APPLICATION: ACCELERATED SECOND-DEGREE BSN OPTION

The Accelerated BSN (ABSN) option is a 12-month nursing program for second-degree seeking students. Students are admitted to the ABSN option annually and courses begin in the spring semester (January) of each year. The ABSN option is an on-campus program at the College of Nursing (CON) in the Health Sciences Building, located on the Health Sciences Campus of East Carolina University. Clinical sites are assigned and are normally within an hour radius of Greenville, NC.

The application deadline is June 15th. A complete ABSN application must include the ABSN application and ALL supporting documentation (see below for details). After admission to the ABSN option, students are required to complete 50 semester credit hours with a minimum grade of “C” (78 or higher) in all nursing courses.

Please review the following instructions carefully.

**Application Deadline: June 15th by 5:00 PM**
A complete application, which includes the ABSN application (this form), HESI A2 preadmission test scores, unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities attended, and a personal statement, must be submitted via email to absnapplication@ecu.edu by 5:00 PM on June 15th. ABSN applicants have until August 1st to complete the required prerequisite courses.

**ECU Application and Enrollment Status**
Applicants who are selected for the ABSN option must complete the ECU undergraduate admissions application by the published deadline to ensure they receive an ECU email address in a timely manner. Important information from the CON is only communicated through the ECU email address beginning in October. The ECU undergraduate admissions application is available on August 1st for spring semester admissions.

**NOTE:** If you graduated from ECU in a previous semester OR you will be graduating from ECU prior to spring, you must reapply for admission to ECU for the spring semester.

Incomplete and/or late applications are not considered.

**Review of Applicants**
A review of the applicants begins immediately after the application deadline. All applications are evaluated for completion of appropriate prerequisite courses, HESI A2 preadmission test scores, GPA, personal statement, and other aspects of the application.

**Note for applicants previously admitted to another nursing program:** To be eligible to apply to the ABSN option at ECU, applicants who were previously enrolled in another nursing program that was not completed, must provide a letter from the dean or director of that nursing program stating that they “are eligible to continue” in that program. It is recommended that the letter is secured prior to submission of the ABSN application and sent to the Director of the Accelerated BSN option to determine eligibility to apply for the ABSN option at ECU.

**Minimum Admission Requirements**
To be eligible to apply for the ABSN option, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Grade point averages used for admission include either all grades from accredited college/universities attended OR grades from 20+ credit hours post-graduation, whichever is highest. Courses that are not complete by the application deadline are not included in GPA calculations.
- A minimum grade of “B” (3.0) in College Algebra (MATH 1065).
- A minimum grade of “B-” (2.7) in all required science courses.
- A minimum grade of “C” (2.0) in the other prerequisite courses.

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• Science courses must be taken within 5 years of the admission deadline (BIOL 2110/11, BIOL 2140/41, BIOL 2150/51, CHEM 1120, and CHEM 1130).
• Scores from HESI A2*

*Applicants who score the minimum of 75 on each of 5 subsections (Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary & General Knowledge, Basic Math Skills, Biology, and Anatomy & Physiology) receive preference in the selection process. All scores within five years of the application deadline are considered in the admission process.

Supporting Documentation Required
The ABSN application and the following supporting documentation must be submitted together via email to absnapplication@ecu.edu by 5:00 PM on June 15th. Please ensure that all submitted copies can be easily read by the review committee:

• Unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
• HESI A2 score reports
• Personal statement (see below for details)
• For applicants who completed their bachelors internationally: A copy of an international evaluation completed by an approved service is required for applicants who have a bachelor’s degree from an international school—see ECU Undergraduate Admissions website for a list of approved evaluation services.
• For veterans: Documentation of veteran classification is required.
• For applicants who were previously enrolled in another nursing program: A letter from dean/director of previous nursing program is required.

Personal Statement
A personal statement is a written description of interest in the ABSN option and the nursing profession. At the top of the personal statement, applicants must include their full name and a recent picture of themselves. In a maximum of 1 to 2 pages, applicants will address the following prompts:

• How did you become interested in nursing and what have you learned about nursing that has further stimulated your interest and reinforced your conviction that you are well suited to this field?
• How have you learned about the nursing profession—through classes, readings, seminars, work, other experiences, or conversations with people already in the field?
• What personal characteristics and qualities do you possess that would improve your prospects for success in the ABSN option and nursing profession? Provide examples of these characteristics and qualities.

Submit ABSN Application and Supporting Documents
Applicants must email the ABSN application and ALL supporting documentation together to absnapplication@ecu.edu by to 5:00 PM on June 15th. Please review your submitted documents to ensure they can be easily read by the review committee.

Please contact the Office of Student Services for questions related to the ABSN application process (252-744-6477).

Questions about the ECU admission process should be directed to the ECU Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Contact information is included on the website.

