



**Manning College of Nursing
and Health Sciences**

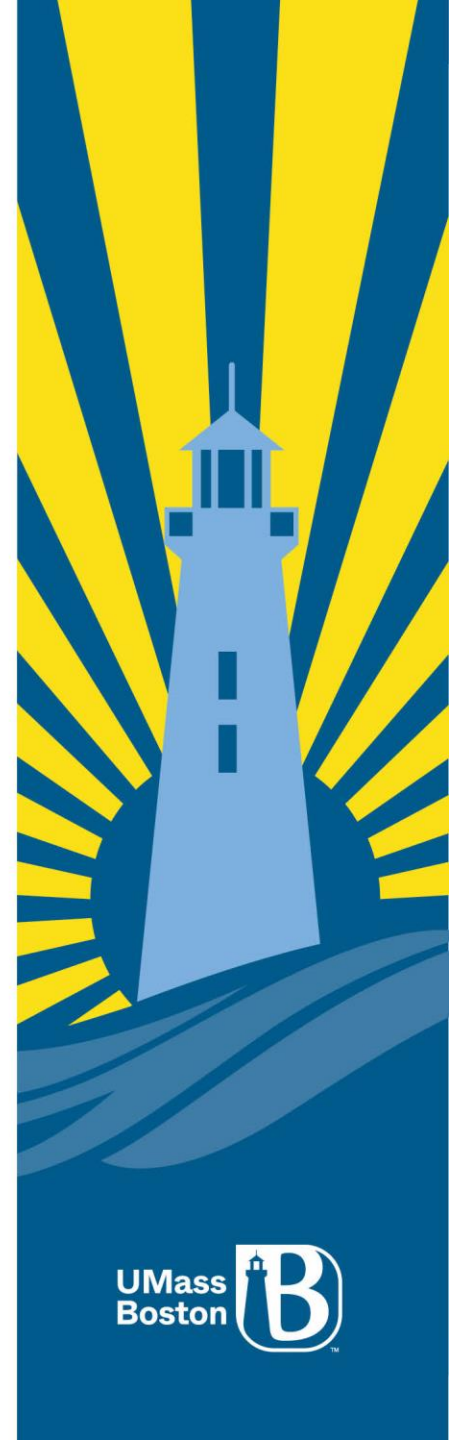
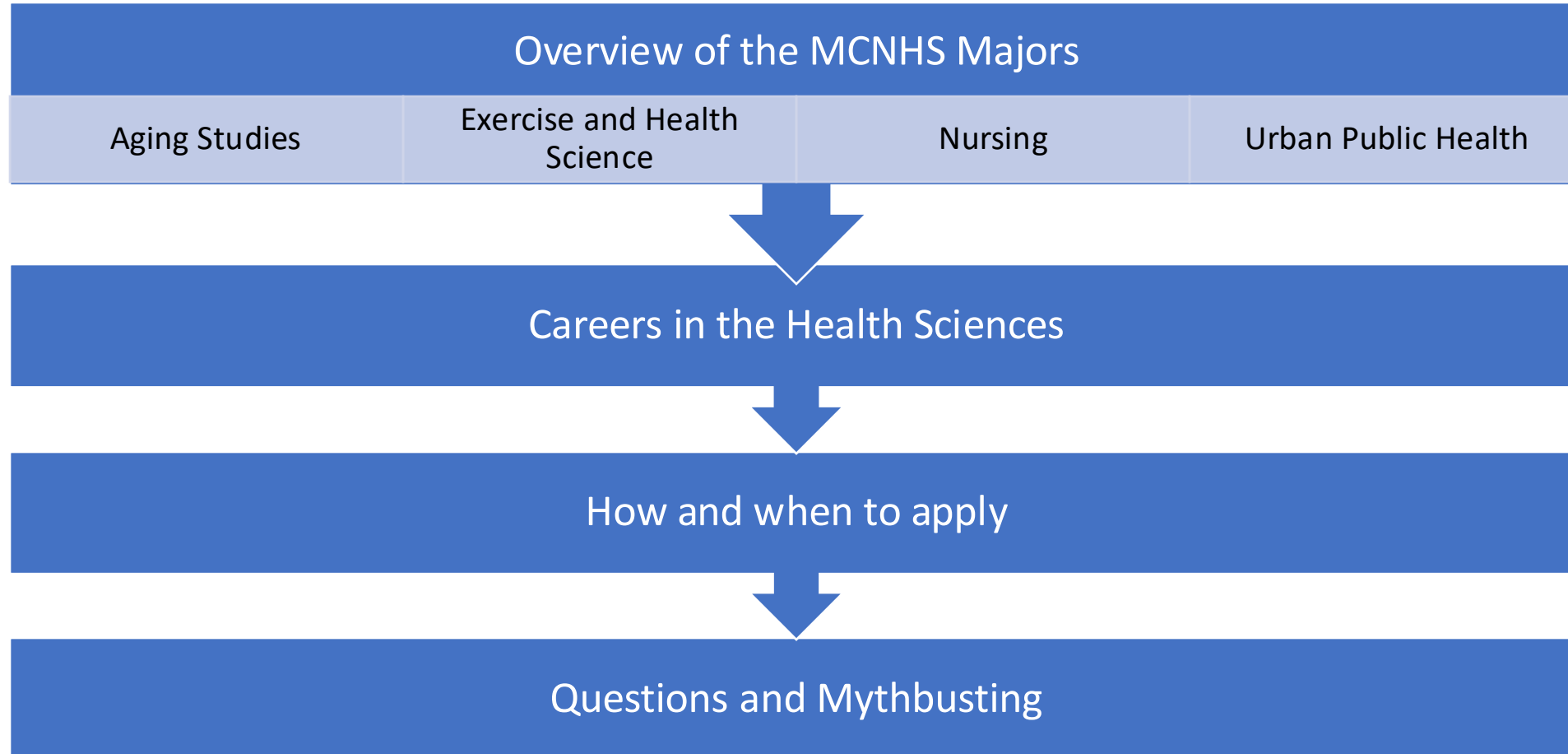
Exploring Your Options

