

# Pre-Nursing Quick Facts



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Students prepare for a career as a Nurse by building credentials in scholarship, leadership, humanitarian/community service, and shadowing in the various settings of the profession. There are a variety of paths to take in becoming a nurse, nurse practitioner or nurse anesthetist. There is **no “best” major** for pre-nursing students nor are there majors that will make a student “stand out.” Students are encouraged to pursue majors in which they are most interested and in which they believe they will excel.

## ❖ How do I get a nursing degree if I’m at UGA?

**Transfer into a BSN Program:** Since UGA does not offer a nursing program, students may choose to transfer into a BSN program after completing the pre-requisites and core classes. Usually, students transfer out after two years, and it is important to know if you are planning on this route early on to ensure all the pre-requisites are completed in time.

**Apply to Accelerated BSNs or pre-licensure nursing master’s programs:** Students would like to complete a UGA degree can enroll in an accelerated BSN program or nursing master’s program after graduation. Pre-requisite courses for the programs will be completed alongside the regular undergraduate course work.

## Average Matriculant Numbers

- Overall GPA: 3.50
- Science GPA: 3.50
- TEAS: 75% or higher
- HESI: 75% or higher
- You may need GRE for some MSN programs

## General Information

- Bachelor’s Degree (BSN)
- Accelerated Bachelor’s Degree (ABSBN)
- Master’s Degree (MSN)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

## Required Courses

### Typical Nursing Pre-Requisites for Transferring Out of UGA

**Biology** (BIOL 1103/L & 1104/L) OR (BIOL 1107/L & 1108/L)  
OR (BIOL 1103/L & 1108/L)

**Chemistry** (CHEM 1211/L & 1212/L)

**Anatomy and Physiology** (CBIO2200/L & CBIO2210/L)

**Psychology** (PSYC1101 & PSYC3230)

**Microbiology** (MIBO2500/L or 3500 & lab)

**Lifespan Development** (HDFS 2200)

**Nutrition** (FDNS 2100)

**Statistics** (STAT 2000 or BIOS 2010)

**Behavioral Science** (ANTH 1102 or SOCI 1101)

**Public Speaking** (COMM 1110)

Plus, ALL CORE CLASSES including FYOS and PE

### Typical Nursing Pre-Requisites for Graduating from UGA first

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**Abnormal Psychology** (PSYC 3230)

**DISCLAIMER:** These are not definitive lists of the classes you will need for every school. Specific pre-requisite courses will be contingent on individual programs. Research the programs you wish to apply to.

## Application Types

For many nursing programs, student will need to apply directly to the institution. However, some nursing programs, such as Augusta utilize the **NursingCAS application** service. Official transcripts, TEAS/GRE scores, a personal statement, and letters of recommendation are all submitted to NursingCAS and then disseminated to the selected nursing programs.

Deadlines for nursing school applications can vary widely. Most nursing schools have Fall and Spring application deadlines, however some schools have deadlines only in the fall. Students are responsible for checking the application deadlines for the programs to which they hope to apply.

[ppao.uga.edu](http://ppao.uga.edu)

## HESI & TEAS

The TEAS and HESI are nursing school entrance exams for **non-graduate level nursing programs**. Nursing schools will require either the TEAS or the HESI, but not both and will specify which of the two exams a student must take for their program. Students are responsible for checking which exam their programs of choice require. **Use the PPAO Resource Library to access FREE test prep materials!**

### ❖ HESI (HESI A2):

The HESI exam costs \$70 and is offered multiple times a month. It consists of two sections.

**Academic section:** Math, Reading, Vocabulary, Grammar, Biology, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, and Chemistry.

**Personality section:** Learning Styles Assessment and Personality Profile

A total score of 100% is possible, but students should aim for **at least** 75% overall.

### ❖ TEAS:

The TEAS exam costs \$170 and is offered multiple times a month. There are four sections on the TEAS exam.

**Reading:** 31% of the test

**Math:** 22% of the test

**Science:** 31% of the test

**English:** 16% of the test

A total score of 100% is possible, but students should aim for **at least** 75% overall.

## GRE

Students applying to graduate level nursing programs may need to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) rather than the TEAS or HESI. The GRE consists of three sections: Quantitative, Verbal, and Essay section. There are no specific courses that students need to take prior to the GRE, but students should plan to dedicate roughly six to eight weeks to exam preparation. While students can opt for a commercial prep course for the GRE, self-study is often sufficient. Currently, in-state MSN options do not require the GRE. Please check with the individual schools you wish to apply to if they will require the GRE for their MSN programs.

## Volunteering & Extracurriculars- Get involved!

Volunteering is a large portion of the application that should not be neglected. Nursing schools are looking for students who not only demonstrate that they can manage rigorous courses while staying busy, but also those who are compassionate, enjoy working with people and are dedicated to serving the community. Nursing schools are looking for students that show depth of commitment and substantial involvement and leadership in the community. Programs are looking for students who demonstrate a life of service. Club and organizational involvement are highly valued as well. **Diversity of experiences is immensely important.** Do not stretch yourself too thin. Be intentional with your involvements.

## Letters of Evaluation

Most Nursing schools require two to three letters of evaluation. Requirements can vary between schools, and it is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have collected the correct letters for their program of interest. Generally, programs expect students to provide one letter from a science faculty member, a major faculty member and one other of the student's choosing. This can come from a nurse, a physician, a research mentor, volunteer coordinator, employer, etc. While students should select what they believe will be the most compelling letter.

## Examples of Georgia Nursing Program Application Dates

Institution	Fall Application Date	Spring Application Date
Augusta University	January	N/A
Emory University	January	August
Kennesaw State University	July	February
North Georgia University	December	June
Piedmont College	January	N/A

**\*This is not a complete listing of schools\***

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