Applicants who do not submit the application and ALL supporting documentation by the application deadline are not considered for admission.
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
College of Nursing

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Please print a copy of the instructions and the application for your records for future reference.

Application review begins after the application deadline and initial offers (admission letters) are emailed by August 26th.

SECTION I

This Application is submitted for: Spring _______ (year)

NAME ___________________________ Mr. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Ms. [ ] _______ / _______ / _______

Last First Middle (Check the appropriate box) DOB: MO/DAY/YR

Maiden Name (if applicable) _________________________________________ Banner ID# _________________________

Preferred Mailing Address:

Street Address __________________________ City __________________________ State __________________________ Zip Code ______ County ______

Preferred Phone #: __________________________

Preferred E-mail Address: ____________________________________________

Remember to update our office with any changes in your mailing address, e-mail address, and/or phone number. Otherwise, the information you provide below will be used.

SECTION II

Please answer the following questions:

1. Are you currently enrolled at ECU? YES _____ NO _____
   If No. have you applied for admission/readmission to ECU? YES _____ NO _____
   
   NOTE: Applicants who are selected for the ABSN option must complete the ECU application by the published deadline to ensure access to an ECU email address is given in a timely manner. Important communications from the CON are communicated through the ECU email address only beginning in October.

   If you graduated from ECU in a previous semester OR you will be graduating from ECU prior to spring, you must reapply for admission to ECU for spring semester.

2. List ALL colleges/universities attended.
   Attach an unofficial transcript from each college/university attended and submit with the ABSN application.
   _______________________________________________________  _______________________________________________________

3. Provide the name of the school where you earned your first bachelor’s degree and the year it was awarded. __________________________________________________________

4. Are you classified as a veteran? YES ____NO ____
   If yes, attach documentation (military transcript or form DD 214) and submit with the ABSN application.
   _____________________________________________________________________________________________

5. Have you taken the HESI A2? YES ____NO ____
   If Yes, list the date(s) of the exam _____________________________________________________________
   Attach a copy of all HESI A2 reports. NOTE: The HESI A2 exam is required to apply to the ABSN option.
6. Have you ever enrolled in any other nursing programs? YES ____ NO ____
   If **yes**, please list the program(s) below.

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   **Provide a letter from the dean or director of that nursing program stating that you “are eligible to continue” in that program.** It is recommended that the letter is secured prior to submission of the ABSN application and sent to the Director of the Accelerated BSN option to determine eligibility to apply for the ABSN option at ECU.

7. Please list any other nursing schools/programs that you plan to apply to this year.
   This is for statistical purposes only. Please include the traditional BSN program at ECU College of Nursing if you plan to that program as well. Enter “NA” if you will only apply to the ABSN option at ECU College of Nursing.

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**SECTION III**

Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses by August 1st.

Enter the semester and year that you completed each of the prerequisite courses.

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SECTION IV

Criminal Background Check & Drug Testing (once you have been accepted into the ABSN option)
Students who are admitted to the ABSN option: To participate in clinical experiences on campus and at clinical facilities, students are expected to complete confidentiality, health information, and criminal record forms to comply with the agency guidelines for healthcare policies and the Joint Commission (JCAHO) standards. Drug testing is required prior to enrollment. (An unsatisfactory criminal background check, pending charges incurred at a later date, or positive drug test may prevent the student from enrolling in nursing courses).
Information about these requirements is provided to students once admitted into the ABSN option.
If you have a question about your personal criminal background history, contact the Executive Director of Student Services, and clarify any issues prior to applying to the ABSN option. (252-744-6477)

Certification of Application
I certify that all items on this application are answered correctly and completely. I understand that providing false or incomplete answers may disqualify me from admission to or terminate my enrollment at East Carolina University. I also understand that it is my responsibility to notify the College of Nursing promptly if there is any change in the above information prior to my enrollment at East Carolina University and/or the College of Nursing.
I understand that to participate in agency clinical experiences all students are expected to complete forms regarding confidentiality, health information, and criminal records to comply with agency guidelines for healthcare policies and JCAHO standards. I also understand that drug testing is required prior to enrollment in nursing classes. An unsatisfactory criminal background check or positive drug screen may prevent me from enrolling in nursing courses. See Section IV.
All applicants are encouraged to read the College of Nursing performance standards in the Undergraduate Student Handbook.

Signature________________________________________ Date__________________

The ABSN application and ALL supporting documentation must be submitted together via email to absnapplication@ecu.edu by 5:00 PM on June 15th:

Applications with incomplete supporting documentation are not considered.

Applicants will receive a confirmation of receipt via email within two weeks of application submission. The review of applications begins after the application deadline. As individual applications are evaluated, applicants are notified via e-mail if additional information is needed. All applicants are informed of the admissions decision via email.
All admission offers are contingent upon successful completion of all requirements.

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Application received __________________________ Application Complete_________________________