
Admissions Process

The International University of Nursing (IUON) encourages students to apply if they feel they have the determination, dedication, and ability to become a professional nurse. We have spared no expense in developing one of the most state of the art nursing schools in the western hemisphere. IUON has fully embraced the use of technology in nursing education. Our 24 bed human simulation laboratory is absolutely phenomenal and a model for the 21st century nursing school.

The Faculty at IUON are highly qualified and credentialed professionals recruited primarily from the United States. They are fully dedicated to your success.

Depending on partner school placement, students complete three-to-four semesters at our ocean front campus on the exotic Caribbean Island of St. Kitts. Students are then placed at one of our U.S. or Canadian Partner Schools to complete their final year.

Our current pass rate on the NCLEX is over 90%.

In keeping with the University's mission, IUON views students holistically and respectfully, taking into account the uniqueness of each student's relevant experience and training.

The nursing program at IUON is open to qualified applicants of all races, religions and ethnic background. Each applicant's ability to succeed is carefully considered within the overall admissions process.

The IUON Admissions Committee gives serious consideration to all candidates demonstrating the potential to meet the rigorous academic requirements of a highly structured curriculum.

Enrollment Periods

Students are accepted to IUON three times per year: January, May, and September.

Admissions Criteria

Although prior academic achievement is important, it is not the only indication of a suitable applicant for the Bachelor Degree in Nursing (BSN) Program. Other elements of the application package, including letters of recommendation, community service, employment history, and involvement in organizations help paint a picture of the individual as a whole.

Academic Performance

At IUON, we look at more than your cumulative grade point average from the schools you have attended. Rather, we are seeking to determine whether or not you have the ability to perform in a challenging nursing school curriculum. We are more interested in the pattern of your academic development than whether or not you have had difficulties in past years.

Motivation

Perhaps one of the most important qualities of an applicant is a level of personal motivation for success. We seek students who have demonstrated the ability to adapt, to study hard, to integrate various modes of instruction and retain the useful knowledge required for promotion. Your personal statement, letters of recommendation and personal interview will be important components of your application.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the Direct Entry Program must have a U.S. high school diploma or General Equivalency Examination (GED), or the equivalent. They also must have successfully completed high school Biology and Algebra. For the Upper Division program, IUON also requires applicants to complete specific general education and science courses with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 from accredited U.S. or Canadian schools and within the specified time frame established by IUON.

College level pre-requisites required for admission to the Upper Division Program:

Chemistry for Health Sciences with Lab
4 credits

English Composition I
3 credits

Anatomy & Physiology with Lab
4 credits

Microbiology with Lab
4 credits

Introduction to Psychology
3 credits

Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab

4 credits

Developmental Psychology
3 credits

Composition and Rhetoric
3 credits

College Algebra
3 credits

Principles of Speaking and Listening (Public Speaking)
3 credits

Statistics (Math Pre-fix)
3 credits

Students are required to submit transcripts from all colleges attended, a personal essay indicating interest in nursing as a career, and two letters of recommendation.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 out of 4.0.

Students applying for the Direct Entry Program can still qualify for advanced standing but will be required to complete all prerequisites before they enter the Upper Division Program. IUON does offer all the prerequisites listed above. Students that are accepted into the Direct Entry Program will be guaranteed placement into the Upper Division Program upon successful completion of the prerequisites at IUON.

Transfer Courses

Applicants must have attended an institution accredited either in the United States or in their home country. Applicants, who have completed comparable coursework at other institutions, may receive transfer credit for their work. Only courses successfully completed at an accredited college/university recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation are eligible for transfer credit to meet the prerequisites for admission to the Upper Division Program. A grade of C or higher must be attained in each course being considered for transfer credit. Courses taken for "Pass", "Credit" or "Satisfactory" are not transferable, unless the transcript indicates that the grade is equivalent to at least a C.

