

Frequently asked Questions and Responses

1. How do I apply for the nursing program?

Applicants for admission to the Inter American University of Puerto Rico Metropolitan campus must:

1. Obtain an application for admission from the University's Admissions Office, from a high school advisors, other authorized personnel or through the university's webpage at the following address:

<https://iaupr.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Admissions/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

2. Submit the completed application to the Admissions Office, preferably by
 - a. May 1, to apply for the fall semester,
 - b. November 15 to apply for the spring semester and
 - c. April 15 to apply for the summer session.

Send mail to the following address :

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico Metropolitan Campus
Admission Office
PO Box 191293
San Juan, PR 00919- 1293

3. Arrange for an official transcript from high school to be sent by an authorized representative of that school directly to the Admissions Office.
4. For high school students, arrange for SAT test results to be sent to the University's Admissions Office.
5. Submit an updated certificate of vaccination if the student is less than 21 years old
6. For admission to the Nursing Program, all application documents for admission must be submitted no later than:

October 1 for Trimester II starting in (November)

2. What are the prerequisites to apply for the nursing program?

Admission Requirements

1. Comply with the admissions requirements established in the General Catalog.
2. Must have a minimum grade point index 2.50.
3. If a candidate holds an Associate Degree in Nursing, students must:
 - a. Present evidence of Associate Degree certification from an accredited and recognized institution of higher education; completing all degree requirements established by the institution that awarded the degree.

- b. Must have a minimum grade point index 2.50.
- c. Present at the time of admission evidence of permanent licensure.

3. Is this an accredited nursing program? How does that affect me?

Yes, the Carmen Torres de Tirbucio Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing (ACEN) for both the Associate of Science in Nursing Degree (ADN) and Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree (BSN) Programs. In addition, the Inter-American University is licensed by the Puerto Rico Board of Education (PRCE) and accredited by the Middle State of Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE).



Choosing an accredited nursing program ensures you are receiving a high-quality nursing education, are qualified to sit for the NCLEX- RN or PR nursing boards, and will have a respected nursing degree recognized by future academic institutions and employers.

4. How will I know if I'm accepted into the nursing program?

For admission to the Nursing Program, all application documents for admission must be submitted no later than:

October 1 for Trimester II starting in (November) of each year.

Notification of admission to the university, will be received no later than three weeks after all application materials have been received by the University. If for any reason the University requires more time, the applicant will be notified.

Admission student will receive an acceptance letter which will be sent by mail or electronically; be sure to verify email inbox or spam/ junk folder for notifications from the university.

If so any reason, you do not receive any communication back from the university after 5 weeks of your admission application submission; please contact the nursing department at 787-250-1912 ext. 2159, 2202 or 2182.

5. When is the start date to enter into the nursing program?

There is only one start date for the nursing program which begins in

- a. November (Trimester II) of each year for new enrollments /or
- b. March (Trimester VI) of candidates with an associate degree

http://www.metro.inter.edu/secuencial/Bachillerato_Enfermeria_Secuencial_Eng.pdf

6. Is it possible to transfer (non-nursing & nursing) credits from another college or this university?

Transfer credits may be allowed only for existing programs in the University, but credits may apply as electives provided that the courses are within the general fields of existing departments of the university. No grade below C is acceptable for transfer. If the other institution uses a different grading system, the acceptance of the course will depend on that institution's official clarification of its grading system. The Inter American University will determine the corresponding equivalencies. The credit-hours granted will be those that are specified in the university catalog for the course. Once students have been enrolled, no further consideration of previous credits from other institutions will be accepted, except for courses in progress.

Students who hold a bachelor's degree from another institution are exempt from taking general education courses and are only required to take the GECF 1010 - Introduction to the Christian Faith, a three (3) credit course, at Inter American University if it has not been approved at the institution of origin.

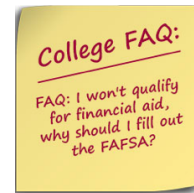
7. Is there an option to study nursing in English?

