

BScN Admissions: Frequently Asked Questions

GRADE AVERAGE CALCULATION:

Q: What is the grade average required to be competitive to enter the BScN Program?

A: Minimum grade average required is a mid-B (3.0 GPA or 75%) in the final year of study of your university education. However, the BScN program is highly competitive. Most successful applicants have a grade average of at least B+ or higher in the final year of a 4-year degree program.

Q: I am pursuing the fourth year of my degree and grades for my final year will not be available until May, which courses will be considered for my grade average?

A: Completed courses of your most recent year of studies (usually Fall term courses of year 4, Summer courses – if any, and Winter courses for year 3) will be considered for grade average calculation at the time of our admissions review. The Admissions Office will recalculate your final year average when you submit final transcripts with all completed grades.

Q: I am completing my Master's degree. Will grades of my Master-level courses be considered for grade average calculation?

A: No, only grades taken at the undergraduate level will be considered for grade average calculation. Master's credentials will be considered as additional qualifications.

Q: I completed my degree already. But some of my prerequisite courses were taken in Year 1 and 2 of my degree, not the final year. Will my prerequisite courses taken in my junior years be considered for grade average calculation?

A: Only completed courses in the final year will be considered for grade average calculation. However, grades for all prerequisite courses will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee carefully. Applicants are expected to have satisfactory grades in all prerequisite courses. **Any grade below 60% is considered as unsatisfactory.**

PREREQUISITE COURSES:

Q: I already have a degree with completion of most prerequisite courses. However, I have not yet taken a human physiology course, can I still apply to the BScN program?

A: Yes. While applicants are encouraged to complete all prerequisite courses before applying to the program, it is not uncommon for applicants to fulfill prerequisite courses in the Fall and Winter term prior to admission. Applicants, however, must submit proof of enrolment of all outstanding prerequisite courses. SCS 2169 Basic Human Physiology offered by the School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto is a good option for applicants who have not yet taken a human physiology course. It is offered online 3 times a year.

Q: Is Psychology considered as Social Sciences or Life Sciences?

A: At the University of Toronto, all psychology courses are considered as Life Sciences. You can check with the university you attended to find out whether the Psychology courses you took are considered as Social Sciences or Life Sciences.

Q: Is a Music course considered as Humanities?

A: Music courses that require analytical writing and critical thinking (eg. Music history, Music and Popular culture) can be considered as humanities. However, courses on instrumental and vocal performances are usually not considered.

Q: I have already taken an acceptable half course in human physiology. Another half course in human physiology that I would like to take is not listed in the equivalency list, may I know if the course will be accepted as a human physiology prerequisite?

A: A course that is not listed in the Human Physiology equivalency list on our website may still be considered as an acceptable prerequisite. Please review course description of the course you plan to enrol in to ensure that studies of all systems of the human body are covered. Please refer to the description listed on our website and the description of SCS 2169 Basic Human Physiology for more details. We, however, cannot review any course description prior to application.

REFERENCES:

Q: Can a TA be considered as an academic referee?

A: Usually no. Your academic referee should be a university professor who has taught and graded you in a university course.

Q: Can I submit 2 work-related references instead of 1 academic reference and 1 work-related reference?

A: No. You are required to submit 1 academic reference, and 1 volunteer/work reference.

Q: Can I submit multiple academic references and work-related references?

A: Yes. You can add multiple referees' information in the online supplementary application. However, only 1 academic reference and 1 volunteer/work reference are required.

ADMISSION OFFERS:

Q: When will I be notified whether I am admitted to the program?

A: We will start issuing admission offers in early April until the end of June on an on-going basis.

Q: Is there a waiting list? When will students be notified if they are placed on a waiting list?

A: Students who have been waitlisted will be notified by the end of June. Waitlisted students will be contacted from July until early September if there are spots available for them.