Pre-Licensure BSN Admissions Criteria

Applicants must be accepted into Valdosta State University as an undergraduate student prior to application submission. Please note that acceptance to the Nursing Program is separate from, and conditional to, acceptance to Valdosta State University. Students will be required to provide a valid VSU student identification number on their nursing application.

1. **Minimum cumulative overall GPA of 2.8 based on all attempted coursework, and a minimum nursing GPA of 2.8 based on prerequisite courses required for the nursing major.**

   Nursing GPA is calculated based on courses listed on the core curriculum worksheet. If a course is repeated, only the most current grade will be calculated, whether the grade is better or worse than the first. See special requirements for areas DIIB and F below.

2. **Successful Completion of 7 of the following 10 prerequisite courses** prior to application to the nursing program, 5 of which must be from the math and science requirements* in areas DIIB and F. NURS 2700 is considered as a science requirement. All requirements must be completed prior to entering the nursing program.

   - ENGL 1101- Composition I
   - ENGL 1102 _ Composition II
   - BIOL 2651 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I*
   - BIOL 2652 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II*
   - BIOL 2900 – Microbiology in Health and Disease*
   - MATH 2620 – Statistical Methods*
   - NURS 2700 – Pathophysiology*
   - PSYC 2700 – Human Growth and Development

   One Science Sequence in area DIIB. Choose from one of the following sequences:
   - CHEM 1151 – Survey of Chemistry I*
   - CHEM 1151 – Survey of Chemistry II*
     - or
   - CHEM 1211 & 1211L – Principles of Chemistry I & Lab*
   - CHEM 1212 & 1212L – Principles of Chemistry II & Lab*
     - or
   - BIOL 1010 & 1020L – Introduction to Biology: The Evolution and Diversity of Life & Biodiversity Lab*
   - BIOL 1030 & 1040L – Introduction to Biology: Organismal Biology & Organismal Biology Lab*
     - or
   - PHYS 1111K – Introductory Physics I*
   - PHYS 1112K – Introductory Physics II*

3. **Minimum of “C” in each math and science course in areas DIIB and F.** NURS 2700 is considered as a science requirement. Math and science courses in areas DIIB and F may not be repeated more than one time. Courses in Area F older than 10 years at time of program application deadline must be retaken for consideration into the program.
4. **Successful completion of the required standardized entrance examination.** The entrance exam may be repeated only once during any admission cycle (from application deadline to application deadline). Scores submitted for the entrance exam must reflect a test date no more than 24 months prior to application to the nursing program. Students taking the exam at an institution other than VSU are responsible for contacting the testing agency to have the results submitted directly to VSU.

**Important Considerations:**

- Applicants who have been excluded from another nursing program for any reason, including (but not limited to) academic misconduct, disruptive behavior, or program failure must petition the CON Admissions & Progressions Committee PRIOR to application for eligibility consideration. Applicants who fail to disclose exclusion from another program may not be eligible for consideration into the program. Any nursing student who fails to disclose previous exclusion from a previous program is subject to immediate dismissal from the current program.

- Students are considered for admission based on academic performance in required pre-nursing core curriculum, performance on a standardized entrance test, and availability of resources. Meeting minimum admission standards does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Admission decisions are based on a COMPETITIVE process using a nursing GPA calculation based on your prerequisite coursework. Transfer grades from other colleges and universities that meet the criteria for the required nursing Core Curriculum courses will be used in the computation of the overall and nursing GPA for the College of Nursing.

- **There are two types of admission.**

  1. Full acceptance is offered when all criteria are met and there is a seat available. Students who meet all admission criteria for whom there is not an available seat will be notified and their applications will be held active until after the first week of classes in which the cohort begins the upper division nursing program. If any seats become available students will be notified immediately. It is therefore critical that applicants keep the College of Nursing updated with current address, email and phone number.

  2. Contingent acceptance is predicated upon successful completion of unmet criteria.

Applicants not selected for admission who wish to be considered for future cohorts will need to complete the entire admission process again for the next cohort available. This includes submission of a new application via NursingCAS (http://www.nursingcas.org) prior to the next application deadline as well as the completion of academic and applicant advising. You will not be considered an active applicant if you do not complete the entire application process. All applicants must meet admission criteria in place at time of application, which may be different from previous application period.