ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE MASTER’S PROGRAM

The minimum requirement for admission to the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing (GEPN) is a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. No specific major is required, but collegiate courses in human anatomy, human physiology, statistics, and biophysical sciences are strongly recommended.

The minimum requirement for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) for registered nurses includes a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and graduation from a school of nursing approved by the licensing board of the state in which it is located. A course in statistics and research methods is recommended, but not required. Additionally, at least one year of professional nursing experience is highly recommended. Applicants must be licensed to practice nursing in at least one U.S. state. If the applicant is a new graduate, steps to obtain a Connecticut R.N. license must be in process at the time the applicant enters the program and must be completed no later than November 1. For additional information on admission standards, see Technical Standards for Admission and Progression in the chapter YSN Student Policies and Guidelines.

The following application materials are required:

1. Online application form
2. Nonrefundable application fee ($100)
3. Résumé/curriculum vitae
4. Personal statement/essay
5. One unofficial transcript from each college or university attended uploaded to the application portal. If admitted, applicants will be required to submit one official transcript from all colleges and universities attended. Applicants with an international degree transcript must submit a course-by-course evaluation conducted by a credentialing agency such as World Education Services [www.wes.org] or Educational Credential Evaluators [www.ece.org]. In addition, if a transcript is issued in a language other than English, it must be accompanied by an English translation.
6. Three letters of recommendation (academic and professional)
7. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test (see below for additional information).
8. TOEFL or IELTS scores for applicants whose native/primary language is not English (see below for additional information)

Application information is available online at https://apply.nursing.yale.edu/apply. Program information can be obtained by visiting http://nursing.yale.edu/admissions; or by contacting the Office of Admissions at ysnadmissions@yale.edu.

The deadline for GEPN and R.N. M.S.N. applicants is November 1.

Applications will be reviewed only if all application materials, including official GRE scores, are received by the above deadline. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all materials are received by the Office of Admissions in a timely manner. Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the November 1 deadline will not be forwarded to the Admissions Committee for consideration.

Following the initial review of written credentials, qualified applicants are asked to participate in a virtual interview with a faculty member. Interviews are generally held in January. Please visit the School’s website for details on interview dates.

Admission decisions are based upon a number of variables, which include evidence of motivation, academic ability, personal understanding of and propensity for advanced practice nursing, letters of recommendation, and potential for continued constructive use of the professional education. For clinical placement purposes, all accepted applicants will be required to undergo a background check before enrolling in the fall.

REAPPLICATION POLICY

Applicants to the Yale School of Nursing who have applied three times to the same program without an offer of admission will not be allowed to apply to that program again. Note: Programs that result in conferral of an identical degree are considered the same (GEPN and M.S.N.).

GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION

Applicants are required to take the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Test scores must be submitted electronically by the Educational Testing Service. The YSN GRE code is 3998. Scores that are more than five years old are not acceptable. The GRE requirement may be waived for applicants who hold both a bachelor’s degree with a minimum 3.2 GPA and a master of science or doctoral degree with a minimum 3.5 GPA. Please contact the Office of Admissions for additional details.

GEPN and R.N. applicants must take the GRE prior to the November 1 application deadline. In most cases, computer-based testing has replaced the paper format and can be scheduled year-round in the United States. International students must plan carefully, as the GRE may only be offered once a year in a specific country. It takes approximately 7-10 business days from the date of a computerized
administration for the official transcript of GRE scores to reach the School. Paper-based GRE results may take two months to reach the School. Prompt arrangements for taking this examination should be made in order to meet the application deadlines for receipt of scores.

Examinations are scheduled at specific times in centers located throughout the United States and many other countries. Information about the examination may be obtained by visiting www.ets.org/gre; by contacting Graduate Record Examinations, Educational Testing Service, PO Box 6000, Princeton NJ 08541-6000; or by telephoning 609.771.7670.

ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

All applicants whose native/primary language is other than English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Applicants with degrees from Australia, Canada (with the exception of Quebec), New Zealand, Singapore, Ireland, and the United Kingdom are exempt from taking the English proficiency exam. The following scores are required for admission to any programs at Yale School of Nursing:

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) minimum score: 100/120 total, with minimum section scores of Reading, 22/30; Listening, 22/30; Writing, 22/30; and Speaking, 24/30.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) minimum score: Band 7.0/9.0 total, with no section score below Band 6.5/9.0.

Arrangements to take the TOEFL must be made online at www.ets.org/toefl.

Arrangements to take the academic IELTS must be made online at www.ielts.org.

It typically takes a month from the date of administration for the official transcript of scores to reach the School. Prompt arrangements for taking an English examination should be made in order to meet the appropriate application deadline for receipt of scores.

COMMISSION ON GRADUATES OF FOREIGN NURSING SCHOOLS (CGFNS) EXAMINATION

Prior to enrolling at the School, graduates of foreign schools of nursing must pass the CGFNS Qualifying Exam as well as the NCLEX-RN examination in order to become a registered nurse (R.N.) in the United States. Several states, however, do not require successful completion of the CGFNS Qualifying Exam in order to take the NCLEX-RN. Information on the CGFNS Qualifying Exam can be obtained from the United States Embassy, the nurses’ association in the foreign country of residence, or www.cgfns.org. Information on the NCLEX-RN examination is available online at www.ncsbn.org/nclex.