



From the Office *of* Admissions

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.