



## NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Undergraduate Programs

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**FLORIDA  
ATLANTIC  
UNIVERSITY**

**Department** Nursing  
  
**College** Nursing

**Program Name**  
Accelerated BSN

- New Program  
 Change Program

**Effective Date**  
(TERM & YEAR)  
  
Fall 2021

**Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment**

We are removing the requirement of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) test from admission criteria. Research finds that the science GPA is a better predictor than the TEAS. The TEAS serves as a barrier for admission. Benchmarking with competitors: U of M, UCF and Nova Southeastern do not require that applicants take the TEAS. Open access (community colleges) require the TEAS, but most limited access colleges do not.

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**Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation**

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## Application Process for the Accelerated B.S.N. Track

The Accelerated Track is available only on the Boca Raton campus. Students who have been unsuccessful in another nursing program will not be considered for admission into the program at Florida Atlantic University.

1. Apply to Florida Atlantic University [here](#). Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in their bachelor's degree as calculated by the awarding institution. Post-baccalaureate classes are not included in this calculation.

2. Apply to the College of Nursing by completing an application on the Nursing CAS (Centralized Application Service) [website](#). The applicant is cautioned to note the application deadline published on the website. There are no deadline exceptions.

~~3. Scores on the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) entrance exam are used for overall evaluation of applicants. Check [www.atitest.com](http://www.atitest.com) for scheduled exam dates and instructions for taking this test. The TEAS V admission examination evaluates each student on skills in reading, math, science and English language. Students may prepare for the TEAS V admission examination by purchasing the TEAS V Pre-Test Study Manual. Applicants must achieve a score higher than the mean TEAS Percentile Rank–National (as reported on test results). TEAS exam scores may be applied to admission applications for up to five years.~~

**34. Minimum requirements for review of application; applications not meeting these criteria will not be reviewed:** The following courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better by the application deadline. Successful completion of all prerequisites much have been achieved at the time of application.

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Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab  
Microbiology with Lab  
College Algebra or equivalent  
Statistics  
English Composition 1  
English Composition 2  
Introduction to Sociology  
Introduction to Psychology  
Human Growth and Development through the Lifespan  
Chemistry with Lab  
Nutrition

Grades in the above courses constitute the prerequisite science GPA used for admission decisions. A minimum grade of "C" is required in these courses.

Admission	Decision	Criteria
This is a limited-access program and we receive many more qualified applications than available spaces. Admission decisions are based on the following:		

1. Cumulative undergraduate GPA.
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3. Other nursing common prerequisites GPA.
- ~~4. An individual adjusted TEAS score.~~
- ~~5. 4. Personal interview.~~

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Other factors relevant to professional nursing may be considered. For example: graduation from an undergraduate program at FAU, prerequisite courses completed at an SUS university or equivalent university in the United States.

5. All applicants will be notified of the admission decision via FAU email.

6. By the date posted in the offer letter, applicants must confirm via email to the program advisor their intention to either accept or reject the preliminary admission offer, or their seat will be given to the next eligible applicant.

7. Cleared Level 2 background check and fingerprinting.

### Accelerated Track Degree Requirements

The Accelerated Track in the B.S.N. program is specifically designed for the student with a bachelor's degree in another field who wants to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing. A fast track to a professional nursing career, this accelerated B.S.N. is an intense four semester (15-month) program for motivated individuals looking for a challenging and stimulating career in nursing. Students in the program are required to be engaged in coursework or nursing practice experiences for a minimum of 40 hours per week. This is a limited access program. Students must complete all program prerequisites prior to beginning the accelerated program coursework. Accelerated Track requirements: 60 credits.

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