

**East Carolina University**  
**College of Nursing**  
**Application to Enter the ACCELERATED BSN OPTION**  
**(second-degree students)**

The Accelerated BSN (ABSN) option is for second-degree students. It will begin spring session annually and last 12 months. This is a campus-based option. Classes will be held at the College of Nursing in the Health Sciences Building located on the Health Sciences Campus of East Carolina University, and clinical sites as assigned. The application deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. After admission to the ABSN option, students will complete 50 semester hours of nursing courses. A minimum grade of "C" is required in all nursing courses.

In order for an application to be complete, both this form and ALL supporting documentation must be submitted to the College of Nursing Office of Student Services by the ABSN application deadline.

Please review the following instructions carefully.

**Application Deadline: June 1st**

**June 1st by 5:00 pm:** ALL materials must be submitted by this deadline. Pre-Admission Entrance Exam scores must be completed by the June 1st application deadline date. ABSN applicants applying by the June 1<sup>st</sup> admissions deadline date have until August 1<sup>st</sup> to complete the required prerequisite courses. Preference will be given to applicants who have completed all required prerequisite courses, especially the science requirements, prior to the application deadline date of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ECU Application and Enrollment Status: September 17**

Students must be fully admitted to ECU (for spring semester) in order for their contingent status to be removed from their ABSN application. The ECU admission process can take several weeks. If you are not currently enrolled or have been out of the university for one or more semesters, please complete the ECU Undergraduate Admission application or Readmission application online at [www.ecu.edu/admissions/](http://www.ecu.edu/admissions/).  
**(NOTE:** If you graduated from ECU in a previous semester OR you will be graduating from ECU prior to spring, you will need to reapply for admission to ECU for spring).

ECU Undergraduate Admissions application becomes available on August 1<sup>st</sup> for spring semester admissions. This process must be completed by September 17<sup>th</sup> to ensure students receive an ECU email address in a timely manner. Important communications from the CON will be communicated through the ECU email address only beginning in October.

**Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.**

**Review of Applicants**

Review of applications begins after the application deadline. All applicants are evaluated for ECU admission status, completion of appropriate prerequisite courses, HESI A2 preadmission test scores, statement of interest, and other aspects of the application.

**Note for students previously admitted to another nursing program:** students 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 in order to be eligible to apply for the ABSN at ECU. It is recommended that the letter be secured prior to submission of the ABSN application and should be submitted to the Director of the Accelerated BSN option, to determine eligibility to apply for the ABSN at ECU.

**Minimum Admission Requirements**

To be eligible to apply for this option, the applicant must have:

- A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- At least a "B" (3.0) in the specified mathematics course (MATH 1065).
- At least a "B-" (2.7) in each of the specified biology and chemistry courses.
- Science courses must be within 5 years of the admission deadline (BIOL 2110/11, BIOL 2140/41, BIOL 2150/51, CHEM 1120, and CHEM 1130).
- At least a "C" (2.0) in the other prerequisite courses.
- Scores from HESI A2\*

\*Students will be required to score a minimum of 75 on each of 5 subsections (Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary & General Knowledge, Basic Math Skills, Biology, and Anatomy & Physiology)

### **Supporting Documentation Required**

The following documentation must be submitted to the Office of Student Services by June 1<sup>st</sup>, the ABSN application deadline. All should be submitted together with your ABSN application.

- Unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- HESI A2 score reports
- Statement of Interest for ABSN option (see below)
- Copy of international evaluation completed by an approved service is required for students who have a degree from an international school—see ECU Undergraduate Admissions website for a list of approved evaluation services, if applicable
- Documentation of veteran classification, if applicable
- Letter from dean/director of previous nursing program if previously enrolled in a nursing program

### **Statement of Interest**

A statement of interest is a written description of your interest in the ABSN option. In a maximum of 1 to 2 pages, please use the following prompts to write your personal statement.

- When did you become interested in nursing and what have you learned about it (and about yourself) that has further stimulated your interest and reinforced your conviction that you are well suited to this field? What insights have you gained?
- How have you learned about this field—through classes, readings, seminars, work or other experiences, or conversations with people already in the field?
- What personal characteristics do you possess that would improve your prospects for success in the ABSN option and nursing profession? Is there a way to demonstrate or document that you have these characteristics?