Inter-collegiate Transfer (ICT) Session

September 24, 2025



Today's Agenda



Aging Studies (BA) (a.k.a. Gerontology)

- Learn about issues, questions, perspectives, needs, and contributions of older persons.
- Physiological, psychological, social, and economic aspects of aging
- Research and practical skills
 - Program development and evaluation
 - Policy analysis
 - Geriatric assessment
 - Working with diverse aging populations
 - Internships and field placements
- Most Gerontology classes are offered online
- Awarded Best Online Bachelor's Program 2025 by U.S. News & World Report

[Aging Studies minor](#) and
[Gerontology certificate](#)
are also available

Careers in Aging Studies/Gerontology

Aging Program
Coordinator

Geriatric Care
Manager

Research
Analyst

Aging Policy
Advocate

Aging and
Workforce
Consultant

and many
more!

Exercise and Health Sciences (BS)

- Strong foundation in the science of exercise, nutrition, and health.
- Can include prerequisites for graduate programs in healthcare
 - (e.g. Physician Assistant, Medicine, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy)
- Focus on evidence-based practice and practical experience
 - Required internship in the final semester of the program
 - Either EHS 490 (12 credits, 400hrs) or EHS 491 (6 credits, 200hrs) AND two EHS electives at the 300-level or higher
- All EHS graduates are eligible to take the test to become a [Certified Exercise Physiologist](#) under the American College of Sports Medicine.

Careers in EHS

Physical
Therapist

Exercise
Physiologist

Health Coach

Occupational
Therapist

Research
Coordinator

Nutritionist

Strength and
Conditioning
Coach

Corporate
Wellness
Coordinator

And many
more!

Some careers require advanced training and/or
graduate school (e.g. PT, OT, Nutritionist)

Traditional Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (TBSN)

- Traditional option for Registered Nurse (RN) certification
 - 2.5+ years depending on how many prerequisites you have completed
- Half theoretical study and half clinical placements across a range of different settings:
 - Intro to Nursing
 - Adult Health
 - Mental Health
 - Maternity & Women's Health Nursing
 - Pediatric Nursing
 - Nursing in the Community
 - Nursing Synthesis & Capstone

The [Accelerated Nursing](#) (ABSN) program might be a better fit for some folks. That will be a [different info session](#) (next one is Oct. 21)

Careers in Nursing

Different Settings:

- Hospitals
- General practice
- Nursing homes
- Schools
- Children's Hospice
- Private physician's offices
- Home healthcare
- ...and many more

