Accelerated Second-Degree CEIN/BS Program

Frequently Asked Questions 2021

1. What are the prerequisites?
   • Bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing field from accredited institution; a minimum GPA of 3.0 is preferred and performance in the prerequisite courses is evaluated.
   • Science classes: B or better in basic Chemistry, basic Biology, Microbiology, Human Genetics and two semesters of Human Anatomy & Physiology (AP1 and AP2) – completed within the last 8 years of date of application, except for Human Genetics which must be completed within last 5 years of date of application.
   • Statistics class: grade of C or better in undergraduate Statistics.
   • The grades earned in the science prerequisites MUST be a B or better, regardless of overall GPA.

2. What do I do if I do not have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better?
   • Consideration may be given to applicants with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 if the academic record reflects capacity for academic excellence.
   • CEIN@uconn.edu

3. How and when do I apply?
   • The application should be available in Nursing CAS by the end of November. Admissions are rolling from February 1 – June 15 for the cohort that begins the following January. You can start your application several months before you plan to submit your application to allow time for transcript requests to be processed and uploaded, and for Letters of Reference requests to be completed. Documents can be uploaded over time and when the application is completed you may submit for review. It must be submitted on or before June 15.
   • On-line through the Nursing CAS system: http://www.nursingcas.org/
   • Nursing CAS instructions: http://www.nursingcas.org/application-instructions/
   • Nursing CAS support: http://www.nursingcas.org/contact/
   • A user fee of $50.00 is paid to the Nursing CAS system in order to create your application and a separate application review fee of $75.00 is paid to the UConn School of Nursing: https://secure.touchnet.com/C21646_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=94

4. Where can I take the prerequisites?
   • Any accredited college, community college, or University of Phoenix.

5. Is financial aid available?
   • Yes, first complete a FAFSA form as a 5th year undergraduate student to apply for federal loans.
   • Repeat FAFSA for submission once more for Summer/Fall semesters
   • Many students also use private loans, which are commonly applied for after application is submitted for federal loans. See the Financial Aid Office Website for information: http://financialaid.uconn.edu/
6. What is the cost?
- The program cost for 2022 is $39,000 and is paid in 3 installments. [https://bursar.uconn.edu/cein-tuition-and-fees/](https://bursar.uconn.edu/cein-tuition-and-fees/)
- Additional costs include University fees, equipment, uniforms, books, travel, criminal background checks, drug testing, and other miscellaneous costs.
- Tuition is the same for in-or out-of-state students.
- Books cost approximately $1900+ for the program.
- Uniforms cost approximately $320.
- Travel & parking costs approximately $300 per semester (Site dependent).

7. Do Veterans benefits cover the CEIN/BS program?
- Please contact your Veteran’s Program pursuant to Title 38 Section 3675 United States Code of Federal Regulations.
- If a student chooses to continue on to graduate school, V.A. benefits are accepted.

8. Where will I be able to work after I pass the NCLEX?
- Any place that hires individuals with an RN license.
- Hospitals, community agencies, long term care facilities, occupational health settings, schools…

9. How competitive is the program?
- 40-46 students per year admitted to the Storrs site.
- 32-40 students per year admitted to the Waterbury site.
- 32-40 students per year admitted to the Stamford site.
- 32-40 students per year admitted to the Avery Point site.
- Approximately 300+ applications received annually.

10. When are admission decisions made?
- Completed applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, from February 1 to June 15 by the Admissions Committee. Final decisions may not be made until July 2021 for the Class of 2022.
- Applicants to the 2021 program may have up to three outstanding prerequisite courses at the time of application provided one is completed by the end of the summer 2021 session and the other two are completed by the end of the fall 2021 semester. Proofs of enrollment MUST be uploaded in the application before submission.
- Official transcripts for completed prerequisites must be emailed to heatherspo@uconn.edu upon completion of the course.

11. May I work during the program?
- We highly recommend not working during this intensive year. Students’ weekly schedule includes: 9 hours of class, 21 hours of clinical or lab, approximately 30 hours of study time, and travel time to class and clinical.
- Clinical placements are guaranteed, however we are not able to schedule classes, clinical, or lab work around personal requests.

12. Can I take classes part time?
- The CEIN/BS Accelerated Second-Degree program is FULL TIME only.
13. What is the schedule for classes, clinical and lab?
   - Storrs Campus - Class day - Mondays
   - Stamford Campus - Class days - Thursday
   - Waterbury Campus - Class day – Fridays
   - Clinical and lab days may be scheduled on any day other than the class day, anytime 6am to 12 midnight, including Saturday and Sunday. Classes, clinical or lab days that fall on a Holiday must be made up.

14. Information sessions
   - During the pandemic these will be offered via Web Ex. Please contact shea.bridenbeck@uconn.edu to register for one.
   - Check website www.nursing.uconn.edu for the most current information or call (860) 486-1937.

15. What do I receive upon completion of the program?
   - Accelerated Second-Degree CEIN/BS program graduates will receive a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing, in addition to a post-baccalaureate certificate.

16. Do you require a TOEFL Exam?
   - Yes, a TOEFL (IBT) exam is required if you were born or educated outside of the United States of America (US), or if English is not the official language of the country where you were born and attended school. Permanent residents of the US who attended English speaking US schools beginning in the 9th grade are waived from this requirement. Applicants born in the following countries are also waived from this requirement: Australia, Canada (except Quebec Province), New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom and the US. In countries where English is the official language and dialect languages are predominantly spoken, a TOEFL exam may also be required.
   - The TOEFL exam must have been taken within the last two years from the date of application.
   - Minimum Passing TOEFL scores are as follows: A total score of 92 with the following breakdown: a minimum of 26 in both the listening and speaking sections, a minimum of 20 in both the reading and writing sections. Please upload an official copy of your TOEFL scores in the CAS application. Please note that foreign school transcripts must be evaluated, and this may take extra time to process.
   - During the pandemic we will accept the Duolingo test which is administered online https://englishtest.duolingo.com/. A minimum score of 115 is required. Scores must be emailed to heatherspo@uconn.edu. The Duolingo English test must be taken within two years of the date of application.

For additional questions, email: cein@uconn.edu