

## FAQ for Accelerated Nursing

Q – When is the admission deadline for the accelerated nursing program?

A – The deadline is October 1 – all required documents and your application must be postmarked by October 1 for consideration of admission to the May semester.

Q – Can I apply to the accelerated nursing program if I have not earned a bachelor's degree?

A – Only those students who have earned a bachelor's degree or who will earn one by the second week in May, when the program begins, are eligible to apply for the accelerated nursing program.

Q – Should I follow the admission requirements for an adult student or a transfer student?

A – You should follow the admission requirements for a transfer student. For more information: [www.usm.maine.edu/admit/transfer.html](http://www.usm.maine.edu/admit/transfer.html) .

Q – The application asks that I submit a statement (or resume) about how I've spent my time if I've been out of high school or college for more than six months. Do I need to answer that question?

A – Yes, at the minimum you should indicate what you've been doing since your college graduation. We don't currently require resumes, but may in the future.

Q - Do I need to include an essay or submit a statement about academic goals and objectives as part of my admission application?

A – The Supplemental Application for Accelerated Nursing includes an essay question. This is the only essay that we require. To print the required supplemental application: [www.usm.maine.edu/howtoapply.html](http://www.usm.maine.edu/howtoapply.html) .

Q – The application asks that I submit official transcripts for all colleges attended. Can I just submit an official transcript from the college where I earned (or will earn) my bachelor's degree.

A - You are required list ALL colleges attended on your application, and you are also required to submit official transcripts from ALL colleges attended. Your application will be considered incomplete if we do not receive official transcripts from ALL colleges attended. (Exception: you are not required to list colleges where you attempted or completed courses above and beyond the bachelor degree level. However, if you are matriculated in or have completed graduate work, please include those transcripts, as well as transcripts that include prerequisite courses or courses that strengthen your application.)

Q – What should I do if I have international college transcripts?

A – International college transcripts must be evaluated by an outside transcript analysis agency, and the analysis must arrive by the deadline of October 1. For more information: [www.usm.maine.edu/admit/int.html](http://www.usm.maine.edu/admit/int.html)

Q – Do I need to submit a high school transcript?

A – You are required to submit an official high school transcript ONLY if you have not yet earned a bachelor's degree at the time of application.

Q - Do I need to submit letters of recommendation?

A – At this time we do not require letters of recommendation.

Q - What if the grades for required prerequisite courses I am taking won't be available until after October 1? Will you still consider my application?

A – Prerequisite courses do not need to be completed in order to apply to the program. They must be completed by the time the program begins. You should have transcripts submitted as soon as grades are available for fall and/or spring semesters.

Q-Do I need to submit proof that I'm enrolled in the prerequisite courses?

A-We assume that prerequisite coursework will be completed by the time the program begins. If you are accepted to the program, your acceptance is contingent on completion of the prerequisites and having received a bachelor's degree by the time the program begins.

Q-Will you accept late applications?

A-No, applications and supporting material must be postmarked by the due date.

Q-My Bachelor's Degree is below 3.0, will you still consider my application for the Accelerated Program?

A-Unless you have earned a degree beyond the bachelor's level with a 3.0 or better, we will not consider your application.

Q-Can you review my transcripts before I apply to the program?

A- No, we cannot review individual transcripts. We hold information sessions about the accelerated program on a regular basis, where we address course transferability in general terms. Call 207-228-8182 to reserve a space in one of these sessions.

Q-Do you conduct interviews for the Accelerated Program?

A-No, we do not currently conduct interviews

Q-When will I know whether or not I'm accepted to the program?

A-Our goal is to notify applicants by the end of December.

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