Orvis School of Nursing Admissions Process for Pre-Licensure BSN Program Beginning Fall 2020 through Spring 2021 Application Cycles

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

1. Submit a formal application to the Orvis School of Nursing by the date specified by the Student Affairs (SAC) committee. No more than 13 prerequisite credits can be in progress during the application period. No more than one science course (4 credits) may be taken in the application period.

2. Earn at least a 'C' grade in all prerequisite courses. The cumulative grade-point average earned in selected prerequisite courses is used, in part, to determine which students are selected to the upper-division nursing major.

3. Complete all prerequisite course requirements for the major by the end of spring semester for fall admission and by the end of fall semester for spring admission to the nursing major. Any repeated course must have a letter grade posted to the student's transcript. A student may not apply to the nursing major while enrolled in a course that has previously received a mark of withdraw, incomplete, audit, or grade less than C.

4. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in selected pre-nursing courses to qualify for application to the upper-division nursing major.
   a. BIOL 223 A/L (Anatomy & Physiology I)
   b. BIOL 224 A/L (Anatomy & Physiology II)
   c. BIOL 251 (Microbiology)
   d. CHEM 121 A/L (General Chemistry)
   e. CHEM 220 A/L (Organic Chemistry)
   f. MATH ≥ 126 (Pre-Calculus)
   g. NUTR 223 (Principles of Nutrition)
   h. HDFS 201 (Lifespan Human Development)
   i. NURS 300 (Medical Math & Medical Terminology)
   j. Communication (Several Options)

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. 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 attempt will be used for each application cycle. Scores are valid for two rolling calendar years. The exam must be the University of Nevada, Reno – Distance Testing Exam. Scores from other institutions will not be accepted.

7. 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 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 64 matrix scores will be offered provisional admission to the OSN pre-licensure program.

5. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaking candidate will be selected using the following criteria:
   a. HESI Cumulative Score
   b. HESI Anatomy & Physiology Score

Orvis School of Nursing Traditional BSN Admission Criteria Point Matrix*

Points	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3
Nevada High School Graduate	No	-	Yes	-	-	-	-
Completed NSHE Pre-requisite Credits	0-20	21-39	≥ 40	-	-	-	-
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
HESI Cumulative Score	<80	80 - 84.99	85 - 89.99	90 - 92.49	92.5 - 94.99	95 - 97.49	97.5 - 100
HESI Anatomy & Physiology Score	-	80 - 83.99	84 - 86.99	87 - 89.99	90 - 92.99	93 - 95.99	96 - 100
Military Veteran or Active Duty Miliary	No	-	-	-	Yes	-	-

*Beginning Fall 2020 Application Cohort for Spring 2021 Admission

**Pre-Nursing GPA Includes: CHEM 121A/L, CHEM 220 A/L, BIOL 223 A/L, BIOL 224 A/L, BIOL 251 A/L, NUTR 223, HDFS 201, MATH ≥ 126, Communications, NURS 300