

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN NURSING

All applicants who meet minimum requirements for admission are presented to the Nursing Faculty Committee for consideration regarding admittance into the nursing program. Admission into the Associate in Science in Nursing program is highly competitive. Meeting eligibility requirements **DOES NOT** guarantee admission into the nursing program.

Applicants must first be admitted to the University of West Alabama. Additionally, applicants for admission to the Associate in Science in Nursing program at the Ira D. Pruitt College of Nursing must meet the following criteria:

1. **College of Nursing Application.** Submit a completed online [College of Nursing Application](#) for admission by the published deadline. Only completed applications will be considered for admission.
2. **Cumulative GPA** on all post-secondary coursework must be 2.5 or higher (incoming freshmen and transfers).
3. **General Education Course GPA of 3.0 preferred.** It is best for a student to maintain a “B” or higher in each prerequisite general education course required for the nursing major (Written English I, Anatomy & Physiology I, General Psychology, and a Fine Art or Humanity.)
4. **HESI A2 (Health Systems, Inc. Admission Assessment) Entrance Exam Score of 75% or higher.** HESI A2 cumulative score includes Reading Comprehension, Grammar, and Vocabulary modules. The HESI A2 exam may be taken two (2) times in one twelve-month period (January to December) to achieve a passing score. All scores expire in December. *If a student scores higher than 85% on the HESI 2, the exam will remain valid for two years from the date taken.
5. **ACT Composite Score.** Submit a copy of the ACT composite to the College of Nursing. *Licensed Practical Nurses with a minimum of one-year clinical experience who hold an unencumbered license and individuals with professional employment status for one year who have completed a BA, BS, or graduate degree are not required to submit an ACT score.*
6. **NS 100, Introduction to Nursing.** Complete this course with a score of 70% or higher before entering the first nursing course.

*After meeting all admission requirements, applicants will be rank-ordered using a point-based system for admission into the nursing program (see Admissions Scoring Tool). It should be noted that no points will be awarded if students earn a grade of “C” in a course or if a course is repeated. Applicants may be admitted on a conditional basis pending official transcript receipt of grades and order ranking.

*The number of seats available may vary annually and is partially determined by availability of clinical space.