The following time limits pertain to acceptability of transfer credits:

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All science, psychology and nursing courses must be taken within five (5) years of matriculating at IUON

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All general education courses must be taken within ten (10) years of matriculating at IUON

All transfer credits are recorded on a student's IUON academic record. The actual grades from the courses accepted for transfer are not counted toward the student's IUON grade point average (GPA). Only courses taken at IUON and the U.S. or Canadian partner school are considered in calculating a student's GPA.

Students wishing to apply to IUON, should have transcripts from accredited schools sent directly to the Department of Admissions at our New York administrative office. Course descriptions are also required. On occasion we may also ask for the syllabi during the transfer credit evaluation.

The IUON Admissions Committee reviews the material and issues a preliminary evaluation at the time of acceptance. Within two weeks of receiving an acceptance we will assign you a placement at a partner school and will issue a final evaluation of transfer credit. At the time of application we will send you a clinical preference questionnaire. That information is taken into consideration at the time of placement.

Students, who successfully completed Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) courses at a U.S.-affiliated LPN program, may have their nursing courses taken into consideration when transferring to IUON. Otherwise, nursing courses taken at other colleges or universities are not transferable to IUON.

International Transfer Students

Students must have attended an institution accredited in their home country. Courses taken at international colleges must be evaluated by a National Association of Credentialed Evaluation Services (NACES) approved credit evaluation agency to determine if the courses are comparable and equivalent to courses taken in the United States or Canada. The IUON Admissions Department can provide a list of approved NACES organizations.

All required documents, if originally in a foreign language, must be accompanied by a notarized English translation.

Health and Safety

A completed IUON Medical Examination Form documenting immunizations and medical tests is required to begin your courses. The immunization requirements are for DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus), MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), Polio, Hepatitis B (Start of the series) and proof of having Chicken Pox disease or having had the Varicella or Varivax

vaccine.

Medical tests which must be completed are a TB test, PPD/Mantoux, together with radiologist's report of Chest X-Ray (not the actual films) X-Ray report is only required for those who have tested positive for TB.

Basic Life Support Certification

Students are required to have a current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification through the American Heart Association when they arrive on campus. It can be taken on-line at the American Heart Association website or at a center in your area. Centers are listed on the website or you can contact the American Heart Association directly at 1-800-242-8721

Criminal Background Screening

Due to the requirements of medical facilities and licensing boards, criminal background screening must be done prior to admission to IUON.

This also allows the school and student to make informed decisions regarding the student's ability to benefit from the University's training programs. Student advising is done with students that may have criminal backgrounds that could affect their ability to practice their profession.

Essential Performance Standards

The practice of nursing is an applied discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and motor components. Students must be able to perform the functions which are necessary for the safe practice of nursing and essential to the licensing requirements for nursing with or without reasonable accommodation, in order to be admitted to the IUON nursing program.

ISSUE

STANDARD

EXAMPLE

Critical

Thinking

Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment

Identify cause/effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans.

Interpersonal

Interpersonal abilities sufficient for interaction with individuals, families and groups from various social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds

Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues

Communication

Communication abilities sufficient for verbal and written interaction with others
Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, and document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses

Mobility

Physical abilities sufficient for movement from room to room and in small spaces
Move around in patient's room, work spaces and treatment areas; administer cardiopulmonary procedures

Motor Skills

Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient for providing safe, effective nursing care
Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients

Hearing

Auditory ability sufficient for monitoring and assessing health needs
Hear monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds and cries for help

Visual

Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care
Observe patient/client responses

Tactile

Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment
Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention (such as insertion of a catheter)

English Language Testing

If English is a second language, students must obtain a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Students can also meet this requirement if they can provide proof (official transcripts) of successful completion of a year of college English at an accredited U.S. or Canadian (English speaking) college or university.

Application Procedure

1. Application

The online application must be fully completed in order for an applicant to be scheduled for a personal interview.

