THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY
Advising Manual
Academic Year 2014-2015

Prelicensure BSN
RN-BSN™
RN-BSN/MSN
FACT Option
Accelerated Pathway to MSN for 2nd Degree Non-Nurses
Accelerated Pathway to MSN for 2nd Degree RNs

The information in this booklet is meant to be used as a guide.
The transfer institution reserves the right to make changes at any time.

Delaware County Community College
Transfer Office
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Jefferson Fact Sheet
Majors and Degrees
Jefferson is a career-oriented, associate, baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degree institution that offers professional study mainly to students who have completed approximately two to three years of prerequisite coursework elsewhere. JEFFERSON offers health professions degrees in the following areas:

Radiologic Sciences Bachelor of Science programs in cardiac sonography, computed tomography, general sonography, invasive cardiovascular technology, magnetic resonance imaging, medical dosimetry, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, radiography, and vascular sonography. Certificate program in PET/CT. Combined BS/MS degrees. Executive-style Master’s of Science in Radiologic and Imaging Sciences with tracks in education, management, ICVT and PET/CT.

Bioscience Technologies Bachelor of Science, Entry-level Master’s (combined BS/MS), Accelerated Professional Master’s and Advanced Master of Science programs in biotechnology, cytotechnology and medical laboratory science. Post-baccalaureate certificate programs in blood banking, clinical chemistry, hematology, microbiology and molecular biology.

Couple and Family Therapy Master’s in Family Therapy

Nursing Prelicensure BSN, Accelerated Pathway to the MSN for non-nurses (APW), FACT, MSN (including Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist) and Doctor of Nursing Practice

Occupational Therapy Combined BS/MS, Entry-level Masters, Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Certificates for Advanced Practice

Physician Assistant Studies Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Pharmacy Pharmacy Doctorate

Physical Therapy Doctor of Physical Therapy

Public Health Master of Public Health

Health Policy Master of Science in Health Policy

Applied Health Economics and Outcomes Research Certificate and Master’s

Healthcare Quality and Safety Master of Science in Healthcare Quality and Safety

Population Health Sciences – Ph.D.

Tuition Fee Information - Academic Year 2013-14

Complete tuition information can be found at: https://w3.jefferson.edu/registrar/tuition/

Financial Aid
More than three-quarters of our students receive some form of financial assistance. For more information contact The University Office of Financial Aid at (215) 955-2867 or online at http://www.tju.edu/financialaid/

Thomas Jefferson University
Housing
The on-campus residential facilities are conveniently located within walking distance of Philadelphia's shopping, cultural and recreational activities and within two blocks of all campus facilities. On-campus housing is guaranteed to eligible first year students. Recently renovated Jefferson housing offers an affordable opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the Jefferson experience. A variety of shared and single accommodations are available both on and off campus. The Department of Housing & Residence Life can be reached at (215) 955-8913 or online at www.jefferson.edu/housing/.

Student Life
The Office of Student Life for the students of the Jefferson Schools is responsible for student programs, academic support services, discipline and counseling. Some of the student programs they coordinate are the new student Orientations, the Leadership LIVE program, and the annual Winter Social dinner and dance. The major responsibility of their office is to coordinate the delivery of services to students to assure successful student recruitment and retention. The Office of Student Life can be reached at (215) 503-8189 or online at http://www.jefferson.edu/university/academic-affairs/schools/student-life.html

Student Activities
Students can participate in the many clubs and organizations available including cultural, recreational and social activities. Recreation facilities include a gymnasium, swimming pool, and physical fitness center. Students are encouraged to make full use of these facilities, which are located in Jefferson Alumni Hall. The Activities Office can be reached at (215) 503-7743 or online at http://www.jefferson.edu/university/activities_office.html

Career Development Center
The Career Development Center offers counseling, workshops, resume assistance, and networking opportunities for students and alumni. The CDC is also available for counseling and assistance as graduates plan career transitions and growth. The Career Development Center can be reached at (215) 503-5805 or online at http://www.jefferson.edu/university/academic-affairs/schools/career-development-center.html

Commuter Services
The Commuter Services Office offers discounted parking and public transportation passes for both inside and outside of Philadelphia. Commuter Services can be reached at (215) 955-6417 or online at http://www.jefferson.edu/university/customer_service/commuter.html

Office of International Affairs (OIES)
Thomas Jefferson University welcomes people from all over the world to work, study, and engage in research and encourages Jeffersonian to study, lecture and do research abroad. OIES works with all University departments to facilitate exchange and to offer orientation to international visitors. ESL classes are also available OIES can be reached at 215-503-4335 or http://www.jefferson.edu/university/international_affairs.html

Admissions Office Contacts

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Thomas Jefferson University
College Partnerships & Affiliations

Jefferson is affiliated with a number of colleges, universities, and community colleges in an effort to increase access to higher education in the nursing and health professions fields. These partnerships, including general agreements (2+2 and other degree completion programs), articulated curriculum agreements, and dual admission nursing programs provide students with a wide array of college choice as they complete their prerequisite coursework.

