

# ADMISSION

Johns Hopkins University is committed to recruiting, supporting, and fostering a diverse community of outstanding faculty, staff, and students. As such, Johns Hopkins does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, or other legally protected characteristic in any student program or activity administered by the university or with regard to admission or employment. Applications are managed through the School of Nursing's Office of Admissions. Admission decisions are made by admissions committees. All admission decisions rendered are final and cannot be appealed.

The school seeks individuals who bring with them a spirit of inquiry, commitment, and motivation toward scholarship and leadership in the nursing profession. The Admissions Committee is interested in each individual and reviews holistically academic records, health care, other professional and community experience, interviews (for some programs), recommendations and expression of goals and interests. Intellectual interests and accomplishments are of primary importance in the admissions decision, and scholastic records are carefully examined. Clarity of goals, character, and achievement are also important.

If Johns Hopkins University receives false, fraudulent, deceitful, or misrepresented information that is material to student admissions as part of your application or application process, you are subject to sanctions, including denial or revocation of admission and revocation of any credits or degree(s) earned at Johns Hopkins. Johns Hopkins University will notate the sanctions imposed on your transcript, and may notify any institution where you seek or intend to enroll, or are enrolled in the future, of the sanctions imposed.

For questions regarding the application process and requirements, contact the Office of Admissions at 410-955-7548 or [jhuson@jhu.edu](mailto:jhuson@jhu.edu).

Students may apply to only one Johns Hopkins School of Nursing academic program per academic term. To apply to a School of Nursing degree or certificate program, students will complete an online application at [www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org) (<http://www.nursingcas.org/>). At a minimum, the application requirements will include:

- Completed online application
- Acknowledgement of the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing values
- Application fee
- Application essay(s)/Goal Statement
- A CV or résumé
- Three letters of recommendation (academic and professional)
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended

Some School of Nursing programs may stipulate additional admission requirements (e.g., BSN, MSN, prerequisite courses, standardized test scores, writing samples, licensure, work experience, timed video response). Qualified applicants may also be contacted to schedule a personal admission interview. Applicants should contact the Office of Admissions at [jhuson@jhu.edu](mailto:jhuson@jhu.edu) or go online to [nursing.jhu.edu/admissions/index.html](http://nursing.jhu.edu/admissions/index.html) (<http://nursing.jhu.edu/admissions/>) to determine specific admission criteria for individual programs.

Official GRE scores sent directly from ETS (Educational Testing Service, [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)) are accepted but waived for

the DNP/MPH (Summer 2023\*). The GRE code for the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing is **5767**. *\*Successful applicants possess a strong academic record with particular emphasis on excellent quantitative skills, which are reflected in transcripts and standardized test scores (GRE, MCAT, GMAT or LSAT); however, the MPH program has made standardized test scores optional for the current application cycle due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Please note that the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing utilizes NursingCAS, the Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs for all application processing. All applicants will be required to submit their application and all supplemental documents through this centralized application system.

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[www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org) (<http://www.nursingcas.org/>)

For degrees earned outside the United States (with the exception of English speaking Canada), credits must be evaluated by WES (World Education Services, [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org) (<http://www.wes.org/>)), Educational Credential Evaluators ([www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org) (<http://www.ece.org/>)), or SpanTran (<https://spantran.com/web/> (<https://spantran.com/web/>), or <https://spanside.secure.force.com/SpantranApplication/?id=02c1af91-9fc0-4d6d-8949-902a68f84201>)) with a course-by-course evaluation. Licensed nurses may also have international transcripts evaluated in a full education course-by-course report by the CGFNS (Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools, [www.cgfns.org](http://www.cgfns.org) (<http://www.cgfns.org/>)).

For MSN Specialty Tracks, Post-Degree Certificates, and DNP Programs, verification of RN licensure is required. All campus-based students must obtain a Maryland RN license or licensure from a compact state by the time of matriculation.

The Office of Admissions will make every attempt to notify applicants of missing documents; however, the applicant is responsible to ensure all required documents are received and the admissions file is complete by published deadlines. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to request additional information from an applicant, including an interview.

Submitted applications and documents become the property of Johns Hopkins University and will not be returned.

Before an admitted student can enroll at the School, all prerequisite coursework must be completed at a regionally accredited college or university with a grade of **B- or higher** (for the MSN Entry into Nursing Track) or with a grade of **B or higher** (for the MSN Specialty Tracks and DNP). No exceptions will be made.

## State Specific Information for Online Programs

Students should be aware of additional state specific information for online programs (<https://provost.jhu.edu/education/accreditation-and-academic-compliance/>). The most up-to-date information is available on each individual program's webpage. The School of Nursing cannot enroll students in online academic programs who reside in/plan to complete clinical hours in certain states.

## Admission Decisions

Applications are processed and files managed through the School of Nursing's Office of Admissions. Admission decisions are made by admissions committees. All admission decisions rendered are final and cannot be appealed. Applicants who are offered admission can expect to receive notification of their decision by email. Applicants will have a deadline by which to accept and deposit or decline the offer of admission using an online response form. For most programs, the response deadline is within three weeks of admission. Only letters or email sent directly from the Office of Admissions may be considered official notifications of admission. The School of Nursing offers admission with the expectation that students will enroll in courses in the semester for which they are admitted, unless a deferral is granted (see below).

## Deferrals

For some programs, admitted students may request to defer admission for up to one year from the semester for which they were admitted. Only students who have paid the non-refundable enrollment deposit may seek a deferral. Students cannot defer admission once the semester/term has started in the School of Nursing\*. Financial aid and tuition support are not automatically deferred. For questions regarding deferrals, please contact the Office of Admissions at [jhuson@jhu.edu](mailto:jhuson@jhu.edu). If you wish to defer your attendance, you must submit a written request and explanation to the Director of Admissions. Deferral request decisions are formally communicated by the Director of Admissions to the student via email.