Yes, our nursing curriculum is offered in a trimester modality, where nursing course can be taken in English or Spanish.

Nursing classes in English are given in the evening after five (5) pm and in Spanish nursing courses are offered during the daytime (morning or afternoon sessions).

8. I won't qualify for financial aid, why should I fill out the FAFSA?

The University awards financial aid, within the limitations of available funds, to students who meet the specific requirements established by those offering the aid; to award federal, state and institutional funds to eligible students. Applicant eligibility for such aid is reviewed each academic year.



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid may be completed via Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov .

Military service personnel, veterans and other qualified individuals may use their Veterans' benefits under the applicable legislation. Information on these programs may be obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs' Website or in the Registrars' Offices on campus.

Even if you think your family makes too much money to qualify for financial aid, you should still fill out the FAFSA. You need to

complete the FAFSA to be eligible for certain loans that don't rely on income such as the unsubsidized Direct Student Loan the PLUS loans for parents.

9. What are the differences between ADN and BSN Degree?

Bachelor's level (BSN) and the associate level (ADN) both practice as RNs; however a BSN is considered a professional degree versus ADN is considered a technical degree. The difference is that an Associate degree trains someone mostly on clinical skills, while a Bachelor's degree is focused on leadership, nursing research, management as well as clinical skills training.

Registered Nurses (RNs) deliver various types of treatment, care, counseling, and health information to patients. They are educated, trained and certified in a wide range of skill-sets and specialties, however all have in common being registered and licensed nurses by passing the National Council Licensure Examination for RNs (NCLEX-RN).

Associate Degree (ADN)

can be acquired in 2 years at a university, community college, vocational school or even some hospitals. An ADN training program readies nurses to deliver direct patient treatment or carry out other qualified nursing duties and responsibilities inside the field of health care. This 2-year degree can be the groundwork for more advanced nursing academic options like a bachelor's or master's in nursing.

Traditional Bachelors (BSN)

typically takes 4 years to acquire (from time of entry as a freshman to graduation) at most of the universities and colleges that offer these programs. The BSN readies nurses to perform in most medical environments. While the job environments for RN's with BSN degrees may be almost identical to that of RN's with an ADN degree, those who completed BSN programs have additional preparation and training for clinical jobs that could include management, fiscal duties, medical personnel scheduling, administration, leadership and research roles.

(<https://www.exercise-science-guide.com/nurse-path/asn-vs-bsn/>)

10. How long does it take to earn a BSN or ADN Degree?

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING REQUIRES

24 credits General Education

41 credits Major

Total 65

The associate degree (ADN) can be acquired in one & half (1 ½) years; or five trimesters as a full time student.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING REQUIRES

45 credits General Education

72 credits Major

3 credits Elective

Total 120

The Bachelor of Science (BSN) can be acquired in three (3) years; or nine trimesters as a full time student.

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11. Where is the university located?

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico Metropolitan campus is located in the capital city of San Juan, the metropolitan area. The university is an institution with Christian roots and it's located in the most urban location within all the Inter-American University systems. The university is approximately fifteen (15) minutes from the Luis Munoz Marin International Airport.

Direction:

Carretera #1 Km 16 3 Esq Calle Francisco Sein
San Juan, PR "00919-1293"

Google map Location :

<https://goo.gl/maps/tcXFwrWofA5287uB6>

12. What are the required documents that I need for my clinical rotation?

Clinical documentation requirements listed below for students entering into the nursing program are due in your first nursing course; NURS 1111: Fundamental of Nursing. *It is the student's responsibility to provide a copy of their documents and evidence of originals to their professor.*

YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE CLINICAL SITES WITHOUT COMPLETED REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; OR IN THE EVENT THAT THE STUDENT FAILS TO ATTEND CLINICAL ORIENTATION WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT BEING DROP FROM THE COURSE "AW".

Effective for Fall 2019 Clinical Courses in the nursing program:

"Failure of students to provide evidence of the listed clinical documents' required for NURS 1111 will result in non-compliance with the evaluation component if not completed by the due date established during the term."

