

SUBMATRICULATION INTO THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL

This program offers an opportunity for Nursing students to apply to the University of Pennsylvania Law School (Penn Law) in their junior year, and to submatriculate into the Juris Doctor Program in their fourth year. It is designed for students deeply committed to the study of law. The program allows students to explore law from a set of multiple perspectives over an extended period of study. Students admitted to the program can complete the requirements for both the BSN and JD degrees in six years instead of the usual seven.

1. For the first three years, students should pursue the regular BSN plan of study, with the following exceptions:

- Do not take a Nursing elective
- Do not take a Nursing case study
- Do not take two free electives

These course units should be saved for later.

2. During the sophomore year, students should begin preparation for the LSAT and plan to take it during the summer following their sophomore year, or in the fall of their junior year. Students apply for admission to the law school during their junior year. For more detailed admissions/application information and deadlines, refer to the following web site:

<http://www.law.upenn.edu/prospective/>

3. Students complete their junior year as they continue with the regular BSN plan of study:

Class of 2014: Nursing 210/220 Nursing 240/270 Pharmacology (NURS 242), Statistics (Nursing 230), Research Methods (Nursing 260), sector requirements, etc.

Class of 2015 and beyond: Nursing 225/235, Nursing 245/255, Health and Social Policy (Nursing 134), Health Care Ethics (Nursing 330), Statistics (Nursing 230), Research Methods (NURS 547)

During the summer following their junior year, students (Class of 2014) take Psych (Nursing 321/322) and Community (Nursing 340/341); Class of 2015 and beyond, take Community Clinical (NURS 380).

6. During their senior year, students take all law school courses and, for all intents and purposes, are considered first-year law students.
7. During the first semester of their fifth year, students take four health-related law school courses (pre-approved by the School of Nursing) that apply to the case study, nursing elective, and free elective credit required for the BSN (which the student opted not to take earlier in her/his career). Throughout the semester, students also attend a Nursing Learning Lab to keep their nursing skills sharpened.
8. During the second semester of their fifth year, students take Senior Clinical (NURS 370/371 or NURS 390), Senior inquiry (NURS 385 or NURS 389), and one law school course. At the end of this year, their second year of law school, the student will have completed her/his BSN and can sit for State Boards during the summer following the spring semester.
9. The sixth year is dedicated entirely to law school.

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