\*Students with summer start terms in dual-degree programs at the Bloomberg School of Public Health and Carey Business School can request a deferral up until coursework has started at the partner school.

## Application Deadlines

The School of Nursing strongly encourages all applicants to apply by the early or priority application deadline. For the most up-to-date information regarding application deadlines, please visit our website at [nursing.jhu.edu/admissions/apply/deadlines.html](https://nursing.jhu.edu/admissions/apply/deadlines.html) (<https://nursing.jhu.edu/admissions/apply/deadlines.html>).

The School of Nursing will process any completed application received by the priority deadline and notify applicants whether they have been admitted or denied admission. While some programs may be willing to consider applications received after the priority application deadline, the School of Nursing cannot guarantee that late applications will be reviewed.

## Adding the Post Master's Nursing Education Certificate for Master's Specialty Track and Doctoral Students

Students who are currently enrolled in a Master's Specialty Track or Doctoral degree program at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and wish to add the Post Master's Nursing Education Certificate must submit a written request to the Office of Admissions. A second program application is not required.

*Note:* Financial aid recipients must notify the Financial Aid office when changing or adding a degree or certificate program. Those in F-1 status must notify the International Services office for a new I-20 to reflect the change in program. Students using VA benefits must notify the VA Certifying Official in the Registrar's Office when changing or adding a degree or certificate.

## International Applicants

The School of Nursing takes great pride in being world-renowned for nursing education. Below are additional requirements for international applicants to the School of Nursing. For more information on enrolling as an international student, please visit the Office of International Services website at [ois.jhu.edu](http://ois.jhu.edu) (<http://ois.jhu.edu>).

## Transcript Evaluation

For degrees earned outside the United States (with the exception of English-speaking Canada), credits must be evaluated by WES (World Education Services, [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org) (<http://www.wes.org/>)), Educational Credential Evaluators ([www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org) (<http://www.ece.org/>)), or SpanTran (<https://spantran.com/web/> (<https://spantran.com/web/> (<https://spanside.secure.force.com/SpantranApplication/?Id=02c1af91-9fc0-4d6d-8949-902a68f84201>))) with a course-by-course evaluation. Licensed nurses may also have international transcripts evaluated in a full education course-by-course report by the CGFNS (Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools, [www.cgfns.org](http://www.cgfns.org) (<http://www.cgfns.org/>)).

## Standardized Test Requirements

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required of applicants whose native language is not English. For School of Nursing applicants, the minimum TOEFL score is 100 (Internet-based); the minimum IELTS score is 7. Students may contact the Office of Admissions with questions about a TOEFL/IELTS waiver. Individual programs may require additional evidence to demonstrate English language proficiency. The TOEFL code for NursingCAS is **B506**.

## Prerequisite Coursework

U.S. immigration regulations require that students needing an F-1 visa must successfully fulfill all prerequisites before an I-20 can be issued. To allow sufficient time to complete all the steps in the visa process, students must submit an official transcript or official course by course evaluation to the Office of Admissions at least 3 months prior to the beginning of the term in which they wish to begin studies (October for spring term; May for fall term) with final grades of B- or higher for the MSN Entry into Nursing Track.

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

All students, regardless of citizenship, are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships. Need-based financial aid is reserved for U.S. citizens and permanent residents only. Students seeking an F-1 or J-1 visa to study in the United States must submit financial documents in English demonstrating proof of funding.

International students may be able to borrow through private education loan programs. However, they must apply with a creditworthy co-borrower who is also a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

## U.S. Employment Opportunities

There are no guarantees of employment for any graduates regardless of citizenship. Current immigration laws do have an impact on hiring practices.

## Online Courses

Students sponsored by Johns Hopkins for F-1 or J-1 student status must maintain full-time enrollment status. Additionally, immigration regulations require students to be enrolled in classroom instruction. Only one online/distance course may be counted towards the minimum required courses in any term. Due to these restrictions, some degree programs in the School of Nursing do not qualify for F-1 or J-1 student sponsorship.

## Conditions of Matriculation

### Compliance Requirements

All enrolled degree/certificate-seeking students must register for and complete a background check, drug screening, required medical compliance, as well as other requirements, regardless of program, online/on-site course attendance status, and clinical/non-clinical course status. The School of Nursing has contracted with CastleBranch (<https://jhu.castlebranch.com/JO78/package-selection/>) to track and approve all compliance requirements. All enrolled degree/certificate-seeking students must provide all the required compliance documents, and must update documentation as required, in order to remain in compliance throughout the course of their program.

### Technical Standards for Admission and Graduation

The curricula of the School of Nursing requires that students engage in diverse and complex experiences directed at achieving competencies, knowledge, skills, attributes, and professional values. Applicants for all academic programs, and enrolled degree-seeking students, must possess certain abilities and skills deemed essential for meeting the professional standards of accrediting agencies.

Admission to the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing is open to all qualified individuals and in accordance with the 1973 Vocational Rehabilitation Act and the American with Disabilities Act. The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing is committed to accommodating the needs of students with documented disabilities, and will do so to the extent possible without compromising the essential components of the curriculum. Questions or concerns regarding these technical standards should be directed to the Associate Dean for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, (410) 955-7545. The Technical Standards for Admission and Graduation (<https://e-catalogue.jhu.edu/nursing/policies/technical-standards-admission-graduation/>) are available on the catalogue page.