Some specialties require advanced training and/or graduate school (e.g. Nurse Practitioner, CRNA)

Different Specialties:

- Critical Care (ICU, NICU, CICU, etc.)
- Medical-surgical
- Labor and delivery
- Charge nurse
- Registered nurse supervisor
- Travel nurse
- ... and many more

Urban Public Health (BS)

- Fundamental knowledge of public health science, education, research, and practice
- Critical problem solving, analysis and interpretation of data, and an understanding of socio-economic and cultural diversity among people in urban settings
- Practical experiences in community settings, governmental agencies, private sector, and health organizations
 - Includes a two-semester capstone class and project (PUBHTH 480) in your final year of the program

Careers in UPH

Different Specialties:

- Epidemiologist
- Biostatistician
- Health Policy Analyst
- Health Educator
- Community Healthcare
- Health Program Coordinator
- Environmental/Occupational Health Specialist
- ... and many more

Different Settings:

- Government
- Healthcare Systems
- Non-profits and Advocacy
- Research and Academia
- Policy and Law
- ...and many more

Some careers require advanced training and/or graduate school (usually Masters of Public Health)

Application Requirements for ALL programs

- All applicants must have already completed **12 graded credits** at UMass Boston. (*P/F grades not included*)
- All students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing
- All applicants must fill out and submit the [Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences Program Add/Change Form](#) using Docusign
- *Optional but helpful:* Resume, recommendation letter (2 MAX), evidence of relevant work or community service.

Application Requirements for EHS and Aging Studies

Exercise and Health Sciences

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- At least one 4-credit lab science course with C- or above
- Personal statement answering the question, "What are your career aspirations in the field of Exercise and Health Science?"
- **Rolling Deadline**

Aging Studies

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- No personal statement required
- **Rolling Deadline**



Scan the QR Code for more information on [application requirements](#) for all programs

Application Requirements for TBSN and UPH

Traditional Nursing

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- At least two 4-credit lab science courses from required list with C+ or higher (B or higher strongly recommended)
- Personal statement answering the question, "What it means to be a professional nurse?"
- *Optional:* [The TEAS exam](#)
- **Spring Deadline: November 1**
- **Fall Deadline: April 1**

Urban Public Health

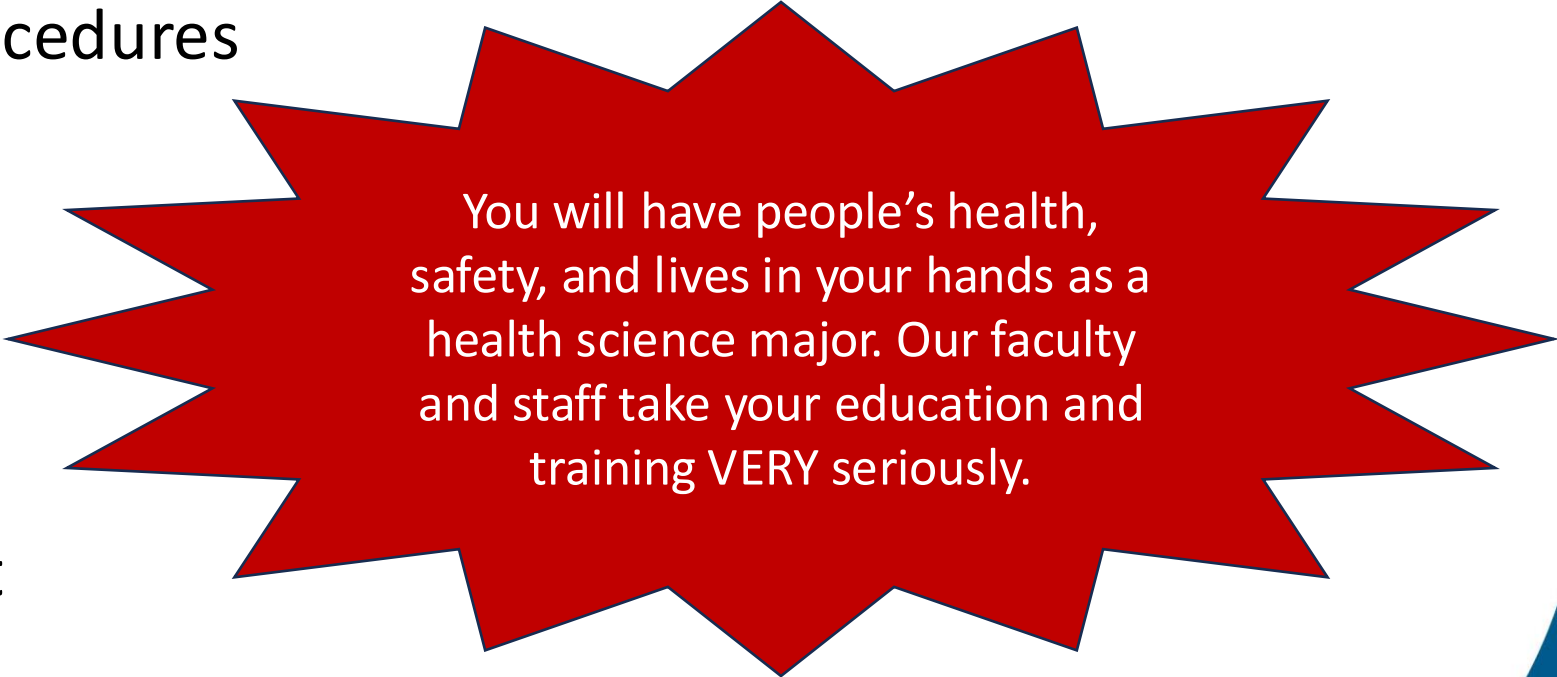
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- At least one 4-credit lab science course with a C- or above
- Meeting with Public Health academic advisor (Fotini Karabinas)
- **Rolling Deadline**



