



Resurrection University

Frequently Asked Questions

The following questions are asked most often from prospective Resurrection University students. If you don't find the answer to your question here, please check the [Resurrection University 2011-13 Student Handbook & Catalog](#) or feel free to contact us at 773-252-6464. [Click here](#) to download the full ResU FAQ in a .pdf format.

General Questions

Why should I attend Resurrection University?

There are so many reasons why ResU is a top choice for nursing or allied health education that we've come up with our [Top 10](#) reasons. You might find that flexibility in scheduling classes is your #1 priority, or the fact that 95% of ResU students pass the NCLEX exams on their first try (compared to the Illinois state rate of 87%). ResU also offers students many ways to receive [financial aid](#) for your education, service learning opportunities rooted in our mission and ministry, small faculty-to-student ratios that give you the one-on-one attention you deserve, state-of-the-art facilities, and more. Please explore our website and listen to our student testimonials to see why ResU might be the right choice for you.

What sets ResU apart from other colleges or universities?

Resurrection University's proud tradition as a leader in nursing and allied health education started back in 1914, when we were known as West Suburban College of Nursing. Today, we are owned and operated by Presence Health, the largest non-profit Catholic healthcare organization in Illinois. Through principles of compassionate care and service learning, we set the standard in professional health science education through personal instructor-to-student attention, a wide range of clinical experiences, and astute financial aid assistance that makes top quality education an affordable reality for you.

Is ResU an accredited school?

Yes. ResU is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the Higher Learning Commission, and is approved or members of other pertinent organizations. Please visit our [accreditation page](#) for more details.

Where is ResU located?

Resurrection University is located in a brand new campus within the Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, in the historic Wicker Park neighborhood of Chicago at 1431 North Claremont Avenue, 60622. The University was previously located in Oak Park, IL.

Do you offer student housing?

The University offers no campus housing. Housing is available in local communities.

Does ResU require that I have any special equipment?

All BSN pre-licensure students are required to have a Windows-based PC laptop computer with high speed wireless internet. Equipment specifications are available at the [IT Help Desk/Laptop Policy page](#). The University's software is not compatible with Mac computers.

HIIM students must have routine and ongoing access to a Windows based PC (laptop or desktop) to complete assignments, use the required virtual lab and to take exams.

Is the ResU area safe?

Click here to review Resurrection University's [2012 Security Report](#).

How do I obtain degree verification for a student?

Resurrection University has authorized the National Student Clearinghouse to provide degree verification. The National Student Clearinghouse may be contacted at: www.studentclearinghouse.org or www.degreeverify.org.

How do I request a transcript or verify enrollment?

Please use these forms for a transcript request or enrollment verification request and then mail them to: Office of the Registrar, Resurrection University, 1431 N. Claremont Ave., Chicago, IL 60622.

Admissions

I have a bachelor's degree already, what program is right for me?

It all depends on your interests and passions! Find out which ResU degree program might be right for you by using our [Future Student Tool](#).

What is your Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM) program?

The hybrid ResU HIIM program leads to a bachelor's degree in HIIM. Approximately half of the program content is covered online and the other half is experienced on campus or in clinical affiliations. Students can generally expect to be on campus one night each week during the four semesters of the program. The HIIM [course curriculum](#) includes subject matter to prepare students to gain and sustain employment in the broad fields of health informatics and health information management. (Download the complete [HIIM Program Flyer](#) here).

When are your deadlines for admission?

The University has [priority deadlines](#); however, applications are reviewed if seats are still available after the priority deadline. We enroll students for the fall, which starts in August; spring, which begins in January, and summer, which begins in May, according to the following schedule:

Term	BSN	BSN for RN's (you must already have a valid RN license)	MSN	HIIM
Summer	Not Available	Rolling*	Not Available	Rolling*
Fall	April 1st (Pre-licensure Daytime & Evening/ Weekend)	Rolling*	July 15th	Rolling*
Spring	Sept. 1st (Pre-licensure only)	Rolling*	Not Available	Not Available

*Rolling means that applications are accepted on an on-going basis for the next enrollment term.

What is your application fee?

Our application fee is \$50.00.

Do I have to turn in my application all at once, or can I do it a piece at a time?

You do not need to submit your completed application all at once; however, in order to register for the TEAS exam, you need to at least submit the online application and the application fee. Your official college transcripts can be sent to us directly from the school(s) you attended, and the essay can be uploaded through your student portal.

Can I come in and fill out an application or can a paper application be mailed to me?

Our application is only available online. Click [here to apply now](#).

What are the admission requirements for undergraduates?

Undergraduate admissions requirements for our BSN pre-licensure program, our BSN for RN program, or our HIIM program can be found at the [Undergraduate Admissions Requirement](#) page. The information on this page includes instructions on the application process, admissions fees, essay requirements, pre-requisite courses, exam information, GPA requirements, and more. Further information and dates about the [TEAS exam](#) can be found on here.

How competitive is it to get into your program?