***Students who do not submit ALL materials by the application deadline will be considered as having an incomplete application and will not be considered for admission.***

### **College of Nursing Office of Student Services Location**

Students must deliver or mail their application with supporting documentation to the Office of Student Services. The Student Services Office is located on the Health Sciences Campus behind Brody School of Medicine and directly across from Treybrooke Apartments. The mailing address is:

Office of Student Services  
ECU College of Nursing  
Health Sciences Building, Suite 2150  
Greenville, NC 27858-4353

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 ([www.ecu.edu/admissions/](http://www.ecu.edu/admissions/)). Contact information is included on the website.

**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
College of Nursing**

**Application to Enter the ACCELERATED SECOND-DEGREE BSN OPTION**

Please print a copy of the instructions and the application for your records in case it is needed for future reference.

Application review begins after the application deadline. Initial offers (admission letters) will be emailed by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SECTION I**

**Application Deadline: June 1st**

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, 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 must be fully admitted to ECU (for spring) in order for their ABSN application to be considered. Students that have not applied for admission to ECU must do so as soon as possible. The ABSN application review period follows a set timeline which cannot be altered. **It is the responsibility of each applicant to secure full admission to ECU in time for their ABSN application to be reviewed.** The University application becomes available on September 1<sup>st</sup> for spring semester admissions.

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

2. Please list below ALL colleges/universities attended.  
**NOTE:** submit a transcript from each college/university attended with your supporting documentation

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Attach documentation** (military transcript or form DD 214)

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.

6. Have you ever enrolled in any other nursing programs? YES \_\_\_\_NO \_\_\_\_  
 If **yes**, please list the program(s) below.

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**NOTE:** You must submit a letter from the dean or director of the previous nursing program stating that you are "eligible to continue" in that program in order to be eligible to apply to the ABSN at ECU. Prior review of this letter by the Director of the Accelerated BSN option, is strongly encouraged, but the letter must be submitted with your supporting documentation

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 will be applying 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**

It is preferable that all prerequisites be completed by the June 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline. Applicants will be considered if prerequisites will be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Preference however, will be given to applicants who have completed all required prerequisite courses, especially the science requirements, prior to the application deadline date of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

<u>Required Prerequisite Courses</u>	<u>Name of Course(s)</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
<b>EXAMPLE: Anatomy &amp; Phys. I w/ lab</b>	<b>BIOL 2140/2141</b>	<b>Fall 2014</b>
Anatomy & Phys. I w/lab (3sh/1sh)		
Anatomy & Phys. II w/lab (3sh/1sh)		
Chemistry I (3sh)		
Chemistry II (4sh)		
College Algebra (or higher math) (3sh)		
Microbiology w/lab (3sh/1sh)		
Nutrition (3sh)		
Psychology - General (3sh)		
Psychology - Developmental or Lifespan (3sh)		
Sociology - Intro (3sh)		
Statistics (3sh)		
Ethics (3sh)		

**SECTION IV**

***Criminal Background Check & Drug Testing (once you have been accepted)***

Students who are offered admission: In order 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 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 will be provided to students admitted to the 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 for the clinical program. (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 in order to participate in agency clinical experiences all students will be expected to complete forms regarding confidentiality, health information, and criminal records to comply with agency guidelines for healthcare policies and TJC (The Joint Commission) standards. I also understand that drug testing will be required prior to enrollment in nursing classes. An unsatisfactory criminal background check or positive drug screen shall prevent the student from enrolling in nursing courses. See Section IV.

All students are encouraged to read the College of Nursing performance standards in the *Undergraduate Student Handbook* at [www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/customcf/downloads/handbooks/UG\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/customcf/downloads/handbooks/UG_Handbook.pdf)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Application may be hand delivered or mailed to the College of Nursing:**

Office of Student Services  
ECU College of Nursing  
Health Sciences Building, Suite 2150  
Greenville, NC 27858-4353

**Applications with incomplete data will not be considered.**

Applicants will receive an e-mail within 2 weeks indicating that their ABSN application has been received. Review of applications will begin after the application deadline. As individual applications are evaluated, applicants will be notified via e-mail if additional information is needed.

All applicants will receive a letter via email notifying them of their admission status after the review of applications is complete.

All admission offers are contingent upon successful completion of all requirements.

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
Application received _____	Application Complete _____