

Students must meet the following requirements to apply to the nursing major.

1. Must be a graduate of an accredited institution with a baccalaureate degree. Degree must be posted prior to application period.
2. Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
3. Must be an active student at UNR during the application period with all transcripts submitted and evaluated. In progress coursework must be documented in transcripts.
4. Submit a formal application to the Orvis School of Nursing by the date specified by the Admissions, Progression and Student Affairs (APSA) committee. No more than 2 prerequisite courses can be during the application period.
5. All prerequisite courses must be taken for a grade (not S/U). Transfer credits taken for S/U credit from an institution that does not offer letter grades are evaluated on an individual basis.
6. The following courses are required to be completed with a grade C or higher from an accredited college with minimum GPA of 3.0 to qualify for application of the program. All prerequisites must be taken within 7 years of application process.
 - a. **Anatomy & Physiology:** 12 quarter credits or 8 semester credits; a full sequence of human anatomy and physiology with laboratory, inclusive of all body systems. This sequence must be taken in its entirety. (*UNR equivalent: BIOL 223 A/L and BIOL 224 A/L*)
 - b. **Microbiology with lab:** 3 to 4 quarter/semester credits: Basic Microbiology with laboratory component. (*UNR equivalent: BIOL 251*)
 - c. **Nutrition:** 3 quarter/semester credits: Class should cover biological functions, dietary sources of essential nutrients and the relationship of diet to health (*UNR equivalent: NUTR 223*)
 - d. **Human Development:** 3 quarter/semester credits: Class should cover the social and psychological developmental process of human life including the full life span (birth through death). Courses covering only part of the life span will not be accepted. (*UNR equivalent: HDFS 201*)
 - e. **Statistics:** 3 or 4 quarter/semester credits: Class needs to include both descriptive and inferential components. Statistics may be taken in any department (e.g. Math, Psychology, Business, etc) (*UNR equivalent: STATS 152a*)
 - f. **Math:** 3 quarter/semester credits: Course needs to at minimum college pre-calculus or higher (*UNR equivalent: MATH \geq 126*)
7. Students must have a completed HESI exam with minimum scores of 80% on Anatomy & Physiology, 80% on Math, 75% on Reading, and 75% on Grammar. The HESI exam may be taken one time per application cycle with a maximum of three total attempts. The most

recent HESI scores must be submitted, and will be used for each application submitted to the Orvis school of Nursing.

8. The Orvis School of Nursing actively supports the University of Nevada, Reno's policies that ensure equal opportunity/ affirmative action and diversity.

Prelicensure Program Application Process

1. Applications are reviewed by the Undergraduate Program Officer, the Associate Dean of Undergraduate programs, and the chair of the Admissions, Progressions, and Student Affairs committee.
2. Applications that do not meet minimum requirements will not be considered. The applicant will receive a letter stating the reason(s) the application was not reviewed.
3. Applications that meet minimum requirements will be evaluated through a point-based matrix (see below).
4. Applicants will be ranked from highest to lowest based on the application matrix. Applicants with the top 24 matrix scores will be offered provisional admission to the OSN accelerated second baccalaureate program.
5. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaking candidate will be selected using the following criteria in order of preference:
 - a. Healthcare experience (see form)
 - b. HESI A&P
 - c. HESI Cumulative



**Accelerated Second Baccalaureate
BSN Program
Health Care Experience Form**

In the event of a tie to determine entrance into the program, health care experience will be taken into account. To qualify for this option, the applicant must have a minimum of 100 hours of hands-on healthcare experience in a 3-month period within 12 months of applying the program. This experience can be either in a paid or volunteer capacity. While this is the required minimum, it is acknowledged that applicants may have well over this amount.

Applicant name:

Position Title:

Organization:

Dates:

Name of direct supervisor:

Contact info (work email and phone) of supervisor (Please note that this individual will be contacted if to verify your documentation): _____

Describe in a minimum of 500 words, duties, roles and responsibilities surrounding your health care experience. This must be a Microsoft word document, submitted to Marsha E Holford, at mholford@unr.edu at time of application. Résumés or CVs will not be accepted.

Quality health care experience could come in many forms. This could be hands on, including but not limited to direct patient contact in the context of a health care they are receiving. This can include supporting and observational roles. Simply obtaining a certification, for example, a Nursing Assistant Certificate (CNA) does NOT suffice for the required health care experience. Experience must be hands on interaction with individuals in the health and wellness continuum. Contact with RNs and the work of RNs or other health care providers would be preferable.

**Orvis School of Nursing Accelerated Second Baccalaureate
BSN Admission Criteria Point Matrix***

Points	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Pre-Nursing GPA**	< 3.40	3.40 – 3.499	3.50 – 3.599	3.60 – 3.699	3.70 – 3.799	3.80 – 3.899	3.90 – 4.00		
Cumulative GPA***	≤ 3.499		≥ 3.50						
HESI Cumulative Score	< 80	80 – 84.99	85 – 89.99	90 – 92.49	92.5 – 94.50	94.51 – 95.99	96 – 97.49	97.50- 98.49	98.50- 100
HESI Anatomy & Physiology Score		80 – 84.99	85 – 89.99	90 – 92.49	92.5 – 94.50	94.51 – 95.99	96 – 97.49	97.50- 98.49	98.50- 100
Military Veteran or Active Duty Military	No		Yes						
**Pre-Nursing GPA Includes:	Prerequisites required for entry into accelerated second baccalaureate program								
***Cumulative GPA includes:	All college credit								