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Not admissions criteria but...

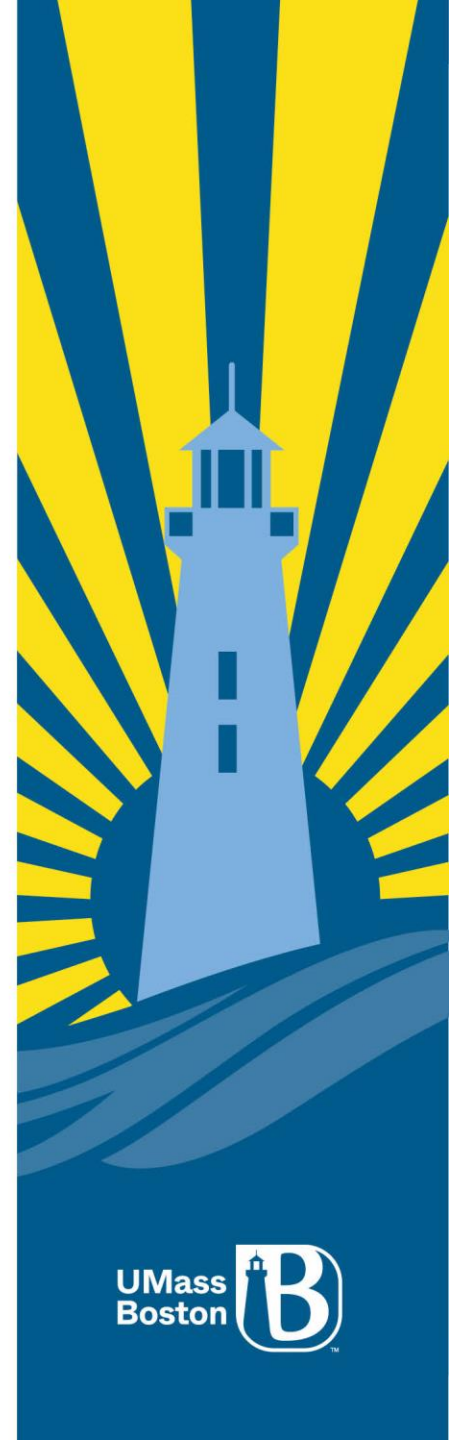
- Comfort/Confidence with Science and Math subjects
- Can follow rules and procedures
- Good study habits
- Accountability
- Professionalism
- Know the role of a CORI
- Good time management

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You will have people's health, safety, and lives in your hands as a health science major. Our faculty and staff take your education and training VERY seriously.

What you should know...

