



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN NURSING

All applications that meet the minimum requirements for admission are presented to the Nursing Faculty Committee for review and determination regarding admittance into the nursing program. Admission into the Division of Nursing is highly competitive. Meeting all 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 Ira D. Pruitt Division of Nursing must meet the following criteria:

1. A cumulative academic grade point average of 3.0 on all high school coursework (for entering freshmen) or a 2.5 on all post-secondary coursework (for transfer students).
2. 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.) A point-based system will be used to rank students for admission into the nursing program (see Admissions Scoring Tool). It should be noted that if students earn a grade of "C" in a course or if a course is repeated, no points will be awarded.
3. Achieve a minimum cumulative score of 75% on the HESI A2 (Health Systems, Inc. Admission Assessment). 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 A2, the exam will remain valid for two years from the date taken.
4. Submit a completed online Division of Nursing Application for Admission by the July 15th deadline. Only completed applications will be considered for admission.
5. Submit a copy of the ACT composite to the Division of Nursing.
6. Complete [UWA 104. Freshman Seminar in Nursing](#) course with a score of 70% or higher.

**After meeting all admissions requirements, applicants will be rank-ordered using the point-based system. Applicants may be admitted on a conditional basis pending official transcript receipt of fall grades and order ranking.*

**The number of seats available annually will be determined by the availability of clinical space.*

Admissions Scoring Tool

After meeting all admissions requirements, applicants will be rank-ordered using the following point-based system.

Name	Student ID	Date	
Criteria	Calculation of Points	Student's Data	Points Earned
Cumulative HESI score	<i>One point for every point above 75.</i>		
Overall UWA GPA	<i>3.8-4.0 = 6 points</i> <i>3.5-3.7 = 5 points</i> <i>3.3-3.4 = 4 points</i> <i>3.0-3.2 = 3 points</i> <i>2.5-2.9 = 2 points</i> <i><2.5 = 0 points</i>		
Overall Transfer GPA	<i>3.8-4.0 = 4 points</i> <i>3.5-3.7 = 3 points</i> <i>3.3-3.4 = 2 points</i> <i>3.0-3.2 = 1 point</i> <i>2.5-2.9 = 0 point</i>		
LPN Exemption Score	38 preferred points. <i>Must have unencumbered LPN license, minimum 1 year clinical experience</i>		
Professional Employment Exemption Score	38 preferred points. <i>Must have completed BA, BS, or graduate degree, minimum 1 year experience in professional field</i>		
Grade achieved in EH 101 *0 points for repeated course	<i>A = 6 points</i> <i>B = 3 points</i> <i>C = 0 points</i>		
Grade achieved in PY 100 *0 points for repeated course	<i>A = 6 points</i> <i>B = 3 points</i> <i>C = 0 points</i>		
Grade achieved in BY 231 *0 points for repeated course	<i>A = 10 points</i> <i>B = 5 points</i> <i>C = 0 points</i>		
Grade achieved in UWA 104 *0 points for repeated course	<i>A = 4 points</i> <i>B = 2 points</i> <i>C = 0 points</i>		
ACT Score	<i>One point for every point above 18</i>		
Completed all courses at UWA	<i>10 points (enter "yes" or "no")</i>		
No prerequisite courses (EH101, PY100, BY231) have been repeated for a higher grade.	<i>5 points (enter "yes" or "no")</i>		

**If a student takes additional general education courses required for the nursing major, and receives a grade of "B" or higher, additional points may be accrued.

**At this time the DON does not require a specific ACT score. However, points are given for a score greater than 18. (LPNS and professionals who hold a BA, BS, or higher degree are exempted from the ACT requirement)



TRANSFER STUDENTS

All transfer students must meet the admission criteria of the Nursing Program. Students may transfer credit from an accredited institution for general education course requirements for which a minimum grade of “C” was achieved. All nursing coursework must be completed at the Ira D. Pruitt Division of Nursing.

Transfer students who have failed to successfully complete a nursing program or programs elsewhere will be placed into one of the following categories in terms of admission status:

1. A student who has one failure in a nursing course at another institution with such failure occurring greater than five years prior to application to the Division of Nursing will be required to apply as a new admission.
2. A student who has one failure in a nursing course at another institution with such failure occurring within five years of application to the Division of Nursing will be considered for admission. The applicant must present a letter from the nursing program in which he/she was enrolled validating eligibility for readmission. If the applicant is admitted but fails to successfully complete the curriculum requirements of the Ira D. Pruitt Division of Nursing, the student will be ineligible for readmission.
3. A student who has twice failed a nursing course prior to applying to the Ira D. Pruitt Division of Nursing will be ineligible for admission.

The Division of Nursing offers a Clinical Exemption Plan for Licensed Practical Nurses. For more information on the Clinical Exemption Plan, see the next page.

Students will be notified via written correspondence of admission into the nursing program.