have an opportunity to practice their clinical skills in a safe environment. Students will have simulation experiences at each level of the curriculum.

9. What opportunities are there at the UTC School of Nursing for graduate studies after completion of the BSN?

The UTC School of Nursing offers a Master of Science in Nursing with concentrations in Nurse Anesthesia and Family Nurse Practitioner. In spring 2011, the School of Nursing began offering the MSN to Doctorate of Nursing Practice for those with an advanced practice degree.

10. How do I apply to one of the programs in the School of Nursing?

Applications for all of the programs in the School of Nursing are available on our website, Applications for the School of Nursing are online at www.utc.edu/bsn. The application to apply to UTC is available online at <http://www.utc.edu/Administration/Admissions/>.

11. Does the School of Nursing offer information sessions for high school students and their parents and transfer students?

The UTC School of Nursing offers an information session every October. For more information on dates and times for the Information Sessions, please visit the School of Nursing website at www.utc.edu/nursing.

If you have additional questions or would like to meet to discuss the program further, please contact:

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