- Approval to transfer is **NOT** guaranteed just because you meet or exceed the minimum standards
- After the committee has met, students are notified via UMB email of the decision
- Decisions are typically made 3-4 weeks after the deadline
- Upon acceptance into MCNHS, you will be required to attend a mandatory orientation
- **If you do not attend the orientation, your acceptance will be rescinded**
- Students cannot defer their acceptance



Admissions openings

Nursing:

- Number of applicants accepted is determined by the number of clinical slots available.
- Keep in mind that not all accepted students can start clinical courses immediately, so plan appropriately.

EHS:

- Admission into the program is based on space availability and student's demonstrated ability to succeed.

Ageing Studies and UPH:

- Admission into the program is based on student's demonstrated ability to succeed.

Admissions Mythbusting

- If I apply to EHS or UPH and get accepted, it will increase my chances of getting into Nursing.
 - *No, we do not give priority to students in other MCNHS majors. Your application will still be in the same pool as the other transfer applicants.*
- If someone withdraws from the nursing program, that can open a seat for me.
 - *Not necessarily – we sometimes have students returning from a leave of absence, students needing to repeat classes, or other reasons for fewer clinical spots in a given semester.*
- If I apply as a new student and am not accepted into the nursing program, I can apply through ICT and my chances are better for admission to the program.
 - *No, especially if your new application is not stronger than your initial application.*
- If I take the TEAS test and submit the scores, my chances are better at admission.
 - *The TEAS is VERY optional. The main things we look at are your overall GPA and prerequisite GPA. If there are comparable candidates “on the edge” so to speak, then we look at the student’s resume and recommendations first, then look at TEAS scores last.*

Mythbusting continued

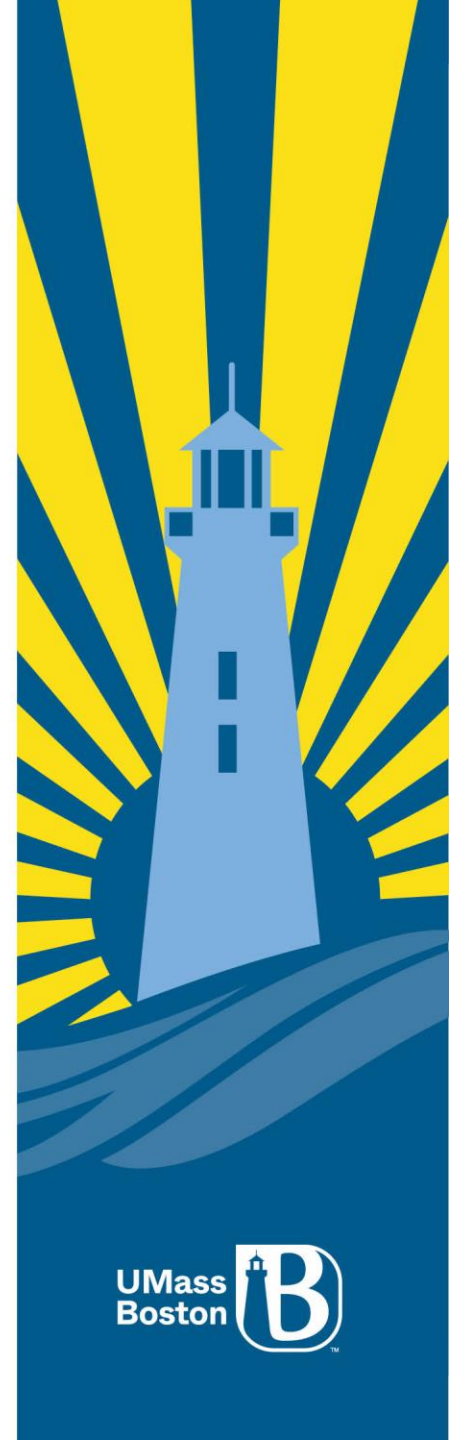
- All I need to get accepted into nursing is the twelve graded credits, 3.0 GPA, and two lab sciences.
 - *These are the minimum requirements to be included in the applicant pool. The stronger your application, the better your chance of transfer.*
- If I submit the same application for the nursing program, as I did as a new transfer student my chances will improve while I am matriculated.
 - *If your application does not show growth compared to your previous application, your chances of admission will not improve.*
- If I applied as a new first-year student and do not get accepted to nursing, I can try again in my first semester at the university.
 - *No, you will need to complete at least 12 graded credits at UMB and 2 lab sciences before you can apply for transfer to nursing.*
- If I apply and not get accepted into the nursing program, it means that there is something inherently wrong with my application submission.
 - *No – even if you exceed the minimum requirements, your chances of admission will also depend on the overall strength of the candidate pool in each cycle. This does not mean that you are not a good student, or that you would not be a good nurse!*

