

# The University of Akron School of Nursing Accelerated BSN Option Frequently Asked Questions

## ***How can you learn everything in a four-year nursing program in only 15 months?***

Students in the Accelerated Option have a baccalaureate degree, which is a minimum of 4 years; they must first complete the prerequisite courses and then complete 15 months of nursing coursework. In the basic BSN program, students are taking general education courses while completing the nursing courses. Accelerated Option Students take the same nursing courses and have the same number of theory and clinical courses as those in the basic program, but all prerequisite courses have been completed prior to entry into the 15 month sequence.

## ***Where are the clinical experiences?***

The University of Akron, School of Nursing has affiliations with over 80 clinical agencies in the Akron Metropolitan Area and surrounding counties. Those counties include Summit, Stark, Wayne, Medina, Portage, Cuyahoga, and Mahoning. Students in the Accelerated Option have their clinical experiences in these agencies along with the students in the basic program.

## ***Do people who graduate from this program pass the state board exam?***

Throughout the country, studies have shown that students in Accelerated Options consistently perform very well on the state board exam. Most of the time they achieve a 100% pass rate. Students are often older, more highly motivated and are goal directed.

## ***Do I need to take my prerequisite courses at The University of Akron?***

No, prerequisite coursework can be completed at any regionally accredited university or community college. Students who are planning to complete prerequisites courses at another institution should verify course equivalency with the program recruiter or program coordinator prior to taking the course.

## ***What courses meet the developmental psychology requirement?***

This course must

\_\_\_\_\_ focus on the development of the individual over the life span. Child Psychology does not meet this prerequisite. Human Growth & Development and Life Span Development are examples of courses that do meet this requirement.

## ***What if I have already taken courses I think meet the prerequisite requirements?***

Course descriptions of the courses you took should be submitted along with your transcripts so we can send them for evaluation to the necessary department. here on the Akron campus. You can also check the transfer guide at <http://www.uakron.edu/advising/TransferGuides.php> to see if your institution is listed. Transcripts from your other institutions must also be submitted to the Coordinator for verification of course numbers and grades.

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### ***How much does the program cost?***

Tuition and fees are based on the number of credits taken per semester. The most current tuition and fees information can be found on The University of Akron website at <http://www.uakron.edu/busfin/studentfin/ugrad2.php> or call the Office of the Cashier at (330) 972-7214.

### ***Can I get financial aid?***

Information regarding financial aid can be obtained from The University of Akron Financial Aid Office. Please visit the Financial Aid web site at [www.uakron.edu/finaid](http://www.uakron.edu/finaid)

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