

Policy S-1
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING

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TITLE: **ADMISSION**

POLICY: The College of Nursing has a limited enrollment program.

RATIONALE: The Nursing Program is a limited access major with required prerequisites and sequential ordering of courses. Admission is highly competitive based on previous academic performance. The College of Nursing must screen applicants and control admission to insure adequate resources (e.g., faculty, clinical placement) for the delivery of high quality nursing education.

PROCEDURE:

BSN Program – Standard Admission

1. A separate application to the College of Nursing is required for admission to the Nursing Program.
2. Applicants must satisfy the following admission requirements PRIOR to entering the Nursing Program:
 - a. Complete 60 unduplicated credit hours (completion of FSU's Liberal Studies requirements is strongly suggested) or have an Associate of Arts degree from a Florida institution of higher education or an equivalent out-of-state institution;
 - b. Earn an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
 - c. Earn a science prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher (on courses listed below with an asterisk);
 - d. Complete the following Florida State University courses (or their equivalent) with a C or higher:

*CHM1032	Chemistry for Allied Health	3 hours
*BSC2085	Anatomy & Physiology I	3 hours
*BSC2085L	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1 hour
*BSC2086	Anatomy & Physiology II	3 hours
*BSC2086L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1 hour
*MCB2004	General Microbiology	3 hours

*MCB2004L	General Microbiology Lab	1 hour
*HUN1201	Human Nutrition	3 hours
PSY2012	General Psychology	3 hours
SYG1000	Introductory Sociology	3 hours
STA1013	Statistics Through Example	3 hours
FAD3220	Life Span Development	3 hours

- e. Complete the HESI A2 test.
3. At the time of application:
- The overall cumulative GPA and the science prerequisite GPA must be at a 3.0 or higher.
 - At least six of the twelve prerequisite courses must be completed with a C or better, including at least three of the science prerequisites (marked with an asterisk above).
4. Any prerequisite may be retaken, in accordance with University Policy (see ~~repeat course surcharge~~ in the General Bulletin). Both grades will enter into a student's overall cumulative GPA. For any science prerequisite that is retaken:
- When both grades have been posted at the time of application, both grades will be used in formulating the science prerequisite GPA;
 - When only the first grade has been posted and the student is currently enrolled in the course at the time of the application, only the first grade will enter into the science prerequisite GPA.
5. A higher level science or math course grade will substitute for a lower level science or math course grade only if it is higher (when both courses would satisfy the prerequisite requirement) for the purposes of application evaluation. Both grades will enter into a student's overall cumulative GPA.
6. The HESI A2 exam may be taken up to two times in the span of five years, and the higher of the two will be used for the purposes of application evaluation. The HESI A2 may not be taken twice during one application cycle.
7. BSC2010 & 2010L (Biology for Majors or its equivalent) is a prerequisite of BSC2085 & 2085L (Anatomy & Physiology I or its equivalent), unless the student has earned a Bachelors or Associate of Arts degree from a Florida institution of higher education or an equivalent out-of-state institution.

8. All previously earned credits, including prerequisites that are more than 10 years old are subject to reevaluation by the Dean of the College of Nursing before entry into the program.
9. The College of Nursing reserves the right to interview applicants at their discretion.

BSN Program – Provisional Freshman Admission

1. In January, the College of Nursing Admissions Committee will request a list of freshmen admitted to Florida State University as pre-nursing majors from the Office of Admissions. The students on the list will have the following credentials:
 - a. either an SAT score of 1170 or higher or an ACT composite score of 28 or higher; and
 - b. a high school GPA of 4.1 or higher.
2. The Admissions Committee will screen the records and invite a select pool of candidates to apply for direct admission to the nursing program. The invitation letter and the Freshman Nursing Application for Admission will be mailed to the selected candidates by the beginning of February with a specified return date in the middle of February.
3. Upon receipt of the completed applications, the Admission Committee will meet to determine which freshmen will be admitted to the major, and notify students of their direct admission to the program by the end of February.
4. These students will be monitored closely throughout their freshman and sophomore years to be sure they achieve the established milestones of GPA and prerequisite requirements. Students who meet all milestones found on the Nursing academic map will transition into the nursing program in their junior year. Students who fail to meet any milestone found on the Nursing academic map will have their pre-admitted status revoked and will be required to apply for admission to the CON with the pre-nursing students.
5. In their sophomore year, these students are required to take the HESI A2 in January and must submit an application for admission to the College of Nursing by February 1.