FAQs

- How long will it take me to complete the traditional nursing program as an internal transfer student?
 - 5 semesters + X, where X is the number of semesters of pre-requisites and/or general education requirements remaining
 - Please see the [Traditional Nursing Curriculum Guide](#) for more info
- How long will it take me to complete the UPH, EHS, or Aging Studies programs as an internal transfer student?
 - These programs have a more flexible curriculum, so make an appointment with your CURRENT academic advisor to do a “What If” Degree Audit.
 - Please see the [EHS](#) and [UPH](#) curriculum guides and the [Aging Studies](#) information page
- Are there summer or winter courses available?
 - TBSN clinical courses are NOT available during summer or winter sessions
 - TBSN prerequisites or didactic courses may be offered over the summer but not winter
 - Some EHS and Aging Studies courses are available in the summer but not winter
 - UPH courses are not available during the summer or winter sessions

Next Steps

- Meet with your **current** academic advisor to plan for internal transfer requirements
- Continue to progress in your current major and make MCNHS your parallel plan
- Submit your application by the stated deadline.
 - Complete the [Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences Program Add/Change Form](#)
 - Email optional materials to mcnhsstudentservices@umb.edu
 - Nursing – Spring Deadline November 1 | Fall Deadline April 1
 - Aging Studies, EHS, UPH – Rolling Deadline



Other Questions?

- **For questions specific to your own application, meet with your current academic advisor**
- How many nursing students are admitted per semester?
 - It varies depending on how many clinical spots are available in your projected first clinical semester.
- If I have more nursing prerequisites completed, does that make my application stronger?
 - Yes – as long as you maintain a strong cumulative GPA and strong prerequisite grades throughout.
- What are you looking for in the nursing application essay?
 - We are looking for your knowledge of the skills and qualities necessary to become a professional nurse, as well as your explanation about how your personal qualities, education, training, etc. align with these requirements.



Other Questions?

- If I do not get in the first time, can I reapply?
 - Yes, you are welcome to reapply. We want to see growth in your application – for example, taking additional prerequisites, having a higher GPA, or doing relevant work or community service.
- Do certain MCNHS majors get priority for prerequisites?
 - Nursing and EHS majors get priority registration for Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 (BIOL 207 and 208). Nursing and UPH students have priority registration for HLTH 212. But you can take these courses as a non-major if there are any spots remaining.
- Can prerequisite classes be taken at a different institution?
 - Yes, but you may need to get permission from the registrar before enrolling and transferring credit from an external class, and your grade must be a C+ or higher. (Permission from the registrar is not required if you took the prerequisites before enrolling at UMB)



Other Questions?

- If I am close to finishing my current degree, is the TBSN or ABSN program better?
 - It depends on how many credits you have remaining in your current major and your financial aid eligibility. It will also depend on how well each program would fit in your life.
 - The ABSN program is shorter (3 semesters, 54 credits), is hybrid (online lectures, in-person lab and clinicals), but is more intense and requires that you complete a Bachelor's degree and all prerequisites before starting the program.
 - The TBSN program takes longer (5+ semesters, 67+ credits), is fully in-person, has more varied clinical placements, and can be taken as a first- or second-degree program.



Other Questions?

- If I don't get into the TBSN program at UMB, what other pathways to nursing are available?
 - You may apply to **associate-level nursing programs** (e.g. at a community college or other institutions like Labouré, Quincy College, etc.). You may also return to complete an [RN-BSN program](#) at UMB or other institutions (e.g. Regis, Emmanuel, Endicott, etc.)
 - You may apply to transfer to **traditional BSN programs at other institutions** (e.g. Boston College, Curry, Endicott, Northeastern, Simmons, UMass Lowell, etc.)
 - You may finish your current degree and apply for an **Accelerated Nursing BSN program** at UMB or other institutions (e.g. Northeastern, Simmons, Regis, MCPHS, etc.)
 - You may finish your current degree and apply for a **direct-entry Master of Science in Nursing program** (e.g. MGH Institute of Health Professions, Simmons, Regis, Northeastern, Curry, etc.)