General Agreements

Jefferson's general partnership agreements present a novel approach to degree completion and a baccalaureate (or higher) degree.

2+2, 3+1, 3+2 Pathways

Students enrolled in this program spend the first two or three years at an affiliated institution before transferring to Jefferson to complete a nursing, occupational therapy, radiologic sciences, biotechnology, cytotechnology, or medical laboratory science bachelor's and/or master's degree.

Students who have already earned a bachelor's degree may also enroll in one of our one-year Post-baccalaureate Pathways in radiologic sciences, biotechnology, cytotechnology, medical laboratory science, or nursing. Due to the complexity of the Pharmacy admissions process, the admission guarantee does not apply to this program. However, we will work closely with our partner schools to facilitate the transfer of students into the pharmacy program. Please contact us to discuss opportunities for pharmacy information sessions to be held on your campus.

The General Agreement entitles students enrolled at our partner institutions admission to degree programs under the following conditions:

- All prerequisite coursework must be completed prior to enrollment at Jefferson.
A designated partner school representative must recommend the student for admission. Students must have earned at least a 2.7 cumulative GPA to be considered for admissions. Students must have earned at least a 'C' in all prerequisite coursework. Students may not have a criminal or disciplinary record. Admission is extended as long as there are spaces available in the entering class. Where TOEFL is mandated, a minimum score of 87 (Internet-based) is required. Accepted students must submit the results of a criminal background check and child abuse clearance prior to matriculation.

**Articulated Curriculum Agreements (3+3 DPT and 3+2 OT)**

Jefferson's articulated curriculum agreements offer an innovative way for students to gain acceptance into upper division graduate programs while still in high school or during the freshman year in college.

Articulated curriculum agreements are available for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, the Entry-level Master's in Occupational Therapy program, and the combined bachelor's/master's degrees in Biotechnology, Cytotechnology, and Medical Laboratory Science. More information on these programs can be found at [http://www.jefferson.edu/university/admissions-schools/admissions/partner_schools/overview.html](http://www.jefferson.edu/university/admissions-schools/admissions/partner_schools/overview.html)

**Participating General Agreement (GA), Articulated Curriculum Agreement (ACA) Colleges, Universities, and Community Colleges**

- Arcadia University (GA)
- Atlantic Cape Community College (GA)
- Bloomsburg University (GA)
- Bucks County Community College (GA)
- Burlington County Community College (GA)
- Cabrini College (GA)
- Camden County College (GA)
- Chestnut Hill College (ACA)
- Community College of Philadelphia (GA)
- Cumberland County College (GA)
- Delaware County Comm. College (GA)
- Elizabethtown College (GA, ACA)
- Rowan College at Gloucester County (GA)
- Gordon College (GA)
- Gwynedd-Mercy College (GA)
- Harcum College (GA)
- Immaculata University (GA, ACA)
- Juniata College (GA, ACA)
- Keystone College (GA)
- La Salle University (GA)
- Lebanon Valley College (GA)
- Manor College (GA)
- Mercer Community College (GA)
- Messiah College (ACA)
- Middlesex County College (GA)
- Montgomery County Comm. College (GA)
- Moravian College (GA)
- Muhlenberg College (ACA)
- Penn State Abington (GA, ACA)
- Penn State Brandywine (GA)
- Philadelphia University (ACA)
- Rider University (GA)
- Saint Joseph’s University (GA, ACA)
- Shippensburg University (GA)
- Susquehanna University (GA)
- University of Delaware (ACA)
- University of the Sciences (GA)
- Valley Forge Military Academy (GA)
- Villanova University (GA, ACA)
Frequently Asked Questions

What are the admissions requirements?
- Undergraduate admission requirements vary by program but the most successful students have a minimum cumulative and science grade point average of 3.0.
- The PACE program is open to high school seniors only. While grade point average and SAT requirements vary by major, all candidates should have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA, a score of a 1,100 on the SAT (Reading and Math sections only), strong background in science and math coursework, and it's recommended but not required to have shadow or volunteer experience in a healthcare setting.
- Graduate admission requirements vary by program but most successful candidates have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and competitive scores on the GRE or MAT tests, if applicable.
- Pharmacy applicants must have at least a 2.7 cumulative GPA and PCAT composite scores in the 50th percentile or higher.

