



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. A cumulative 3.0 grade point average in the following required pre-nursing general education courses:
 - a. English I (EH 101) **or** Advanced Written English (EH 104)
 - b. *Anatomy and Physiology I **or** II (BY 231 or BY 232)
 - c. *Psychology (PY 100) **or** Developmental Psychology (PY 310)

For admission purposes, a student is allowed to repeat only **ONE** of the above pre-nursing general education courses to earn a higher grade and improve their cumulative grade point average.

*Anatomy and Physiology, Psychology, and Microbiology courses should be completed within five years of seeking admission into the Division of Nursing. Special consideration will be given to those who work in the health care field or who hold a professional degree and completed these courses more than five years ago.

3. Make a minimum cumulative score of 75% on the HESI (Health Systems, Inc.) A2 (Admission Assessment) Reading Comprehension, Grammar, and Vocabulary modules. The HESI A2 entrance exam can only be taken **TWO** times in one twelve-month period (January – December) to achieve a passing score. All scores expire in December prior to the admitting year.
4. Submit a completed online Division of Nursing Application for Admission by the June 1st deadline. Only completed applications will be considered for admission.
5. Submit a copy of the ACT composite score to the Division of Nursing.
6. Successfully complete the UWA 104 Seminar for Nursing course with a score of 70% or higher.
7. Take a fine art or humanity and pass with a grade of “C” or higher.

**Applicants may be admitted on a conditional basis pending official transcript receipt of fall grades.*



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.



The Division of Nursing Scoring Tool allows students to earn a maximum of 80 points. After meeting all admission requirements, applicants will be rank-ordered using the following point based system.

Admissions Scoring Tool			
<i>After meeting all admissions requirements, applicants will be rank-ordered using the following point-based system.</i>			
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>	100	25
Grade achieved in EH 101	<i>A = 6 points B = 3 points C = 0 points</i>	A	6
Grade achieved in PY 100	<i>A = 6 points B = 3 points C = 0 points</i>	A	6
Grade achieved in BY 231	<i>A = 10 points B = 5 points C = 0 points</i>	A	10
Grade achieved in UWA 104	<i>A = 4 points B = 2 points C = 0 points</i>	A	4
ACT Score	<i>One point for every point above 18</i>	36	18
Completed all courses at UWA	<i>10 points (enter "yes" or "no")</i>	yes	10
No prerequisite courses (EH101, PY100, BY231) have been repeated for a higher grade.	<i>1 point (enter "yes" or "no")</i>	yes	1
TOTAL Earned Points:			80