2. Application Fee

A non-refundable \$50.00 application fee must be received with your application in order for processing to begin. This may be paid by either credit card or by check sent via U.S. mail to the IUON office in New York.

3. Admissions Essay

The admissions essay is an important aspect of the application. The IUON Admissions Committee reviews the essay for content as well as the student's writing ability. Applicants should be sure all directions are followed completely.

4. Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation, preferably from a basic sciences professor and/or health professional, should be submitted as part of the application process. The letters should address the applicant's academic/work history as an indicator of the applicant's high probability of success.

Letters of recommendation for an applicant applying to IUON should be sent directly to the University at their New York office.

5. Official Transcripts Required

Applicants must submit official transcripts from all high schools, universities or colleges previously attended. Unofficial transcripts provided by the applicant will be accepted only for the purposes of an initial evaluation.

No application is considered to be complete until official transcripts have been sent directly from the applicant's previously attended high schools, universities or colleges.

Transcripts from non U.S./Canadian schools must be translated and evaluated by an approved NACES agency.

6. TOEFL or IELTS Scores

International students must provide official TOEFL or IELTS scores.

All application fees, transcripts, test results, and letters of recommendation should be sent to:

International University of Nursing

North American Administrative Office

Office of Admissions

460 West 34th St., 12th Floor

New York, NY 10001

Accepted Students

Once accepted to IUON, a student will be sent a Letter of Acceptance, Health Form, Welcome Packet, Visa Form, and Program Plan by email and U.S. Mail. The Program Plan provide information on the academic pathway designed specifically for the individual student-from their first to their last semester. Assistance is provided to students throughout the enrollment process.

Diagnostic Evaluation:

IUON accepts students from a vast range of academic institutions including high schools, colleges and university systems in the U.S., as well as abroad. It is the goal of IUON to assist students in their academic success. Test, such as the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and the National League for Nursing Pre-Nursing Exam (NLN-Pax), are used diagnostically for placement purposed and academic planning. The Teas exam will be offered within the the first two weeks of the semester, however, IUON encourages accepted students to take the TEAR or the NLN-Pax prior to arrival on campus. Students who score below 65 on the Adjusted Individual Test Score may be required to take developmental courses or tutoring in English and Mathematics.

Students who have completed either the TEAS or NLN-Pax within a year of matriculating at IUON will not be required to repeat this examination. IUON highly recommends that students prepare in advance for these examinations. These standardized entrance examination comprise three main areas: Verbal Skills including word knowledge and reading comprehension; Mathematics which included basic calculations and word problems incorporating algebra, geometry, and applied mathematics; and Science which includes biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science. The publication "ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Study Manual" is available from Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) or can be obtained at a local bookstore or obtained via an online bookstore.

IUON only uses the TEAS for diagnostic purposes, however, some of our partner schools require this exam to enter into their program. As a result, it's important that students prepare for this examination. Students interested in attending Morehead State University should be aware that they will need to take either the NLN-Pax or the ACT prior to entering this program. Morehead requires students to obtain a minimum grade of 19 on the Enhanced ACT or a 50 on the NLN-PAX. Once again we highly recommend that students take these examinations prior to entering IUON.

Preliminary Evaluation

After you have submitted a completed application, the Faculty Admissions Committee will conduct a preliminary evaluation of your credentials. If it is determined that you meet our minimum qualifications, you will be invited to be interviewed.

Personal Interview

Qualified applicants will be invited to one of four regional offices for a personal interview. Students will be given an

opportunity to discuss their academic record and provide any other background information that will help the admissions committee assess the student's maturity, aptitude, and motivation.

Interviews will be scheduled only after the student's application is complete and the following documents are on file: application, official transcripts from all high schools, university or colleges attended, application fee, personal essay, and letters of recommendation.

Application Decision

Applicants can anticipate admissions decisions being made usually within two weeks after the personal interview is conducted. Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision reached by IUON Admissions Committee. Accepted students are assigned to a post acceptance director for assistance and instruction on all aspects of the enrollment process.