

12-Month Accelerated B.S Nursing Program Readiness Self-Assessment

The following information will clarify expectations and alert you to plans you will need to establish now to support your success. Your decision to apply for this rigorous and intensive program of study deserves careful consideration. Please use this information to assess whether this is the right program for you and if this is the right time in your life to apply.

1. The program is rigorous. You must be self-directed, disciplined, focused, and accountable for your own learning.
2. The program is intensive. Your time management, organizational and study skills must be consistently efficient and effective.
3. The program is highly structured. You must demonstrate initiative, reliably access information and adhere to policies.
4. The class and clinical/simulation schedules are demanding, variable, and require a very high degree of flexibility to be available up to 7 days a week, including evening, nights, and holidays. Schedules may vary from week to week and month to month, and require ability to adapt with little notice.
5. The fast-paced and demanding schedules will prohibit employment during the one-year program. Financial planning, including addressing financial aid or personal loan needs prior to entry is necessary. An appointment with Financial Aid at the CON is highly encouraged. Representatives are prepared to answer your questions about the impact of the 12-month program.
6. Clinical experiences will be scheduled throughout the Denver metro area, including the Front Range and the possibility of placements in rural areas. You will need to plan for reliable transportation and commuting time.
7. The ability to use computers for online learning, documentation, accessing information, and communicating is imperative. You must demonstrate basic computer skills and willingness to use information systems and CANVAS learning management system. You must own/rent your own computer (computer requirements, page 81 in the [Student Handbook](#)).
8. The learning formats are active and interactive. The College of Nursing uses low and high fidelity simulation as in integral part of clinical education. Preparation for class and clinical is required to maximize opportunity for applying learning and demonstrating competencies.

9. As adult learners, students engage in individual and collaborative group work, demonstrating knowledge, skills, and professional attitudes. Faculty are experts, facilitators, coaches and mentors to guide student learning.
10. The ability to quickly synthesize readings, class and clinical/simulation and demonstrate clinical reasoning is necessary. This fast-paced program has limited opportunity for review or remediation.
11. Students are expected to have well-honed writing and math skills, necessary for accurate communication and collaboration for safe, quality care, e.g., medication administration. A solid science foundation, previous health care work experience, or certification as a nursing assistant is highly recommended.
12. All students must meet Technical Standards for Admission, Progression and Graduation, as outlined in the [College of Nursing Student Handbook](#).
13. Students are expected and will be held to the highest standard of professional behaviors, including respect for all persons, integrity and honesty as representatives of the nursing profession and the College of Nursing.

If you have questions, please contact the College of Nursing for referral to the appropriate resource.