BSN Admission Information

Admission Criteria

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0 to be considered for admission. Application deadlines are June 7 for fall admissions and October 1 for spring admissions. The following courses must be completed with a "C" or higher in the term proceeding program start (for spring admissions) or by the application deadline (for fall admissions):

- ENGL 10103 Composition I
- ENGL 10203 Composition II
- MATH 11003 College Algebra
- PSYC 11003 Intro to Psychology OR SOCI 10102 Intro to Sociology
- BIOL 24003/24001 Human Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
- At least one of the following courses/labs.
  - BIOL 24103/22101 Human Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
  - BIOL 20003/20001 Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health & Lab
  - CHEM 12103/12101 Fundamental Concepts of Chemistry & Lab
- At least one of the following courses.
  - HIST 21103 U.S. History to 1876
  - HIST 21203 U.S. History since 1876
  - POSC 20003 U.S. Government

All course attempts will be considered in the calculation of prerequisite GPA.

English Proficiency requirements (see website for details)

Consideration will be given for Spanish proficiency.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

The College of Nursing and Health Professions School of Nursing requires a high level of proficiency in English so that all students will be able to fully meet academic and clinical objectives as well as meet criteria for professional licensure. Applicants whose primary language is not English or did not attend K-12 in the United States must demonstrate English language proficiency. Please refer to the School of Nursing English Proficiency Requirements.

Admission Process

Limited Positions Available- See previous admission cycle data on our Traditional BSN FAQ page.

Acceptance to the University does not guarantee admission to any nursing program.

To apply for the Traditional BSN program, candidates must follow the steps below:

- Apply for admission to Arkansas State University.
- Submit the online BSN application form by the appropriate deadline - Spring - available August 31, deadline October 1; Fall - available April 30, deadline June 7.
- Applicants must submit all transfer coursework to the registrar's office by May 25th. **DO NOT** submit official transcripts to the School of Nursing.

How to Apply - Effective Spring 2023, the traditional BSN will have two admission cycles - Spring and Fall.

Additional Admission Information

Documentation

Upon being admitted into the BSN program, students will be required to supply additional documentation including current CPR certification, Hepatitis B immunizations, TB skin test or chest x-ray, Tetanus and MMR. (These are NOT required for initial application)

Based on recent legislation in Arkansas, students admitted to professional programs that lead to licensure upon graduation are required to have a successful background check to complete formal admission.

All documentation required by the School of Nursing must be kept current at all times during the course of your program.

Deadlines

All applications and transcripts must be received by the applicable application deadline to be considered for admission.

Limited Positions Available

Please note that class size is limited and that all applicants may not be accepted into the program. Applicants will be ranked for admission based on a calculated admission score, which factors in the applicant's cumulative and prerequisite GPAs.

Early Admission Process

Students may be considered for early admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program option if they meet the following criteria:

- Cumulative and prerequisite GPA of 3.75 or higher
- All prerequisites complete

Students may indicate that would like to request early admission when they complete their application.

Applying for RN Licensure

Upon completion of the BSN program, the student is eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse. A first time applicant for any licensure by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing will have a state and national criminal background check. Any offense identified in section §17-87-312 of the Nurse Practice Act may prohibit a graduate from obtaining a license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of Arkansas.

Although an appeal may be possible, there are offenses that permanently disqualify an applicant from a license. A complete list of criminal acts that prevent licensure as a registered nurse can be found at the Arkansas State Board of Nursing website (www.arsbn.org) and on the nursing website. If students have any reason to believe that they may be ineligible to write the NCLEX-RN, they should discuss this matter with someone knowledgeable about nursing laws and/or contact the Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN).

Readmission Criteria

For those seeking readmission to the BSN program, a 3.0 cumulative GPA is required as well as any other requirements detailed on your individual readmission letter.

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