

# Admission Requirements

## **ADMISSION APPLICATION**

Two applications are required – one to the University and one to the School of Nursing.

1. Applicants must be admitted to Radford University prior to admission to the upper division major. The university application can be found at <http://www.radford.edu/admissions>. It can be submitted electronically. You may also request a Radford University application for admission to the university from:

Office of Admissions, P. O. Box 6903, Radford University, Radford, VA

24142, Toll Free 1-800-890-4265, 540-831-5128 TDD E-mail: [admissions@radford.edu](mailto:admissions@radford.edu)

2. School of Nursing Application: Submit School of Nursing application for Fall admission to the Radford Campus by **November 15** deadline or for Spring admission to the Roanoke Campus by **August 1** deadline. The School of Nursing application can be downloaded from the School of Nursing website: [www.radford.edu/KNATregistration](http://www.radford.edu/KNATregistration). You will need to print a copy of the application, complete and mail to the School of Nursing. The application cannot be submitted electronically. You may also pick up an application from the School of Nursing, Waldron Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Admission to the upper division on both campuses is limited and competitive.

The program in nursing is demanding both academically and physically. Students admitted to the upper division must meet the ethical and technical standards of professional nursing, health records, criminal background checks, and urine drug testing are required. Due to the rigorous program, upper division students are discouraged from working outside of school for more than 10 hours per week.

Each student is responsible for all of their own transportation at their own cost. Students will need their own car because there is no reliable public transportation. Students may carpool but some clinical rotations require students to drive themselves.

## **KAPLAN NURSING ADMISSION TEST (KNAT)**

Perspective students must take the [Kaplan Nursing Admissions Exam \(KNAT\) \[pdf\]](#)

All applicants are required to complete the Kaplan Nursing Admission Test (KNAT) prior to seeking admission to the School of Nursing. Although a minimum score has not been established, the score on this exam, in addition to the GPA, and other application data, will help the Admissions Committee evaluate each applicant's ability to successfully complete the nursing program. **This test may be taken one time only.**

The KNAT is to be completed by the deadline date of submitting the School of Nursing application. You can submit your application to the School of Nursing prior to the application deadline date without having taken the KNAT test but please remember when you take the test, send the School of Nursing a copy of your scores. It is your responsibility to submit your scores.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Requirements for admission into the School of Nursing are based on requirements in place at the time of application to the BSN Program.

At the time of application deadline (November 15 or August 1) students may have no more than two (2) of the following science courses to complete: Chemistry, Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology. Students transferring from a college or university in which Chemistry and Anatomy and Physiology are taught in two (2) semesters must complete the two semesters in order to receive credit at Radford University. Students must be within 6 hours of completing core curriculum requirements before admission to the upper division nursing major.

Students who enter Radford University as freshmen and declare nursing as a major are considered pre-nursing students.

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.800 or above on a 4.000 scale to be considered for admission to the nursing major. Only applicants with a cumulative or combined GPA of 2.800 or above will be considered in the admission pool for upper division; however, the GPA required to be competitive for admission may be considerably higher than 2.800. Students offered admission to the nursing major must maintain the 2.800 GPA. If the GPA goes below the 2.800 students will not be allowed to start the nursing major.

Students who have earned 24 or more credit hours at Radford University, that GPA will be used for the admission process. Students who have less than 24 hours at Radford University, the GPA will be calculated on all course work from all college(s) attended. The Combined GPA will be used for the admission process. Students with a baccalaureate degree will meet the university core curriculum requirements and only the pre-requisite courses will be considered in calculating the GPA for admission consideration.

Students offered admission to the nursing major Fall Semester, must earn a grade of "C" or above on pre-requisite courses taken during the Spring Semester. If student earns a grade of "C- "or below **or withdraws from** prerequisite courses during the Spring Semester, the offer of admission can be revoked by the School of Nursing. If offer of admission is revoked, the School of Nursing will notify student by e-mail or phone call. Students offered admission to the nursing major Spring Semester, must pass all prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or above at the end of the Fall semester. If student earns a grade of "C-" or below **or withdraws from** prerequisite courses during the Fall Semester the offer of admission will be revoked by the School of Nursing. All pre-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or above before students can start the nursing major.

#### **NEW FRESHMEN ENTERING RADFORD UNIVESRITY**

Priority Status: Students who entered as full-time freshmen with a declared pre-nursing major and have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a minimum of 24 semester hours of credit at Radford University, who have achieved a KNAT overall score of 65 or greater, have no prior history (either while a student at Radford University or prior to enrollment) of violations involving honor code, conduct, criminal charges or convictions, alcohol or substance violations, will receive a priority admit status at the end of the second semester of enrollment, contingent upon maintaining a 3.500 GPA, completing coursework according to the School of Nursing Guidelines [listed in the catalog] and having no infractions of the

Radford University Honor Code. Priority Admit Status will be revoked in the event of a violation of the Radford University Honor System, alcohol or substance abuse infractions, criminal charges or convictions or if the GPA goes below 3.500. In addition, the Radford University Admission Committee reserves the right to revoke a priority admission status of a student any time additional information is provided that would indicate a violation of the above mentioned selection criteria.

Applications can be denied because of previous felony or misdemeanor charges or convictions. If admitted to the nursing major, students are required to do a Criminal Background Check and drug screening. If the Criminal Background Check and/or drug screen shows issues of concern, the School of Nursing will take appropriate action which could include dismissal. The information will be shared with the clinical agencies that the School of Nursing uses for clinical placements. The clinical agencies will determine whether the student can come to their agency for clinical. If the clinical agency refuses to allow a student in clinical, he or she will be dismissed by the School of Nursing.

Students currently enrolled, or have been enrolled, in a nursing program at a university or community college, who have withdrawn from any two nursing courses, earned a grade of "C-" or below in any two nursing courses, or have a combination of one nursing course grade of "C-" or below and one withdrawal from a nursing course at any nursing program will not be granted admission to the Radford University School of Nursing. The only exception to this policy is withdrawal from a nursing program for documented extenuating circumstances (i.e. medical withdrawal).

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or above:

CHEM 120 Chemistry of Life

PSYC 230. Lifespan Developmental Psychology

SOCY 110. Introduction to Sociology

FDSN 214. Introduction to Nutrition

STAT 200. Introduction to Statistics

BIOL 322. Anatomy and Physiology

BIOL 334. Microbiology

NURS 321. Pathophysiology