How should I submit my application?
You apply online at http://www.jefferson.edu/university/admissions-schools/admissions/apply/overview.html. Almost all of our applications use a Centralized Application Service, or CAS. Please be sure to read the directions on our website carefully, and follow all the necessary instructions on the CAS application as well.
Pharmacy applicants must apply for admission through PharmCAS at www.pharmcas.org.
Applications for the Combined BS/MS and EMOT programs must apply through OTCAS at www.otcas.org.
Applications for all nursing programs must go through NursingCAS at www.nursingcas.org. Physician Assistant applicants must apply through CASPA at https://portal.caspaonline.org/. All materials for these programs are submitted directly to PharmCAS, PTCAS, OTCAS, CASPA, and NursingCAS. A Jefferson supplemental application is also required.

Students interested in applying to Bioscience Technologies or Radiologic Sciences apply through Allied Health CAS https://portal.ahcas.org/. Couple & Family Therapy

Where should I complete my prerequisites before enrolling at Jefferson?
You may complete courses at any accredited two-or four-year college or university. While not required, you are encouraged to attend a college or university that has signed a transfer agreement with Thomas Jefferson University. Our agreement institutions have designated an on-campus advisor who is knowledgeable about the prerequisite course requirements and familiar with our academic programs and facilities.

Do I have to complete all of my prerequisite courses before I apply?
While you are required to have all prerequisite work completed prior to enrollment, you do not need to have all prerequisite work completed at the time of application; however, the majority of your science and math coursework should be finalized. Should you have some coursework in progress at the time of application, or if you plan to complete this work during the summer prior to enrollment, you should simply indicate the missing coursework in the appropriate section of your application. The majority of the science and math prerequisite work should be completed at the time of application.
Is there an application deadline?
Admission to Jefferson is on a rolling basis and is divided into the Admissions Review Periods outlined below. To be reviewed for a particular period, all application materials must be postmarked by the indicated date and should be submitted together in a single envelope. Preference is given to complete applications that meet the postmark dates; however, we will accept applications as long as space is available. All students who meet the postmark date for the review period will have the same chance of earning acceptance to their respective program regardless of whether the application was received at the beginning or the end of the review period.
You need not complete all prerequisites before you apply, but the majority of your science prerequisite coursework should be completed before an admissions decision can be made. All prerequisites must be completed before you enter the program. You may also earn credits through standardized tests, including CLEP. Admission is competitive, as there are a limited number of seats in each class.

Complete Admissions Review Period Dates can be found at:
http://www.jefferson.edu/university/admissions-schools/admissions/apply/deadlines.html

- Jefferson School of Population Health
- Jefferson School of Health Professions
- Jefferson School of Nursing
- Jefferson School of Pharmacy

Jefferson School of Pharmacy
Admission to the School is on a rolling basis and is available for the Fall semester. All application materials must be received by PharmCAS by March 1, 2015.
Applicants are also required to complete a supplemental Jefferson application.
The Jefferson Office of Admissions will send applicants an email with a link to the online application and a logon id after we have downloaded the pharmacy application from PharmCAS.
Jefferson will send applicants a second email with a PIN to access the supplemental application. Note that the supplemental application is not accessible from the public website and can only be completed via the link referenced above.
Applications will only be reviewed after the PharmCAS application, PCAT scores, letters of recommendation and Jefferson Supplemental Online Application are received.
Jefferson School of Pharmacy will begin notifying applicants of admission decisions after October 31, 2014.

Is there a waiting list?
Once a program is full, a waiting list is created in the event that someone chooses not to accept his/her seat. The waiting list is dissolved once classes begin in September.

What courses can be transferred to Jefferson?
Those with a grade of ‘C’ or higher that meet the program requirements (a ‘C-’ is not acceptable). Developmental, physical education, and courses such as pottery, typing or photography are not transferable. Science and math courses older than 10 years (5 years for pharmacy applicants) are transferable if validated by a challenge or CLEP exam or if the applicant is working in a field where science and math concepts are used on a daily basis.
Transfer credit is based on the number of credits the course is assigned at TJU. For example, calculus is a 3-credit course at TJU; therefore a student with a 4-credit calculus course at another institution would receive only 3 credits for that course at TJU.
Is housing available?
Students who are accepted to TJU by May 31st and who have a housing application on file by May 31st are guaranteed on-campus housing. Thomas Jefferson University has three university resident facilities: Martin Residence Hall, Barringer and Orlowitz Apartment Complexes.

Is volunteer experience required?
While not required of all programs, volunteer experience is strongly recommended as part of a competitive application package. For department recommendations, contact the admissions office.

How many students enroll through the PACE and 3+ programs?
Each year, approximately 10% of the student body is comprised of PACE students. Once accepted, you are guaranteed admission for your junior year at Jefferson as long as you successfully complete all prerequisite courses for your major, as well as maintain the required cumulative grade point average.

