Penn Nursing COVID-19 Pass/Fail Policy for Applicants

Accelerated Nursing Programs (Including BSN/MSN and BSN/PhD)

We require that all prerequisites are taken for credit with a grade of C or higher. However, we understand that institutions have changed their grading processes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For courses taken starting in the spring 2020 term, and throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will accept a Pass for a prerequisite course if pass/fail is now the only option. Applicants will be required to submit documentation that their university or professor made this change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **We will not accept a Pass grade for classes taken prior to spring 2020 or if you chose to take the class Pass/Fail instead of receiving a grade.** Please visit our website for the required ABSN prerequisite courses.

The GRE requirement will be waived for BSN/MSN applicants with a minimum undergraduate degree GPA of 3.2 or higher or graduate degree GPA of 3.0 or higher. These requirements are based on your cumulative GPA. We do not round up GPAs. Prospective applicants should keep this GPA requirement in mind when deciding on taking courses Pass/Fail.

MSN, DNP, and PhD Programs

The MSN, Nurse Anesthesia DNP, and PhD programs require an introductory-level undergraduate statistics course taken for credit with a grade of B or higher. The Post-Master’s DNP and Executive Leadership DNP programs require a graduate level research methods course with a grade of B or higher. However, we understand institutions have changed their grading process due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For courses taken starting in the spring 2020 term, and throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will accept a Pass for the required statistics/research methods course if pass/fail is now the only option. Applicants will be required to submit documentation that their university or professor made this change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **We will not accept a Pass grade for classes taken prior to spring 2020 or if you chose to take the class Pass/Fail instead of receiving a grade.**

If your university provides the option, we strongly encourage you to take any science and nursing-related courses for a grade.

The GRE requirement will be waived for MSN and Nurse Anesthesia DNP applicants with a minimum BSN GPA of 3.2 or higher or graduate degree GPA of 3.0 or higher. This is based on your cumulative BSN GPA. We do not round up GPAs. Prospective applicants should keep this GPA requirement in mind when deciding on taking courses Pass/Fail. Please note the GRE is required for the PhD program regardless of GPA. The GRE is not required for the Post-Master’s DNP and Executive Leadership DNP program.
Graduate students may transfer a maximum of two classes. Transfer credit is not guaranteed and only evaluated after admission. If you intend to apply for transfer credit, you must have taken classes for credit and a grade.

**Current Penn Nursing BSN and ABSN Students (Submatriculation)**

You **will not be penalized** if you choose to apply for submatriculation with Pass/Fail courses as long as the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing is offering a Pass/Fail option during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Submatriculation requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. The GRE requirement will be waived with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher. **These requirements are based on your cumulative GPA. We do not round up GPAs.** Students should consider these GPA requirements as they relate to applying for submatriculation when deciding on taking courses Pass/Fail.

Graduate-level courses you intend to count towards your graduate program must be taken for credit and a letter grade.

Please review the [Message to Penn Undergraduates](#) for more information on the Pass/Fail option.