

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 Froelich School of Nursing (FSon). 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 210 Genetics and BIO 240 Human Anatomy with a minimum grade of B- (by the end of the spring semester) and enrolled in or completed CHE 102.

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 (Spring semester first year applicants only), BIO 210, BIO 240, or CHE 102 (Fall semester second year applicants only) and am not currently enrolled?

Spring semester first year applicants will need to work with their advisor during add/drop to enroll in the appropriate courses for the upcoming term/semester. Fall semester second year applicants need to have completed all courses in order to be eligible to apply. The only exception to this is students who have AP BIO credits as mentioned previously.

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

Available seats in the Froelich 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 personal statement, b) current professional resume, c) GPA at the end of the semester, and d) two letters of recommendations from the Assumption University community. Applications are reviewed by the Froelich School of Nursing Faculty Assembly Student Affairs Committee. Applications will be reviewed according to pre-determined weighted 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 community members. At least one faculty recommendation is required. 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 Froelich School of Nursing. The second recommendation may be from another member of the Assumption community (another faculty, advisor, RA, etc.). If a second recommendation is not received, ranking will be calculated based on one recommendation. If you previously applied, you may elect to use your highest scoring previous recommendation as your second recommendation submission. 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 fsonnfastudentaffairs@assumption.edu. **The subject title will read your last name – change of major application.** Hard copy applications will not be reviewed.

What are the deadlines?

Letters of Intent:

Spring Semester 1 st Year	Fall Semester 2 nd Year
4 pm 1 st Fri of Nov	4 pm 1 st Fri of Mar

Applications:

Spring Semester 1 st Year	Fall Semester 2 nd Year
4 pm on Dec 1st	4 pm on May 1st

If December 1 or May 1 falls on a weekend, the application is due by the following Monday. Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

When will my application be reviewed?

Student applications will be reviewed when final grades are posted. Applications will be reviewed according to pre-determined weighted criteria and applicants will be offered a seat according to the rank order. The Committee reserves the right to not fill all open seats.

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. The offer of acceptance into the Froelich School of Nursing is time sensitive and students who do not follow the enclosed instructions relinquish their seat and the seat is offered to the subsequent qualified applicant.

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

Where can I get additional information?

1. FSoN website: <https://www.assumption.edu/undergraduate/nursing>
2. Attending a FSoN Change of Major Information Session. Dates to be advertised via Portal
3. Please feel free to reach out to Michele Aubin for any additional questions you may have at maubin@assumption.edu