How many years do I spend at my first institution?
While students are typically able to complete the prerequisites within two years, some choose to remain at their first institution for a third year.

When do I apply for housing and financial aid?
For PACE, 3+3 and 3+2 students, housing and financial aid applications will be sent to you the year prior to matriculation into Jefferson. For transfer and graduate students, an aid application is sent to you soon after you apply. Financial aid you received at your first institution is applicable only to that institution. A separate package will be awarded by Thomas Jefferson University.

Do you offer varsity sports?
While there is no intercollegiate athletic program, Jefferson does offer a full complement of intramural sports. For athletic enthusiasts, facilities include an indoor swimming pool, fully equipped gymnasium and weight room, racquetball court, a physical fitness center, sauna and an aerobics room.

Do you recommend that I have a car on campus?
You may have a car on campus. However, because parking is costly and since mass transportation is easily accessible, we recommend that you leave your car at home.

If not admitted through PACE or a 3+ program, may I reapply in the future?
Yes. If you are not admitted through the PACE program you may reapply as a transfer student.

What contact will I have with Jefferson while attending my first school?
You will receive a series of mailings and phone contacts from the Jefferson community while attending your first institution. In addition, we will invite you to Jefferson to meet your future classmates and familiarize yourself with the campus at our annual Welcome Picnic and Advising Day events.

Will I need a Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearance?
Yes. All accepted students must complete both a Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearance prior to matriculation. Specific instructions will be provided to each accepted student. Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may be denied certification or licensure as a health professional. Information regarding individual eligibility may be obtained from the appropriate credentialing bodies. Clinical rotation and fieldwork sites may require a criminal background check and/or child abuse check in order to permit participation in the clinical experience, rotation or fieldwork. Participation in clinical experiences, rotations or fieldwork is a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation. Clinical rotation and fieldwork sites may deny a student's participation in the
clinical experience, rotation or fieldwork because of a felony or misdemeanor conviction, failure of a required drug test, or inability to produce an appropriate health clearance, which would result in delayed graduation or in the inability to graduate from the program.

Nursing students are also required to complete an additional FBI fingerprinting background check and Drug Testing. Background checks and child abuse clearances are not required Masters in Radiologic Sciences, Doctor of Occupational Therapy, and General Studies students. Pharmacy students may have additional background check requirements.

**Nursing Programs**

**The Traditional Prelicensure BSN Option:**
- For non-nurses who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN)
- A 2-year (4 semester) program completed on a full-time basis, only starts in the fall (September) semester
- 59 specific prerequisite credits required prior to enrollment

**The Accelerated Pathway to the MSN Option:**
- For non-nurses who hold a bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing
- Non-nurses are enrolled in the undergraduate program for the first two years and following successful completion of the state board exam, students proceed to the graduate program

**The FACT Option:**
- Intensive option for non-nurses who hold a bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing
- BSN portion of the program can be completed in one calendar year of full-time study, only starts in the Pre-Fall (May) semester
- Following successful completion of the state board exam, students proceed to the graduate program

**The MSN Option:**
- For BSN or Nurse Doctorate (ND) students from an accredited school
- 36 credit programs are organized around a core, support and specialty clinical curriculum
- The programs can be completed in 15 months on a full-time basis and up to five years on a part-time basis
- Students can take all MSN core courses online

**The CRNA Option:**
- For BSN or Nurse Doctorate (ND) students from an accredited school
- The program is eight semesters (30 months) and is a full time only curriculum totaling 74 credits
- Students gain over 1,000 hours of clinical experience and administer more than 500 anesthesia’s to patients undergoing a variety of surgical/diagnostic procedures
- Program starts in January

**The Doctor of Nursing Practice option:**
- For MSN students from an accredited school
- MSN/DNP option available
• Mix of on-line and in-class course can be completed in one calendar year

Admission Requirements

• **Traditional Prelicensure BSN** option students must complete 59 specific prerequisite credits prior to entering the program

• **Accelerated Pathway for non-nurses and FACT option** students must have a bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing field and 65 specific prerequisite credits prior to entering the program

• **CRNA option** students must have current 2 years of critical care ICU experience. If a student is granted admission they will be required to have both ACLS and PALS certification

• Academic courses with a grade of C or better and satisfactory CLEP scores are acceptable for transfer

*Accelerated Pathway, FACT, and MSN students must submit the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores.
* Applicants with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher are not required to submit GRE or MAT scores.

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**Delaware County Community College**

**Course Equivalency Guide**

**Nursing: Prelicensure BSN**

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Nutrition - BIO 220 | 3
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Nursing: FACT & Accelerated Pathway to MSN for 2nd Degree Non-Nurses

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