As an upper division university, ResU offers rigorous yet rewarding educational programs that require a good to excellent transfer GPA, along with the successful completion of prerequisite coursework. For the fall 2010 enrollment period, the average Cumulative grade point average for admitted pre-licensure

BSN students was a 3.13 and the average Science grade point average was a 3.31 and the average TEAS v.4 score was an 82.07.

Our low faculty-to-student ratio and small number of students accepted mean personal attention for you, and a strong desire to help you achieve. See the [list of undergraduate nursing pre-requisite](#) coursework for details.

What are the admission requirements for graduate students?

Admission to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) programs require students to have an earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Admission to the RN-MSN program requires students to have a valid registered nurse license from an Associate Degree in Nursing or a Diploma program. Additional admissions requirements for the traditional MSN and the RN-MSN programs can be found on the [Graduate Nursing Admission Requirements](#) page. The information on this page includes instructions on the application process, admissions fees, essay requirements, prerequisite courses, licensing requirements, GPA requirements, and more. Please feel free to view our [MSN program flyer](#).

What are the pre-requisites for the undergraduate nursing program?

Click here to see the [list of undergraduate nursing pre-requisite](#) coursework.

Do I have to complete all the pre-requisites before I apply to the undergraduate program, or can I have courses in progress?

All general education and pre-nursing courses must be completed before starting either the BSN program or the BSN for RN program. Science and computer course pre-requisites must have been completed no more than five years prior to the intended semester of enrollment. Students can apply with course work still in progress, but you need to have at least three out of the four science course completed when submitting the application.

For students applying to the B.S. in Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM), it is recommended that all general education and pre-HIIM requirements are completed before admission; however, some of the pre-HIIM course can be completed at ResU, but all pre-reqs have to be completed before graduation. The following pre-requisite courses can be transferred in or taken at ResU: Anatomy and Physiology (1 & 2—no lab required), Pathology and Pharmacology or Pathopharmacology, Introduction to Computers, Medical Terminology and Statistics.

Do science courses expire? After how long?

For the BSN pre-licensure programs and the B.S. HIIM programs science and computer course pre-requisites must have been completed no more than five years prior to the intended semester of enrollment.

Do you accept transfer credits?

Yes. Resurrection University is an upper division school which means we only accept students once they've completed their general education and pre-professional courses someplace else. Transfer credits are accepted from many colleges and universities under the following guidelines:

The University grants transfer credit for baccalaureate courses taken at a regionally accredited institution in which the student earned a grade of C or better. Students must apply for upper-division transfer credit before their matriculation date. In addition, the University accepts course credit by exam for general education courses that are offered by the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) from the College Board. Students must achieve the College Board's recommended passing score in order to receive credit. Scores must be sent directly from the College Board.

The University also accepts credit by Advance Placement Exams and International Baccalaureate Exams for general education credit. Students must score a 4 or 5 on the AP exam in order to receive credit. Scores must be sent directly from the College Board. Students must receive a score of 5, 6 or 7 at the 35 Higher Level to receive credit from an International Baccalaureate Exam. Official scores must be sent directly from the International Baccalaureate Organization.

Credit is not awarded for military training, proficiency exams, portfolios, or life/work experience.

Students wishing to transfer nursing or HIIM courses must submit the syllabus to the Dean/Program Director for evaluation at least 2 weeks before matriculation. Undergraduate students may transfer up to 19 credit hours of upper-division course work. Students must apply for upper-division transfer credit before their matriculation date.

Will my classes from my current school transfer?

Visit our [Transfer Guides](#) page for transfer credit information for specific schools. If your school is not listed, please call the Admissions Office to speak with an Admissions Counselor.

How do I know which classes will transfer?

Once we receive your application, all your official college transcripts, your essay, and your TEAS scores, we will evaluate your file and credentials for admission. If you would like to meet with an admission counselor to have your transcripts evaluated ahead of time, please call the Admissions Office to schedule an appointment, (773) 252-6464.

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Why do I have to take Introduction to Computers?

Computer use is a major component of our nursing and HIIM programs. Students accepted into the undergraduate nursing program are required to have completed a computer literacy course for college credit (3 credit hours) or pass the [Computer CLEP](#) exam. Proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, email and the Internet are also expected. All computer courses must have been completed no more than five years prior to your intended semester of enrollment.

Do you need my high school transcript?

No. Because Resurrection University is an upper division university, students come to us after attending another college or university, where they will have completed their general education requirements. We will need all your official college transcripts, but not your high school transcript.

Do you need my ACT/SAT score?

No. Because Resurrection University is an upper division university, students come to us after attending another college or university, where they will have completed their general education requirements. We will need all your official college transcripts, and you will need to take the [TEAS](#) exam but not the ACT or SAT.

What is the TEAS exam and do I need to take it?

The [TEAS](#) exam is the Test of Essential Academic Skills and it is used as part of the admission process. The TEAS exam is required ONLY for BSN pre-licensure daytime and evening/weekend students. The online application and the application fee must be submitted prior to registering for the TEAS exam. The exam is offered many times per year. Visit this page for more information about the [TEAS exam](#).

I have a bachelor's degree already; do I have to take the TEAS exam?

