

## Certificate Entry into Nursing (CEIN) Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 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. How and when do I apply?

- The 2024 Application should be available in Nursing CAS by late November. Admissions are rolling from February 1 to June 15, 2023, 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, 2023.
- Online through the Nursing CAS system: <http://www.nursingcas.org/>
- Nursing CAS support: Contact WebAdMIT Support at [webadmitsupport@liaisonedu.com](mailto:webadmitsupport@liaisonedu.com) or 857-304-2020. The Client Support Specialist Team is available Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET. Note that to minimize downtime for users, WebAdMIT upgrades occur every Sunday from 7 to 10 a.m. ET. Additionally, you can visit their [Status Page](#) to view and subscribe to system status updates.
- A user fee of \$55.00 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](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21646_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=94)

#### 3. Where can I take the prerequisites?

- Any accredited college, community college, or University of Phoenix.
- Review prerequisite course requirements by going to our website and looking at the “Acceptable Courses” document: [https://cein.nursing.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2466/2020/10/CEIN\\_Acceptable\\_Courses-October-2020\\_1.pdf](https://cein.nursing.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2466/2020/10/CEIN_Acceptable_Courses-October-2020_1.pdf)

#### 4. Is financial aid available?

- Yes, first complete a FAFSA form as a 5<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## 5. 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/>
- Additional costs may vary and 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 \$3,000 for the program.
- Uniforms cost approximately \$400.
- Travel & parking costs approximately \$300 per semester (Site dependent).

## 6. 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 to graduate school, V.A. benefits are accepted.

## 7. 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...

## 8. How competitive is the program?

- 45-50 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.

## 9. 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 2023 for the Class of 2024.
- Applicants to the 2024 cohort may have up to three outstanding prerequisite courses at the time an application is submitted. All prerequisites must be completed by the end of the Fall 2023 semester. Proof of enrollment in outstanding prerequisites must be uploaded to the application before it is submitted. Once a prerequisite is completed, official transcripts must be emailed to [heatherspo@uconn.edu](mailto:heatherspo@uconn.edu).

## 10. 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 workarounds or personal requests.

### 11. Can I take classes part time?

- The CEIN/BS Accelerated Second-Degree program is FULL TIME only.

### 12. What is the schedule for classes, clinical and lab?

- Storrs Campus - Class day – Fridays
- Avery Point – Class day - Fridays
- Stamford Campus - Class day - Fridays
- Waterbury Campus - Class day - Fridays
- Clinical and lab days may be scheduled on any day other than the class day, anytime from 6 a.m. to midnight, including Saturday and Sunday. Classes, clinical or lab days that fall on a holiday must be made up.

### 13. Information sessions

- Comprehensive Information Sessions will be offered on a regular basis via Web Ex.

### 14. What do I receive upon completion of the program?

- Accelerated Second-Degree CEIN/BS program graduates will receive a bachelor's degree in Nursing.

### 15. 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 U.S. 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.
- **Through 2022 we will accept the Duolingo test** which is administered online at <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/>. A minimum score of 115 is required. Scores must be emailed to [heatherspo@uconn.edu](mailto: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](mailto:cein@uconn.edu)**