Stockton University's Proposed Accelerated Nursing Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the admission criteria for the Accelerated Nursing Program at Stockton?

Students with earned bachelor's degrees must have earned credits in the following courses:

- English I & II
- Introduction to Psychology
- Life Span Developmental Psychology
- Statistics
- Nutrition
- Chemistry I (Inorganic) & Chem II (Organic)
- Microbiology
- Anatomy & Physiology I & II
- Ethics (Ethics course requirement may be waived for graduates of Stockton's Health Science program.
- Pathophysiology* -Recommended prerequisite
    - * Pathophysiology is a recommended pre-requisite course for the accelerated program. Students who do not take Pathophysiology prior to admission into the accelerated nursing program will be required to take the course during their first semester in the program.

A GPA of **3.5** and no less than a **C+** in all required science courses taken at Stockton are required for admission. Required science courses taken at schools other than Stockton must be a grade of **B** or higher. Transcripts will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants must also be able to pass a criminal background check and urine drug screen. In addition, students must meet Technical Standards and Functions outlined by the program on admission and throughout the program. Complete COVID-19 vaccination (without exemption) is required for students to attend clinical. Students must also successfully complete a criminal background check to be licensed as an RN in the State of New Jersey.

2. When is the Accelerated Nursing Program offered and are there deadlines for applying to the program?

The accelerated nursing program now has two (2) entry time points for admission into the program. We offer a fall cohort with an application deadline of June 15, and a spring cohort with an application deadline of November 15. We encourage students who are accepted into the program, to sign the acceptance letter, and remit their deposit as soon as the acceptance letter is received to secure a seat in the class.

3. What happens if I get accepted into the program (fall or spring cohort), but there are no more seats because I waited too long to sign the acceptance letter and remit my deposit?

Should a student be admitted to the program (spring or fall cohort), and have this happen, we do offer a waiting list for the next cohort. For example, if a student was accepted to begin in the fall cohort but waited too long to sign their acceptance letter and remit their deposit to secure a seat in that cohort, the student would then be placed on the waitlist for the spring cohort, and then begin in the spring. This is why we strongly encourage accepted students to sign the acceptance letter and remit their deposit as soon as possible.

4. How long is the program?

The program is 15 months long and courses will take place during summer sessions.

For the fall cohort: Classes begin in the fall and students complete the program in December of the following fall.

For the spring cohort: Classes begin in the spring and students complete the program in May of the following spring.

5. Where will classes be held?

Classes and labs are scheduled to be held at Stockton's site in Manahawkin.

Clinical experiences will be held at health care facilities throughout south Jersey and students provide their own transportation to clinical sites.

6. How many days a week are classes held?

Students can expect to be in class, lab, or clinical three to four days a week. Students may be required to attend clinical in the evening or on weekends.

7. Can I work while I attend the program?

Accelerated nursing programs are intense and very demanding of students' time. Students are strongly discouraged from working.

8. How much does the program cost?

Tuition for the accelerated program courses is the same as all Stockton undergraduate courses. However, there are additional expenses associated with the nursing curriculum.

Students need to be aware that unexpected fees or costs related to clinical requirements could arise during their enrollment in nursing at Stockton. Every effort will be made to provide students with advanced notice should additional costs or fees be required.

9. How do I apply for the program?

Please see the webpage for the Accelerated –Nursing BSN for information and instructions to apply this program.

If you have additional questions, please e-mail accleratednursing@stockton.edu.

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