


**ALLEN COLLEGE – UNITYPOINT HEALTH
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SUBJECT: Undergraduate Student Enrollment in Graduate Courses

PURPOSE: To allow for qualified pre-licensure BSN and RN-BSN students to enroll in selected graduate-level courses on a space-available basis

EFFECTIVE

FOR: Allen College undergraduate nursing students

Pre-licensure BSN Students

To qualify, students must have completed at least 90 semester hours of credit, have a cumulative Allen College grade point average of 3.25 or above, must have completed any course prerequisites (identified below) and obtain written permission from the Dean of the School of Nursing.

Qualified Allen pre-licensure BSN students may enroll in select graduate level nursing courses *on a space available basis* provided the student has completed any prerequisite course(s) for the course in which the student enrolls. Qualified students may complete a maximum of 9 credit hours of graduate-level coursework while enrolled in the BSN program.

- The student may not enroll in more than 15 credit hours of coursework, including the graduate course(s), during the semester in which s/he enrolls in the graduate level course(s).
- Completed graduate courses may count as elective credit in the BSN program.
- The student will be assessed graduate-level tuition for any graduate course in which s/he enrolls.
- If the student applies for and is admitted to Allen College's Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program, these completed course(s) will be counted toward the requirements for the MSN degree, provided that the completed course(s) meets all requirements (e.g., grade earned in course, date course was completed) in effect for the MSN program at the time of matriculation in the MSN program.

- Courses in which the student may enroll include the following:
 1. NU 560 Advanced Physiology and Disease States (Pre-requisite NU 290)
 2. NU 541 Health Care Informatics
 3. NU 520 Policy, Organization, and Financing of Health Care (Pre-requisite NU 415 or NU 425)
 4. NU 596 Graduate Seminar I (Pre-requisite NU 380)
- Students may apply for admission to Allen College's MSN program while enrolled in or following completion of the BSN degree.

PROCEDURE:

1. A qualified student who wishes to enroll in any graduate course covered by this policy should make an appointment with the Dean, School of Nursing to seek authorization to enroll in the course.
2. If the Dean, School of Nursing, authorizes the student to enroll in a graduate level course(s), the Dean will provide the student with written authorization that will allow the student to register for the course. Permission to enroll may be delayed until late in the enrollment period to allow for graduate students to enroll in the course(s).

RN-BSN Students

To qualify, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale for all post-secondary coursework upon entry into Allen College or a cumulative Allen College grade point average of 3.25 or above, and must have completed any course prerequisites.

RN-BSN students may enroll in select graduate level nursing courses *on a space available basis* provided the student has completed any prerequisite course(s) for the course in which the student enrolls. Qualified students may complete a maximum of 9 credit hours of graduate-level coursework while enrolled in the RN-BSN program.

- The student will be assessed graduate-level tuition for any graduate course in which s/he enrolls.
- These completed course(s) will be counted toward the requirements for the MSN degree, provided that the completed course(s) meets all requirements (e.g., grade earned in course, date course was completed) in effect for the MSN program at the time of matriculation in the MSN program.
- Courses in which the student may enroll include the following:
 1. NU 520 Policy, Organization, and Financing of Health Care (Pre- or Co-requisite NU 596) – This course may be used to replace NU 421 Health Policy, Law, and Ethics.
 2. NU 530 Population Health (Pre-requisite NU 450)
 3. NU 541 Health Care Informatics (Pre- or Co-requisite NU 596) – This course may be used to replace NU 447B Nursing Informatics.
 4. NU 560 Advanced Physiology and Disease States
 5. NU 570 Advanced Pharmacology
 6. NU 596 Graduate Seminar I

PROCEDURE:

1. Upon enrollment in the RN-BSN program, RN-BSN students may make a request through the Assistant Dean, School of Nursing to take a master's level course.
2. The Assistant Dean will work with the Registrar to determine if the student is qualified to take a master's level course and if there is space available. The Registrar will communicate with the student regarding changes to plan of study.