Frequently Asked Questions

Which programs will allow me to become a RN?

Queens offers three programs that lead to licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN). We offer an Associate of Science in Nursing program (ASN), a traditional entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing program (BSN), and an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program option (ABSN).

Which program is right for me?

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| • High school/ home school graduate (no college experience) | • Associate of Science in Nursing  
• Bachelor of Science in Nursing                      |
| • GED Recipient (no college experience)           | • Associate of Science in Nursing  
• Bachelor of Science in Nursing                      |
| • Transfer student                                | • Associate of Science in Nursing  
• Bachelor of Science in Nursing                      |
| • Two-year college graduate                       | • Associate of Science in Nursing  
• Bachelor of Science in Nursing                      |
| • Four-year college graduate                      | • Associate of Science in Nursing  
• Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
• Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing option |
| • Registered Nurse with an Associate’s Degree  
• Nursing Diploma                                   | • RN to BSN option                                                            |
| • Registered Nurse with a Bachelor’s Degree        | • Master of Science in Nursing                                                 |

What is a pre-licensure program?

Pre-licensure programs are designed for students who do not hold a RN license.

How long are your programs?

The ASN program is completed in two years over five semesters. The traditional entry BSN program consists of two years of nursing curriculum. Students must complete all requirements for a bachelor’s degree in nursing. Please contact an admissions counselor for more details. The ABSN program is completed in one year over three semesters.

Are nursing courses offered at night or on the weekends?

The nursing curriculum takes place mainly during daytime hours Monday through Friday.

Are any of your programs offered online?

Students who are enrolled in our pre-licensure programs are offered on-campus courses only. Students in our RN to BSN and MSN program are able to take courses online.
Can I work while completing the nursing program?

We do not recommend that students work while completing any of our nursing programs. If students must work, we ask that they work part-time. Nursing school is competitive and it is important that students make it their first priority.

When are your application deadlines?

ASN - apply by February 15 for fall admission/apply by June 15 for spring admission
BSN - apply by March 15 for fall admission/apply by September 21 for spring admission
ABSN - apply by September 21 for early notification/apply by January 15 for regular admission for summer admission
RN to BSN - rolling admission
MSN - rolling admission (supporting documents should be submitted at least 2 weeks before classes begin)

Can I submit transcripts after the deadline?

The nursing admissions office cannot guarantee that transcripts submitted after the deadline will be considered for admission.

Is an entrance exam required for your programs?

The ASN program is the only program that requires an entrance exam.

Should I submit letters of recommendation?

Letters of recommendation are not required for our undergraduate program applications.

Do I have to submit transcripts from ALL colleges attended?

Yes. If you attended one day of class at a given institution, we will need an official transcript from that school.

Will my courses transfer from another school for the prerequisites?

Students who receive a grade of C- or higher in courses taken at regionally accredited colleges or universities are eligible to transfer coursework. It is best to contact the admissions office with any questions you may have.

May I apply if I haven’t finished my prerequisites?

Yes. However, students must complete all course prerequisites prior to starting the nursing curriculum. Most students who are admitted to our programs have no prerequisites remaining or only one course remaining. It is not suggested that students with more than three course prerequisites remaining apply.

What is the average GPA for your pre-licensure programs?

The average GPA for a student admitted to the BSN program is a 3.3. For the ABSN program the average is a 3.5 and for the ASN program, a 3.29.

How do I calculate my GPA?

To calculate your GPA divide quality points by credit hours. Quality points may also be called grade points. Most colleges list quality points on their transcripts. If quality points are not listed, they can be calculated. Quality points are found by multiplying the credit hours for a course by the letter grade. Each letter grade is given a set point value. Your college should have record of these point values in their course catalog or course bulletin or on the back of an official transcript.
When will I know if I have been admitted to the PSON?

Decisions are generally sent out within 6 weeks of the deadline for pre-licensure applicants. RN to BSN and MSN applicants are generally notified within 7-10 business days of application completion.

How many students do you take each semester?

The ASN program enrolls around 24 students each fall and spring semester. The traditional BSN program enrolls about 40 students each fall and spring and the Accelerated BSN option enrolls 40 students each summer.

Do you have a waitlist?

Yes, we typically have a waitlist. Applicants apply for a given term and are offered an admissions decision for that term only. Once the term has begun, all students on the waitlist must apply for a future term. Please see the waitlist Frequently Asked Questions for more information about our waitlist.

Do I need to be a Certified Nurse Aide I (NAI) to begin a program?

Yes, Queens requires that all pre-licensure students complete a state-approved NAI training program with at least 28 direct patient care hours and have a current listing on the NC registry prior to beginning our programs. Students applying to the ABSN priority deadline must provide NAI documentation at application, all other applicants must submit NAI documentation at admission.

Does Queens offer a Nurse Aide I training program?

Yes. Please go to www.queens.edu/continuing-education for details.

I’m an LPN, do I still need my Nurse Aide I?

No, the NAI requirement is waived for LPN’s.

Does Queens offer an LPN to RN bridge?

No; however, LPN’s may request an exemption from the clinical component only of the first clinical nursing course, in either the ASN or BSN program, by submitting specific documentation upon admission.

Is financial aid available?

Yes, students may work with our Student Financial Services Office to learn more about grants and loans offered through Queens. Queens also offers academic scholarships to students who qualify.

What is your FAFSA code?

The code for Queens is 002957.

Are scholarships available?

Yes, please visit our scholarship page at www.queens.edu/financial.

When can I visit the school?

The nursing admissions office offers a daily walk-in hour from 10-11am on days that the office is open. Students may come in during that time without an appointment and speak with a nursing admissions counselor. Students may also schedule appointments outside of those hours by contacting the nursing admissions office by email at PSONAdmissions@queens.edu.
by phone at 704-337-2276 (Option 1). If you would like to tour our nursing labs, you may set up an appointment with Melinda Armstrong at armstrom@queens.edu.