



# Accelerated Baccalaureate of Science, Nursing Major (ABS) Curriculum

Lienhard School of Nursing, Office of Academic Affairs

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. What exactly *is* the “ABS Program”?

The Accelerated Baccalaureate of Science, Nursing Major (ABS) program is a specially designed, accelerated curriculum for non-nurse college graduates (U.S. Bachelor’s Degree or its equivalent) who wish to study nursing in a first professional degree program. The Lienhard School of Nursing has long been a leader in second degree education for non-nursing college graduates, and has offered an accelerated nursing program in Pleasantville since 1984. Acceleration is possible for this nursing degree by giving recognition to previous baccalaureate education and by recognizing that the college graduate is an able learner by virtue of previous educational and life experiences. The ABS program is available on both the Pleasantville and New York City campuses beginning every **September** for **New York City** students and every **January** for **Pleasantville** students. Admission is highly competitive and class size is limited.

2. Are GREs or an admission test required for admission to the ABS?

No. GREs are NOT required for admission to the ABS program.

3. What does the ABS program entail?

Prospective students who have completed all prerequisites can apply for the one year (3 semester), full time program starting in the fall in NYC or in the spring in Pleasantville.

The ABS consists of 50 or 52 credits in the nursing major that includes an opportunity to take a 3 credit undergraduate or graduate nursing elective course. The graduate course would be double-counted for the MS degree, should you continue into an LSN graduate program.

4. When does the ABS begin on each campus?

Cycle for ABS entry is: Every fall: New York City

Every spring: Pleasantville

5. Is the ABS program accredited?

The baccalaureate of science degree, nursing major, master’s degree in nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice at Pace University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791.

6. What is the passing grade for all nursing courses?

**The passing grade for all undergraduate nursing courses is C+ (77%), and for graduate courses passing grade is a B. Students must maintain a 3.0 CQPA to progress in the program and to graduate. Successful passing of the clinical computation exam is required as a prerequisite to each clinical course (i.e., passing is 90% semester 1, and 95% in all other clinical courses-semesters).**

7. If I am finishing the pre-requisite courses while I apply to the ABS, will I be considered?

ABS applications are not reviewed until all requirements have been completed.



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## ABS Program Schedule of Courses

Semester One		Credits	Semester Two		Credits	Semester Three		Credits
NURS	402	4	NURS	412	6	NURS	424	3
	Fundamental of Nursing Practice**			Clinical Management in Adult Medical Surgical Nursing**			Clinical Management of Population Health**	
NURS	404	2	NURS	414	3	NURS	426	3
	Communication for Professional Nursing			Clinical Management in Maternal Newborn Nursing and Women's Health**			Organizational and Systems Leadership in Nursing**	
NURS	406	3	NURS	416	3	NURS	428	6
	Clinical Management in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing**			Clinical Management in Child Health Nursing**			Evolution to Professional Nursing**	
NURS	403	3	NURS	432	3	NURS	434	3
	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology I			Pathophysiology/Pharmacology II			Gerontological Nursing**	
NURS	409	3	NURS	448	2	XXX	XXX	3
	Concepts of Evidence Based Practice for Practice Improvement			Ethics and Excellence in Professional Nursing			Nursing Elective	
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>

**\*\* Successful passing of clinical computation exam is required as prerequisite to each clinical**



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Prerequisite Requirements*	Credits	Pace Grade	Other College
Baccalaureate Degree (transfer in)	57		
Psychology (PSY 112)	4		
Statistics (MAT 134 or MAT 141)	3/4		
A&P I** (BIO 152)	4		
A&P II** (BIO 153)	4		
Microbiology** (BIO 254)	4		
Chemistry** (CHE 113)	3		

**Note:** Computer Science 3 credits (or) evidence of word processing & data entry skills is pre- or co-requisite to graduate nursing courses. It is the student's responsibility to have all transcripts sent directly to The Graduate Admissions office for all pre-requisite courses completed at other colleges. Students cannot graduate from the ABS without complete documentation showing completion of all pre-requisite courses.

\* The prerequisite requirements may be completed at Pace or transferred in. For transfer credit to be granted, a grade of C or better must be earned.

\*\* If science prerequisite was taken >10 years ago, student might need to retake course in its entirety; these students will be evaluated on a case by case basis depending on their advanced education, work, and/or experience in sciences.



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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION**

1. For an LSN Graduate Catalog or for information on transferability of liberal arts courses and science courses, contact the Office of Graduate Admission in New York City at (212) 346-1531 or in Westchester at (914) 422-4283.
2. **The Lienhard School of Nursing has established the following criteria for admission:**
  - Scholastic achievement as evidenced by previous academic work. All prior transcripts must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admission.
  - Motivation, leadership potential, and maturity as evidenced by prior work experience, extra-curricular activities, letters of recommendation, and responses to questions on the application.
  - Completion of pre-requisites. ABS program applications are not reviewed until all pre-requisites have been completed.

The Office of Graduate Admission will process applications after ALL materials have been received.

3. **Application for Graduate Admission (ABS applicants are admitted through Graduate Admission)**

Complete the application form in the Graduate Catalog and return to one of the following:

Pace University, Office of Graduate Admission  
The Vineyard, 861 Bedford Road  
Pleasantville, NY 10570  
(914) 422-4283

Pace University, Office of Graduate Admission  
1 Pace Plaza  
New York City, New York 10038  
(212) 346-1531

Indicate your credential objective as ABS for Non-Nurse College Graduate on the application, which must be accompanied by a \$70 non-refundable application fee (check or money order), payable to Pace University.

4. **Transcripts**  
Please arrange for an official transcript to be sent from each academic institution that you attended to the Office of Graduate Admission.
5. **Letters of Recommendation**  
Two letters of recommendation are required. It is suggested that a college instructor, employer, or community professional complete the letters of recommendation, and return them to the Office of Graduate Admission.
6. Admission to the ABS program is highly competitive, and class size is limited to a maximum of 88 students per class. The application deadline for January entry is September 15. The application deadline for September entry is February 1. Applications will be processed on a space available basis until the 88 seats are filled. To guarantee a seat, students must deposit within two weeks of admission. Students who do not deposit within two weeks of admission are NOT guaranteed a seat. Deposits received after all 88 seats are filled will be returned.
7. Students will be notified of the decision, in writing, as soon as possible after the application is complete.
8. **Tuition**  
Tuition rates and fees are posted on the Pace website, [www.pace.edu](http://www.pace.edu).
9. **Financial Aid**  
For information about loans and scholarships, contact the Financial Aid Office at 1-877-672-1830, option 1.
10. A computer with Internet accessibility is strongly recommended for course requirements and communication.
11. Please see the website for additional important information (<http://www.pace.edu/college-health-professions/undergraduate-programs/accelerated-bachelor-science-degree-nursing-major>)