RN to BSN Admission

1. Students applying to the RN to BSN Program offered by the College of Nursing must meet both the University and College of Nursing program entrance requirements before they will be considered for admission. A separate application to the College of Nursing is required for admission to the RN to BSN Program. Criteria for admission to the RN to BSN Program include:

University Requirements

- Meet all general transfer admission requirements for The Florida State University.
- Have a minimum of 60 semester hours of transferable credit. (AA degree strongly recommended)
- Verify satisfactory completion of the Florida CLAST.
- Verify satisfactory completion of the University's Foreign Language Entrance Requirement.

College of Nursing Requirements

- Have earned an overall cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher.
- Have earned an average science GPA of 2.5 on the courses which are marked with an asterisk below
- Possess a current unencumbered RN License from the state of Florida.

2. A student will not be granted formal admission to the RN to BSN Program until the following prerequisite courses (or their equivalents) have been completed with a grade of C or higher:

BSC X085	Anatomy & Physiology I*	3 hours
BSC X085L	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab*	1 hour
BSC X086	Anatomy & Physiology II*	3 hours
BSC X086L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab*	1 hour
CHM XXXX	General Chemistry* (CHM 1030 or higher)	3 hours
MCB X010	General Microbiology*	3 hours
MCB X010L	General Microbiology Lab*	1 hour
HUN X201	Science of Nutrition*	3 hours
PSY X012	General Psychology	3 hours
SYG X000	Introductory Sociology	3 hours
DEP X004	Human Growth and Development Across the Life Span	3 hours
STA X014	Statistics	3 hours

5. A student who applies as a Non-degree Seeking Special Student may be granted provisional admission provided that all College of Nursing admission criteria have been met. Upon reclassification as a degree-seeking student, up to 15 hours of credit earned as a special student may be applied toward the degree hours required with the approval of the Dean of the College of Nursing.
6. Students are expected to complete all nursing prerequisites prior to admission into the upper division RN-BSN program. Students may, however, take up to 2 nursing prerequisites so long as they are completed within the first semester of enrollment.
7. The FSU liberal arts requirement may be completed after enrollment in the upper division RN-BSN program, but must be completed prior to graduation.

Graduate Admission

1. A separate application to the College of Nursing is required for admission to the Nursing Graduate Program. Criteria for admission to the Graduate Program include the following:
 - Bachelor of Science degree from a nationally accredited program with an upper-division grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
 - A Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score of 1000 or greater on the combined verbal and quantitative sections.
 - Licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Florida.
2. Students meeting CON admissions criteria (and minimum BOE requirements) can be admitted by the College of Nursing Admissions and Progressions Committee as *Degree-Seeking*.
3. Students whose GPA or GRE is less than the required BOE minimum can be admitted as *Provisional* for one term based on the decision of the College of Nursing Admissions and Progressions Committee (A provisional graduate student who does not meet BOE requirements must have taken a minimum of nine (9) semester hours of graduate-level course work (excluding S/U courses) during the semester of provisional status and must have earned a 3.0 average on all graduate work in order to be admitted to degree-seeking graduate status the following term.)
4. Students who meet neither GPA nor GRE standards but who have compelling support for their ability to handle graduate-level courses can be admitted through graduate-level faculty decision as *Degree-Seeking by Exception*, based on availability of University allowed exceptions for the program for the year.

5. Students who do not meet admissions criteria and have no evidence to support further consideration can be denied admission by the College of Nursing Admissions and Progressions Committee.
6. Students who apply as non-degree seeking *Special* students and subsequently decide to pursue a degree may be reclassified as degree-seeking upon meeting regular CON and BOE graduate admissions requirements. Work taken as a special student can, with approval of the Director and Dean, be counted toward the degree, provided the student qualifies for admission into a graduate degree program. A maximum of twelve (12) hours of graduate-level credit with a grade of B or better in each course may be accepted toward the degree.
7. The process of admissions will occur on an individual basis as each record is complete.

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