

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRELICENSURE BSN

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 Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is highly competitive and seating is limited. Meeting eligibility requirements **DOES NOT** guarantee admission into the nursing program.

Applicants must first be admitted to the University of West Alabama and complete **ALL general education** (prerequisite) **courses** as described in the student's course catalog. Additionally, applicants for admission to the Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing program 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 required nursing general education course criteria must be 2.75 or higher (incoming freshmen and transfers).
3. **HESI A2 (Health Systems, Inc. Admission Assessment) Entrance Exam Score of 80% 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. If a student has an ACT Composite Score of 23 or higher, the HESI will be waived.
4. **ACT Composite Score.** Submit a copy of the ACT composite to the College of Nursing. Students must have a minimum ACT Composite Score of 18. *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.*

*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.

Preferred Admissions:

The College of Nursing's Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is divided into lower (general education courses) and upper levels (nursing courses). For Preferred Admission, the CON will consider applicants for the Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing program with outstanding academic performance. Preferred Admission acceptance guarantees admission into the upper-level Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing program if certain prerequisite conditions are met during the first one to two years at UWA.

Preferred Admission within the College of Nursing Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing requires the following conditions:

1. An ACT composite score of 23 or higher
2. A high school GPA of 3.5 or higher or a college transfer GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Complete at least two semesters of general education (prerequisite) coursework at UWA before entering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.
4. Maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA in all general education (prerequisite) coursework required for the BSN program.

All of the above conditions must be met to be considered a Preferred Admission candidate.