



Change of Major FAQ

Who is eligible for change of major into the nursing program?

Current Assumption University students may apply for a seat in the School of Nursing. Students interested in applying for a seat for the spring semester of their first year must ensure that they successfully complete (final grade of B- or higher) BIO 160 with lab in the fall semester. Fall semester second year applicants must additionally be enrolled in or completed BIO 105 with a minimum grade of B- (by the end of the spring semester).

What if I have AP Bio credits from high school?

If you have AP Bio credits from high school that you have successfully had accepted by Assumption University, you will not need to take or be enrolled in BIO 160 (and lab) to apply. NOTE: As with all AP courses these scores/credits must be officially submitted and accepted by Assumption University to count.

What if I have not completed BIO 160 or BIO 105 (Fall semester second year applicants only) and am not currently enrolled?

During add/drop you will need to work with your advisor to enroll in these courses for the upcoming term/semester. The only exception to this is students who have AP BIO credits as mentioned previously.

How many students will be accepted into the School of Nursing?

Available seats in the School of Nursing are based on a cohort model. Available seats are determined by a number of factors, including the number of matriculated nursing students that do not progress. The number of available seats is not known until the end of each semester when the final grades are posted. It is possible that no seats are available based on maximum capacity in the cohort.

How are applications reviewed?

Student applications are scored using a weighted rubric for review of a) a professional resume, b) a personal statement, c) GPA at the end of the spring semester, and d) two letters of recommendation from Assumption University faculty. Applications are reviewed by the School of Nursing Faculty Assembly Student Affairs Committee. Applications will be reviewed according to pre-determined weighed criteria and applicants will be offered a seat according to rank order.

What type of letter of recommendations are required?

The student will solicit two letters of recommendation from Assumption University faculty. The faculty should be able to comment on the student's written and oral communication skills, organizational skills, interpersonal skills, attendance, and ability to succeed in the School of Nursing. Template forms are made available to the student as part of the application.

How do I submit my application?

These documents (except for the Letters of Recommendation) will be assembled into **ONE** electronic .pdf file and emailed to nursing@assumption.edu. The subject title will read your last name – change of major application. Hard copy applications will not be reviewed.

When is the change of major packet due?

Spring Semester of First Year- 4pm Second Friday of November

Fall Semester of Second Year- 4pm Second Friday of March

Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

When will my application be reviewed?

Student applications will be reviewed when final grades posted. Applications will be reviewed according to pre-determined weighed criteria and applicants will be offered a seat according to the rank order.

How will I find out if I am offered a seat?

The applicant will be notified of the committee's decision via the assumption.edu email address provided on the resume. Qualified applicants who are not accepted will remain on a waitlist in rank order. If seats become available, applicants will be notified. Applicants on the waitlist will be offered the opportunity to provide an updated application according to the timeline for second year seat.

Can my course schedule be modified to accommodate extracurricular activities?

All incoming students are placed on one of four academic plans to facilitate completion of the nursing curriculum. The curriculum is dense and in order to complete the program of study the SoN cannot modify schedules to accommodate extracurricular activities including athletics, honors program requirements, or semester abroad (outside of summer sessions).

Can I complete my degree in 4 years?

The SoN cannot guarantee that students who change their major will be able to complete their curriculum requirements within four years.

Where do I find curriculum Requirements?

1. SoN website: <https://www.assumption.edu/undergraduate/nursing>

Where can I get additional information?

1. SoN website: <https://www.assumption.edu/undergraduate/nursing>
2. Attending a SoN Change of Major Information Session. Dates to be advertised via Portal

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3. Please feel free to reach out to Renee Brideau for any additional questions you may have at rl.brideau@assumption.edu