UIC College of Nursing
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- Ranked #13 in the country for nursing by US News and World Report, #1 in Illinois!
- Ranked #2 in the country by the National Institute of Health for research funding
- Six campuses: Chicago, Peoria, Quad Cities, Rockford, Springfield and Urbana
- 1100 students enrolled annually in the BSN, MS or Doctorate of Nursing Practice programs

Advising Prospective Nursing Students
UIC College of Nursing has operated as a regional site on the UIUC campus since 1976. UIC Nursing students apply through the UIC website, but can select Urbana as one of six regional campuses to complete their degree. UIC nursing students in Urbana pay UIC tuition, but UIUC fees, to participate in all the aspects of the UIUC campus. Students can complete their courses and degree requirements entirely from Urbana-Champaign.

Always encourage prospective nursing students to contact the College of Nursing office at either conurbana@illinois.edu or 217-333-2507. BSN information sessions are scheduled throughout the academic year. Prospective BSN students are able to schedule individual meetings with the admissions counselor after attending a BSN information session. “How to Apply” session are scheduled in the fall semester for BSN applicants. Prospective graduate students can schedule individual meetings with the admissions counselor.

Nursing Program Options for Pre-Licensure Students:

Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is the encouraged program for first, second and sometimes even third year students who decide to pursue a nursing degree. Students complete the prerequisite course requirements prior to starting the nursing program, which take an average of two years to complete. Once admitted to nursing, students complete 63-credit hours of nursing coursework here in Urbana through lectures, simulation labs and clinical hours. Nursing students receive hands-on, face-to-face instruction.

- 2.75 cumulative GPA requirement to apply (admitted cumulative GPA a was 3.5 the past two years)
- 2.5 science GPA requirement, with at least three sciences completed by the application deadline
- Application available in mid-September, deadline of January 15
- 64 seats in Urbana every fall, fall start only
- **Don’t discourage students from applying to the BSN program in Urbana. During the past two admissions season, UIC Urbana has received slightly over 100 applications for 64 seats in the BSN program. The UIC Chicago campus receives about 400 applications for 96 seats.**

Graduate Entry Masters of Science (GEMS) program is coined the “Career Changer”, originally designed for individuals with a non-nursing baccalaureate degree who want to pursue a nursing career. Unlike an accelerated BSN program, this program allows students to obtain a Master’s of Science in Nursing degree in 2.5 years (7 consecutive terms) and sit for NCLEX licensure at the end of the program. This is a good program option for juniors and seniors who aspire to be nurses, particularly nurse practitioners. Students applying at this level should have critical thinking skills and be ready for graduate level course work.

- Online and lecture blended courses, with clinical hours in the CU area
- 3.0 GPA on last 60 credit hours of course work to be admitted into the graduate college
- 3.25 cumulative GPA or higher for waive GRE requirement
- 4 science prerequisites complete within the past 7 years, and 1 research methods course prerequisite
- 16 seats in Urbana for Fall 2016, 24 seats in Urbana for Fall 2017, 56 seats in Chicago.
- This program at UIC in Chicago receives around 350 applications annually for 56 seats. New to Urbana in 2015, this program is expected to quickly become more competitive than the BSN program.