

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What types of nursing programs does Auburn Montgomery offer?

- BSN – Bachelor of Science in Nursing
  - Traditional track
  - RN to BSN track for students with an associate degree in nursing
- MSN – Master of Science in Nursing – Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- DNP – Doctor of Nursing Practice

## How do I become a pre-nursing major at Auburn Montgomery?

Apply online for general university admission at [www.aum.edu/apply](http://www.aum.edu/apply).

## Once I'm admitted to AUM, am I accepted into the Nursing program?

No, nursing has a separate admission process with a higher academic standard than the general university requirements. Admission is based on GPA, Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score, math and science grades, a writing sample, and amount of AUM credit earned.

## What GPA must I earn to apply to the upper division (Nursing)?

Your pre-nursing GPA calculated solely on our prerequisite courses must be at least a 2.75 (unadjusted and unrounded) to be eligible to apply to the upper division. Grade adjustments (“forgivenesses”) are not considered; grades are counted *each time* a course is taken.

## When do I apply to the upper division (Nursing)?

Students may apply when they:

- Have 22 or fewer remaining hours of pre-nursing course work to complete for Fall admission to upper division OR have 18 or fewer remaining hours of pre-nursing credit to complete for Spring admission
- Hold a minimum 2.75 (unadjusted and unrounded) pre-nursing GPA based solely on our prerequisite courses
- For Fall admission: Have successfully completed (grades of “C” or higher) at least two (2) of the five (5) required lab science courses AND have at least one (1) of the five (5) required lab science courses in progress at the time of application
- For Spring admission: Have successfully completed (grades of “C” or higher) at least three (3) of the five (5) required lab sciences AND have the two (2) remaining required lab science courses in progress at the time of application
- Submit a Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score (73 or higher preferred) **OR** a composite ACT score of 23 or higher

**All** lower division courses must be successfully completed (grades of “C” or above) **prior** to beginning upper division studies. **Transfer students must first achieve university admission in order to apply to the nursing program.** Please allow a **minimum** of **four** (4) weeks to complete this process. See the transfer question below.

## What if I am attending (or have attended) another college and wish to transfer?

Transfer students should send copies of all transcripts to the academic advisor (address below) with a request for a transcript evaluation **as soon as possible**. Unofficial student copies or web transcripts are acceptable for this evaluation, but official copies must be sent from each school you have attended to the Auburn Montgomery Admissions Office (not to the School of Nursing) to achieve university admission.

Be sure to include your physical mailing address when you request an evaluation.

Auburn Montgomery School of Nursing  
Attn: Academic Advisor  
PO Box 244023  
Montgomery, AL 36124-4023

Email: [nursing@aum.edu](mailto:nursing@aum.edu)

***Please note:*** A student who has earned two (2) grades below a “C” in Anatomy and Physiology I or in Anatomy and Physiology II is not eligible to declare the pre-nursing major or to apply to the upper division of the nursing program at AUM.

Anatomy and Physiology I and II credit must be earned within 5 years of upper division entry, or a retake of one of the lecture courses is required. (A&P II is recommended as the retaken course.)

## How do I register for classes after I am admitted to the university?

Students new to AUM should attend a session of the required university new student orientation to receive information and assistance with registration. Current AUM students who have changed their major to pre-nursing should schedule an appointment through Central Advising to receive information on registration.

## What is it like to be in Nursing School? How hard is it?

Nursing is not an easy major- students must have strong academic preparation and be extremely motivated and self-disciplined. Excellent reading, writing, and algebra skills are essential, as are critical thinking, analytical, and problem solving skills. Upper division requires 35-40 hours per week for class and clinicals, most often during the day. In addition, a great deal of outside study/preparation time will be required. Time management skills are *essential* in this portion of the program.

## Where can I find more information about AUM’s nursing program?

Please see our website [www.aum.edu/nursingandhealth](http://www.aum.edu/nursingandhealth) for much more information about our program!