

High School Direct Entry in Nursing

For High School Graduates

Program Description

The program offers direct entry to nursing for high school graduates who are dedicated to completing their Bachelor of Science in nursing degree in four years. Students can have confidence that they have been admitted to the nursing program while they complete their prerequisite classes in a cohort based learning model. Students enter the program in the fall of their freshman year. With the Bachelor of Science degree, the student is prepared to proceed to graduate education and pursue career development.

The Bachelor of Science degree prepares beginning-level generalist professional nurses to deliver care to individuals in a variety of health-care settings and meet the state requirements for eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination – Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). Potential applicants to the program are highly encouraged to attend an open house event or an informational session. Please visit the event page for upcoming events.

Fast Facts

- Outstanding faculty committed to advancing health care delivery.
- Cohort program designed to be completed in 4 years.
- Individual academic advising and support throughout the program.

“UH Manoa Nursing’s High School Direct Entry Program (HS DEN) gave me the wonderful opportunity to pursue my passion for nursing right after high school. As a kid, I knew I wanted to become a nurse because I enjoyed helping my Mom care for elderly patients in our home. The HS DEN program ensured that I would graduate from nursing school in four years. For me, that meant being able to live my dreams of becoming a nurse four years after high school! The school provided me with the right tools and guidance to be successful despite being young and having just graduated. The state-of-the-art simulation center, diverse clinical experiences, opportunities for leadership and service, and the most supportive faculty have all helped me to make the best out of my student nursing journey and prepared me to become the best nurse I can be!” – *Ina Beatrice Deloso, Class of 2019*



“After completing my first year in the High School Direct Entry in Nursing (DEN) Program, I am so excited to continue my nursing studies and look forward to the opportunities and challenges ahead. My experience in the DEN program was awesome right from the start! The program helped me develop a confident, positive perspective towards my studies and allowed me to discover more about myself. The program also helped me feel connected to other student nurses. We shared experiences, created friendships and supported each other during our freshman year. My professors and counselors are all remarkably supportive. I look forward to what the future will bring and I’m so glad to be a part of the DEN program.” – *Cameron King, High School Direct Entry in Nursing Program student, Class of*

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