If you are applying as a student in the BSN pre-licensure daytime and evening/weekend program, you must take the TEAS exam even if you have a bachelor's degree in another subject. Visit this page for more information about the [TEAS exam](#).

How many people do you accept per enrollment?

It depends on the program. Please call the Admissions Office for information on your specific program. Enrollment is open until all seats are filled.

I filled out the application and paid the application fee a long time ago, was I accepted?

All applicants are sent a confirmation email after applying. This email outlines the application process and approximate acceptance timeline. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, or if you did not receive communication as to your acceptance status, please call 773-252-6464. You may also check your student portal to see your application status.

When can I register for classes?

All accepted applicants are sent an email and letter of welcome. The information contained in that communiqué outlines the steps for class registration. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, or if you did not receive communication as to your acceptance status, please call 773-252-6464.

Financial

What is the tuition? (per semester, per year, entire program)

Tuition for 2012-13 is \$769 per credit hour for those in the undergraduate nursing program; \$777 per credit hour for those in the graduate program; and \$541 per hour for those in the BSN for RN program or the HIIM program. Special rates apply to employees of Presence Health. A flat rate of \$11,349 applies for undergraduate nursing students taking 12 or more credit hours. See the [Tuition](#) page for more information about tuition, fees, and tuition due dates for 2012/2013.

Do you accept or offer financial aid?

Yes. In fact, 80% of our students receive financial aid. Resurrection University offers many different types of financial aid, including grants, part-time work, scholarships and loans. Please visit our [Financial Aid](#) page to find out about the many financial aid options available to help finance your education.

Do you have any scholarships available?

Yes! There are 10 different scholarships available at ResU. Find out more by visiting our [Scholarship](#) page in the Financial Aid section.

What is the Presence Health Loan Forgiveness Program?

The Presence Health Loan Forgiveness Program is available to Presence Health employees and non-Presence Health employees who are committed to entering the Presence Health workforce upon graduation and enrolling in one of the following Resurrection University programs:

- Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN pre-licensure)
- Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Master of Science in Nursing – Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)

The program is a *tuition only* scholarship. It provides full tuition coverage, less any Presence Health employee tuition reimbursement funding and eligible outside funds, if any, awarded exclusively for tuition. Students will be responsible for the payment of University fees, books, supplies and other expenses. [Click here](#) for program details and qualifiers.

What is your school code for FAFSA?

Our code is 022141.

Academics

What programs do you have?

Resurrection University is comprised of the College of Allied Health and the College of Nursing.

College of Allied Health Programs

B.S. Health Informatics and Information Management

College of Nursing

BSN

BSN for RN

MSN

- Clinical Nurse Leader
- Nurse Administrator
- Nurse Educator
- Nurse Practitioner
 - Adult Health
 - Family Health

Details can be found throughout our [Academics](#) section.

How soon can a BSN program be completed?

Our BSN pre-licensure Daytime program can be completed in four consecutive semesters which is about 16 months, including a summer semester. The Evening and Weekend program can be completed in five consecutive semesters, which is about 20 months including a summer semester.

How long does your program take to complete?

Most programs range from 4-5 semesters in length, depending on the particular program. For example, the BSN pre-licensure program, assuming all prior coursework and prerequisites are complete, is an additional 61 credits. A sample BSN program plan can be found [here](#). A BSN for RN program requires that 21 credits be completed at ResU, assuming 61 general or support studies courses have already been completed, and that 38 RN transfer credits are awarded. Please review the information throughout our [Academics](#) pages or contact the university at 773-252-6464 for all possible scenarios.

Do your programs have online components?

All of our programs are hybrid to some degree, which means that students meet both in person and they have some coursework online.

Can I see a sample schedule?

Yes. Here is a [sample BSN pre-licensure daytime and evening/weekend option program](#).

What times and days do the evening/weekend classes meet?

The schedule varies each semester for each class and each program. Generally, evening classes are held Monday-Thursday beginning at 5:00 pm and ending around 9:00 pm; of course, depending on the class there could be exceptions.

Where are the clinicals held?

ResU students explore and work in stimulating healthcare environments that may include any of 20 clinical sites in the greater Chicago area. See our [Clinical Sites](#) section for locations.

Student Life

Are there student groups I can join?

Yes! As a student at ResU, you are automatically part of the Student Government Organization where you can participate in any number of community and social activities. We also encourage you to consider membership in the ResU chapter of the National Student Nurse Association. To find out about these groups and their activities, please visit our [Student Groups](#) page.

What is Service Learning, and how can I get involved?

[Service Learning](#) is an elective (NUR 4960) within the nursing program that helps to cultivate culturally sensitive nurses by offering real-world caring opportunities beyond the boundaries of the classroom – and occasionally – the country. This special program may be a highlight of your ResU experience and is not to be missed.

What can I do for fun in the ResU area?

The Wicker Park area of Chicago is an engaging, trendy neighborhood full of restaurants, boutiques, and nightlife. In fact, the new ResU campus at Saint Elizabeth's is within walking distance of superb restaurants and shops! The following Wikitravel page provides a good explanation of what to expect in ResU's new neighborhood: http://wikitravel.org/en/Chicago/Wicker_Park.