FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What exactly is the “ABSN Program”?

The ABSN is a specially designed, accelerated curriculum for non-nurse college graduates (U.S. Bachelor’s Degree or its equivalent) who wish to study nursing in a first professional degree program (BSN). The Lienhard School of Nursing has long been a leader in second degree education for non-nursing college graduates, and has offered an accelerated nursing program in Pleasantville since 1984. Acceleration is possible for the BSN by giving recognition to previous baccalaureate education and by recognizing that the college graduate is an able learner by virtue of previous educational and life experiences. The ABSN is available on both the Pleasantville and New York City campuses. The ABSN begins every September for New York City students and every January for Pleasantville students. Admission is highly competitive and class size is limited.

2. Are GRE’s or an admission test required for admission to the ABSN?

No. Effective October 2011, GRE’s are NOT required for admission to the ABSN.

3. What are my options for the ABSN?

OPTION ONE: Prospective students who have completed all prerequisites can apply for the one year, full time program starting in the fall in NYC or in the spring in Pleasantville.

OPTION TWO: Prospective students who have completed all prerequisites can apply for the two year program starting in the fall in NYC or in the spring in Pleasantville.

The ABSN consists of 50 or 52 credits in the nursing major that includes an opportunity to take a 3 credit undergraduate or graduate nursing elective course. The graduate course would be double-counted for the MS degree, should you continue into an LSN graduate program.

4. When does the ABSN begin on each campus?

Cycle for ABSN entry is: Every fall: New York City  
Every spring: Pleasantville

5. Is the ABSN program accredited?

The baccalaureate degree in nursing, master’s degree in nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice at Pace University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202-887-6791.

6. What is the passing grade for all nursing courses?

The passing grade for all undergraduate nursing courses is C+ (77% and higher), and for graduate courses passing grade is a B. Effective September 1, 2014, students must maintain a 2.75 CGPA to progress in the program and to graduate. Successful passing of the clinical computation exam is required as prerequisite to each clinical course. E.g., passing is 90% semester 1 & 2 option 1, semester 4 and 5 option II; and 95% in all other clinical courses-semesters.

7. If I am finishing the pre-requisites while I apply to the ABSN, will I be considered?

ABSN applications are not reviewed until all requirements have been completed.
### Option 1: One-year Full Time Plan

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### Option II: Two-Year Plan

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## Prerequisite Requirements*

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**Total Prerequisite Credits = 79/80**

*Note: Computer Science 3 credits (or) evidence of word processing & data entry skills is pre- or co-requisite to graduate nursing courses. It is the student’s responsibility to have all transcripts sent directly to The Graduate Admissions office for all pre-requisite courses completed at other colleges. Students cannot graduate from the ABSN without complete documentation showing completion of all pre-requisite courses.

* The prerequisite requirements may be completed at Pace or transferred in. For transfer credit to be granted, a grade of C or better must be earned.

** If science prerequisite was taken >10 years ago, student might need to retake course in its entirety; these students will be evaluated on a case by case basis depending on their advanced education, work, and/or experience in sciences.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. For an LSN Graduate Catalog or for information on transferability of liberal arts courses and science courses, contact the Office of Graduate Admission in New York City at (212) 346-1531 or in Westchester at (914) 422-4283.

2. The Lienhard School of Nursing has established the following criteria for admission:
   - Scholastic achievement as evidenced by previous academic work. All prior transcripts must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admission.
   - Motivation, leadership potential, and maturity as evidenced by prior work experience, extra-curricular activities, letters of recommendation, and responses to questions on the application.
   - Effective October 2011, GRE’s are NOT required.
   - Completion of pre-requisites. ABSN applications are not reviewed until all pre-requisites have been completed.

   The Office of Graduate Admission will process applications after ALL materials have been received.

3. Application for Graduate Admission (ABSN applicants are admitted through Graduate Admission)
   Complete the application form in the Graduate Catalog and return to one of the following:
   Pace University, Office of Graduate Admission
   1 Martine Avenue
   White Plains, NY 10606-1932
   (914) 422-4283
   Pace University, Office of Graduate Admission
   1 Pace Plaza
   New York City, New York 10038
   (212) 346-1531

   Indicate your credential objective as ABSN for Non-Nurse College Graduate on the application, which must be accompanied by a $70 non-refundable application fee (check or money order), payable to Pace University.

4. Transcripts
   Please arrange for an official transcript to be sent from each academic institution that you attended to the Office of Graduate Admission.

5. Letters of Recommendation
   Two letters of recommendation are required. It is suggested that a college instructor, employer, or community professional complete the letters of recommendation, and return them to the Office of Graduate Admission.

6. Admission to the ABSN is highly competitive, and class size is limited to a maximum of 64 students per class. The application deadline for January entry is September 15. The application deadline for September entry is March 1. Applications will be processed on a space available basis until the 64 seats are filled. To guarantee a seat, students must deposit within two weeks of admission. Students who do not deposit within two weeks of admission are NOT guaranteed a seat. Deposits received after all 64 seats are filled will be returned.

7. A personal interview is required before a candidate is admitted to matriculated status.

8. Students will be notified of the decision, in writing, as soon as possible after the application is complete.

9. Tuition
   Tuition rates and fees are posted on the Pace website, www.pace.edu.

10. Financial Aid
    For information about loans and scholarships, contact the Financial Aid Office at (914) 773-3501 in Westchester or (212) 346-1300 in New York City.

11. A computer with Internet accessibility is strongly recommended for course requirements and communication.

12. Please see the website for additional important information (http://www.pace.edu/lienhard/accelerated-BSN).