



From the Office *of* Admissions

Penn Nursing Spring 2020 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 institutions have changed their grading process due to the coronavirus pandemic. For courses taken during the **spring 2020** term, and this term only, 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 coronavirus pandemic. **We will not accept a Pass for classes taken during any other term 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.

If your university provides the option, we strongly encourage you to take any spring 2020 prerequisite courses for a grade.

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 program requires 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 coronavirus pandemic. For courses taken during the **spring 2020** term, and this term only, 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 coronavirus pandemic. **We will not accept a Pass for classes taken during any other term 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 spring 2020 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 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)

We **strongly encourage** you to take any spring 2020 science and nursing-related courses for a grade. However, you are not required to take spring 2020 courses for a grade and **will not be penalized** if you choose to apply for submatriculation with Pass/Fail courses from this term.

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.

Please review the [FAQs for Students](#) for more information on the Pass/Fail option for spring 2020.