These clinical documents are required by clinical agencies with which the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico Metropolitan Campus has binding contracts.

It is the student's responsibility to keep these documents for future use. These documents must be updated throughout your program of study and must not expire during the clinical rotation.

□ 1. **HEALTH CERTIFICATE:**

To obtain a Health Certificate which must be done in Puerto Rico, a (VDRL) test to detect syphilis and (PPD) test to detect tuberculosis are required. The health certificate can be acquired from a doctor's office or any authorized provider providing this service.

□ 2. **HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION:** STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING:

SCENARIO "A": If you have received the 3-step vaccination; less than ten (10) years ago. You must provide supporting documentation that includes:

1. Documentation of three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
 - Dose 1 – Need date of immunization
 - Dose 2 – Need date of immunization
 - Dose 3- Need date of immunization

SCENARIO "B": If you have never received the 3-step vaccination, you will need to begin the process in the following order and provide documentation of each step:

1. 1st dose prior to beginning nursing course work;
2. 2nd dose should be received one month after the 1st dose;
3. 3rd dose should be received 5 months after the 2nd dose (the series must be completed 6 months after the first injection in order to continue in clinical activities).
4. Titer 1 – 2 months after dose #3 (if NEGATIVE, see SCENARIO "C")

SCENARIO "C": If you have received the 3-step vaccination and/or ten (10) years has passed since your last vaccination; and your Hepatitis B Titer is NEGATIVE:

1. Get a Hepatitis B booster;
2. Then obtain a Hepatitis B Titer 4-6 weeks later.

SCENARIO "D": If your titer remains negative after repeating the 3-step series, you may be a "NON-responder." In this case, provide documentation from your healthcare provider identifying you as a non-responder and include all supporting documentation.

□ 3. **VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX):** STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING:

SCENARIO “A”: If you have received the 2-step vaccination of Varicella vaccine, four (4) weeks apart.

1. Documentation of two dose of Varicella vaccine
 - Dose 1 – Need date of immunization
 - Dose 2 – Need date of immunization

SCENARIO “B”: If you contracted “**CHICKENPOX**” and your Varicella Titer is “**REACTIVE**”. You must provide supporting documentation that includes:

1. The date of the titer;
2. The actual lab results of the titer; and
3. Clear indication of immunity.

SCENARIO “C”: If you have never received the 2-step vaccination, or have had only one doses, you will need to begin the process in the following order and provide documentation of each step:

No dose

1. 1st dose prior to beginning nursing course;
2. 2nd dose should be receive 4-8 weeks after the first dose

One dose

1. 2nd dose needs to be administered prior to beginning nursing course.

SCENARIO “D”: If your titer remains, “**NON-REACTIVE**” in this case, provide documentation from your healthcare provider identifying you as a non-responder and include all supporting documentation.

Contracting clinical agencies, after verifying clinical documents are responsible for making final decision on accepting students in clinical/practicum according to their established regulation and policies.

□ **4. FLU SHOT:**

A mandatory flu shot is due annually as soon as its available at the beginning of flu season, which is typically around September for the following year. This is a mandate by our contracted clinical facilities.

□ **5. CPR (CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION):**

Proof of current certification from the American Heart Association for “Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers.” Copy must include a front and back copy of your signed CPR card. **CHECK WITH THE NURSING DEPARTMENT FOR DATES OF CPR CLASSES; NO OTHER CPR COURSE OR CERTIFICATION ASSOCIATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

□ **6. LAW 300:**

Verification for history of abuse or sexual abuse of minors, for persons providing services to children, people with disabilities and health professionals which was implemented in September 2, 1999. To solicit this certification you must fill out the application in the link below. In addition, to the application you must submit

- 2 (2x2) photos;
- Evidence of physical address (light /water bill);
- Identification with photo (passport or driver's license) and
- Good conduct certificate.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3kKYv0l2wB9LWkyRldOY1M4Mmc/view>