

BSN New Student Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

REQUIRED NURSING DATA

How much does the criminal background check cost?

The cost for the Criminal Background Check is \$58.00.

Can I send you a criminal background check that was done by my employer?

No. The check must include all searches specified by our clinical settings.

How much does the urine drug screen cost?

The cost for the 12-panel drug test is \$60.00

Can I send you a urine drug screen that was done by my employer?

No. It must be a 12-panel urine drug screen as specified by our clinical settings.

What if I can't find my immunization records?

Most immunizations can be verified through titers. If a titer is not available, you will need to revaccinate.

Do I need to get a flu shot now?

It depends. If you are starting in August, NO. If you are starting in January, YES.

Do I need to provide proof of health insurance?

No; however, we STRONGLY encourage you to maintain your health insurance during the program and throughout your life-time. Remember, you are beginning your journey as a health care provider and others will look to you for guidance and advice!

What happens if I do not return the Required Nursing Data Documents by the deadline?

Students will not be admitted to the nursing program without the required documents. They may reapply if space is available.

ORIENTATION, CLASSES & TEXTBOOKS

Do I have to attend the orientation session?

Yes. Orientation sessions are required and cover important information you will need for your first semester, and throughout your program.

What do I wear during the orientation session?

Comfortable street clothing is fine (the nursing uniform is not required).

How can I get my class schedule changed?

Schedules are set in blocks and, in general, cannot be changed due to the complicated nature of clinical setting arrangements.

Can I purchase my textbooks from an online retailer?

Textbooks and resources may be purchased from a variety of sources. Be aware that the required *online* resources must be purchased as a NEW product in order to have the necessary access codes. The dosage calculation program safeMedicate may be purchased online directly from the company or at the bookstore.

What is the cost of books?

Plan to spend approximately \$800 for the first semester texts and electronic materials. First-semester instructors have coordinated to have almost all required materials placed into one bundle, which results in a lower cost than buying new materials separately. Materials, either new or used, may also be purchased individually, but assess the total cost and compare your options carefully. In addition to the materials in this package, you must purchase the dosage calculation program. The cost for materials and supplies for the first semester is one of the largest you will have during your nursing program because you are purchasing several books that will be used in courses throughout the curriculum.

UNIFORMS & SUPPLIES**When should I purchase the required uniforms?**

At least three weeks prior to the start of class. The ordering process takes approximately three weeks because of monogramming.

When will I need the required uniform?

The first week of classes. You will wear your full clinical uniform, as described in the BSN Student Handbook, for your FIRST day of lab in NURS 3106 Foundational Nursing Skills. Your instructor will review the uniform and help you make sure that you have everything you need to meet the dress code. You will continue to wear your clinical uniform every time your Foundational Nursing Skills lab meets.

You do NOT wear your clinical uniform for Health Assessment labs. Wear casual and comfortable clothing for the first lab. Your instructors will tell you which labs require any special clothing. There is no special dress code for your other courses in the first semester; just dress comfortably and professionally.

How many uniforms do I need?

This decision is up to you. Keep in mind that you must wear a uniform to lab and clinical that is clean and pressed. Infection control policies require all uniforms to be laundered after each time they are worn. When choosing a jacket, be aware that the lab coat may be worn with either clinical uniform or professional dress, while the scrub jacket may ONLY be worn with the clinical uniform.

What style of shoes do I need?

Shoes must be white leather and must fully enclose the foot, meaning that the shoe cannot be open-toed or open-heeled.

What other supplies do I need to purchase?

All students are required to purchase the following Clinical Supplies items to have at all times in the lab and clinical setting:

1. Dual Head Stethoscope
2. Sphygmomanometer
3. Penlight
4. Bandage Scissors
5. Face Shield (CPR mask), disposable
6. Clear plastic student ID badge holder

Other required materials:

1. Watch with a second hand
2. Black permanent ink pen
3. Nonprogrammable pocket calculator

What do I wear to class?

Students may wear clothing of their choice to classes with the exception of NURS 3106 Foundational Nursing Skills and NURS 3103 Health Assessment Lab. Clinical uniform is required for Foundational Nursing Skills, as noted above. You may wear comfortable street clothes to your first Health Assessment lab, at which time your instructor will review requirements for later labs.

What is meant by “professional dress”?

Professional dress is defined as the following:

- Men: Shirt with a collar, long pants (no denim), socks, enclosed toe/heel shoes. Additional requirements include the policies related to grooming, jewelry, perfume/aftershave, tattoos, piercings and student ID.
- Women: Blouse or shirt with moderate neckline, skirt or long pants (no denim), socks or hosiery, enclosed toe/low heel shoes. Additional requirements include the policies related to grooming, jewelry, perfume, tattoos, piercings and student ID.

OTHER**What if my question isn't answered here?**

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