



**Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN): Admission Requirements**  
**Olivet Nazarene University**

Olivet Nazarene University ABSN Program  
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Tuition and Fees, for programs that begin on or after July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

- Tuition per Credit Hour (Core): \$785 based on the following number of credit hours: 63
- Tuition per Credit Hour (Co-Req's): \$425 based on the following number of credit hours: 6
- Total cost (includes graduation fee, lab fees, and NCLEX review fees):

- Total Cost of Core Hours: \$49,455
- Total Cost of Co-Req Hrs & Fees: \$3,920
  - **TOTAL DUE:** **\$53,375**

Olivet Nazarene University is proud to offer a 16-month Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) in Chicago that has all the components of a traditional BSN program – with two key differences. We repackaged the nursing curriculum maintained by accredited colleges and universities so that it can be finished in 16 months full time. Our students take the same courses, practice the same lab skills and receive the same clinical preparation as traditional undergraduates. But our students graduate in four semesters instead of four years.

Our program is designed for adults who have either a bachelor's degree in another field or at least 60 credit hours from an accredited institution. Most of the coursework is online. The program has supportive faculty and staff who understand the difficulties of going back to school.

After finishing your bachelor's degree in nursing, you'll be able to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam and obtain your nursing license.

For admission into the program, students must meet certain requirements.

ABSN Program Requirements:

- Previous bachelor's degree or a minimum of 60 credit hours completed at a regionally accredited college or university

*Please note:* The minimum general education requirements within those 60 credits need to include 6 to 9 credits in communication and 12 to 20 credits in cultural understanding

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for previously earned credits

- Evidence of good health in accordance with Illinois Department of Health regulations for healthcare agency professionals
- Criminal background check
- Completion of prerequisite classes with a grade of “C” or better
- HESI A2 minimum overall of 77%, 75% in Math, and 60% in Anatomy and Physiology

ABSN Application:

A completed application includes the following:

- Online application
- \$50 nonrefundable application fee
- Submission of official transcripts
- Completion of the Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA) and Olivet’s financial aid application

## Olivet ABSN FAQs

**Is the ABSN program a full-time program?** Yes, it is a full-time program. It combines online learning with practical, hands-on clinical practice. Due to the demanding nature of the program, students should not plan on working while in the program.

**What is the length of the ABSN program?** You will start and complete the program with your class group in 16 months.

**How do I get my application started?** Initially, submit a completed application with official transcripts from all previously attended accredited institutions.

**What is the typical candidate for the program?** The ABSN program is designed for individuals who desire to transition to the field of nursing from another degree and who have earned at least 60 credit hours from an accredited college or university.

**Do you require a Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score?** No.

**Is there a GPA requirement?** A student who already has a Bachelor’s degree can be accepted if they have no less than a 2.75 science GPA and no less than an overall GPA of 2.5.

**Are there any other requirements?** You must complete a criminal background check, show evidence of good health, pass a drug test, and complete all prerequisite courses with a grade “C” or better.

**Where do students hold clinical hours?** Clinical practices are held at various local hospitals and healthcare facilities throughout the Chicago area.

**How much does the program cost?** Total package price is approximately \$54,000.

**Is financial aid available?** Students must make arrangements to apply for financial aid through Olivet Nazarene University. Candidates are also encouraged to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**What number do I call for questions about financial aid?** You may get in touch with a financial solutions counselor at 1-877-9-OLIVET.

**Will I be a Registered Nurse when I graduate?** Upon completing the program, you will receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. This degree will make you eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). Once you pass the NCLEX exam, you officially become a Registered Nurse and may practice as one.

**Is the nursing profession still in demand?** Yes. The U.S. Department of Labor projects the need for more than a million new and replacement registered nurses by 2020.

**How are the semesters grouped?** The first semester is from January to April, the second is from May to August, and the third is from September to December.

**Can I still be admitted to the program even though I failed in another nursing school?** No, you are automatically disqualified from joining the program.

**Is the program open to non-Christians?** Yes, everyone is welcome but students have to adhere to the mission of the Department of Nursing which is to provide Christian nursing education designed to prepare each graduate for a life of service to God and humanity. Olivet Nazarene University's mission is "Education with a Christian Purpose."

**Why is math exam included in the program?** Math is an essential component in the calculation of medication dosages in the clinical setting. Every student is required to take a math quiz at the start of each semester.

**Are there any other costs associated with the program?** Yes, students are required to purchase books, uniforms and supplies.

**Are dorms available?** No, there are no nursing student dorms at our Oak Brook campus.

**Why should I get a BSN degree?** BSN offers in-depth training to give students excellent opportunities for advancement.

**What is your clinical faculty-student ratio?** There is approximately one faculty member for each 6 students, an advantage for your nursing education.

**I failed Chemistry twice in another school. Can I still be admitted?** No, you will not be admitted into the program if any of the following courses are taken more than twice: Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology I & II, Microbiology, Lifespan Development, Nutrition, and Pathophysiology. Students cannot fail any science course twice.

**How long are sciences approved for?** The following courses Anatomy & Physiology I & II, Microbiology, and Chemistry are approved for 10 years.

**Is the program approved?** Yes, the program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

**Do you offer classes at night?** No. Classes are only offered during the day but clinical classes may be held at times in the evenings. Senior Capstone clinicals may involve the night shift.

**What is the program’s pass rate for NCLEX?** ABSN graduates have demonstrated a 91 %first time pass rate.

**Does the program provide transportation to clinical sites?** No. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to clinical sites.

**How many students are admitted to the program each year?** The program admits approximately 120 students each year.

**Prerequisites for ABSN:**

**Requirements for ONU BS in Nursing Degree – College of Graduate and Continuing Education Studies.**

<b>General Education Requirements</b>	<b>Required Credit Hours</b>
BLIT (can be taken during 1 <sup>st</sup> semester of nursing program)	3
BLIT (can be taken during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester of nursing program)	3
<b>Communications</b> (6 hrs minimum of the following required)	6
English Comp I	
English Comp II	
Speech	
<b>Cultural Understanding</b> (9 hrs minimum of the following required)	9
History	
Fine Arts	
Literature	
Political Science	
Economics	
Child/Family Studies	
<b>International Cultural</b> (3 hrs required)	3

<b>Nursing Program Prerequisites</b>	<b>Required Credit Hours</b>
<i>Student must maintain 2.75 GPA and no less than a grade of “C” in all prerequisite courses to remain in good standing in the nursing program.</i>	
BIOL 246 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 247 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL 330 Pathophysiology	3

BIOL 356 Microbiology	4
CHEM 101 Intro to Chemistry OR CHEM 103 General Chemistry	4
SOC 120 Introduction to Sociology	3
PHED 126 Nutrition, Health, and Fitness	3
MTH 120 Intro to Statistics	3
PSY 200 Lifespan Development	3

**A minimum of 128 credit hours is required to graduate.**

**Requirements for Admission to the Nursing Major**

- A cumulative 2.75 GPA
- Successful completion of supporting courses
- Successful completion of the HESI A2
- Grade of C or higher in all support courses
- Current immunizations and a negative TB test (or equivalent)
- Cleared federal criminal background check
- Current CPR for the Healthcare Provider
- Hepatitis B series documentation or + titer
- + MMR titer
- + Varicella titer
- Drug Screen negative for illegal drugs
- All academic prerequisites have been completed