



Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program Admissions Criteria and Procedures

The minimum admission requirements include:

1. Successful completion of required general education course and prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or higher (no C-) and a minimum GPA of 2.75.
2. Successful completion of the science courses A&P I, A&P II, Chemistry, and Microbiology with a “B” or higher within the past 5 years.
3. Courses considered for admission to the Nursing Program must appear on the student’s St Andrews University transcript.
4. Students may be considered for conditional acceptance to the Nursing Program with General Education core semester hours still outstanding. No more than 3 General Education core classes outstanding is recommended. All remaining General Education core requirements must be completed by the end of the summer semester prior to entering the senior year of nursing courses (**Per approval of Program Chair**).
5. Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
6. Successful completion of the required nursing entrance exam HESI A2.
7. Signed validation of the Student Handbook which contains program essential information pertaining to admission, progression and graduation.
8. Submission of a completed nursing program application to the Nursing Department by the advertised deadline with all required supporting documents.
9. Interview with the Nursing Program Admissions Committee (Candidates must demonstrate oral and written skills through both an interview and written essay).
10. Applicants to the Pre-Licensure BSN Program must also meet St Andrews University admission policies (**see University Student handbook**). Transfer students may be accepted but should read the section below titled “Transfer Students”.

Following acceptance into the Nursing Program, all students must provide documentation of the following requirements:

1. Physical examination.
2. Completion of all immunization and communicable disease screenings, including:
 - a. Tuberculosis PPD (yearly)
 - b. Tetanus vaccination or booster within the last 5 years
 - c. MMR vaccine (Measles/Mumps/Rubella) immunization or an MMR titer
 - d. Varicella titer or record of immunization
 - e. Hepatitis B vaccination
3. American Heart Association Certification in CPR (current)
4. Certification in AIDS/HIV precautions (4 hours)
5. Background check (fingerprinting) (Clean background check for past 7 years or 10 if clinical agency requires).
6. Negative Drug Screening (10 panel)
7. Nursing Program students are required to complete all NUR courses with a grade of B- (80) to progress in the program.
8. Influenza shot must be taken annually or documentation from physician stating allergy to vaccine.

Nursing students may be required to return to campus prior to the start of fall classes to complete orientations and certifications. Nursing students are responsible for all expenses related to obtaining physical exams and immunizations. They are also responsible may also be responsible for additional expenses including but not limited to clothing, transportation to clinical sites, or memberships.

Admission requirements will be updated annually or as needed. Please note that the curriculum is an ever-evolving process and prerequisites and courses may change as a result of the curriculum review process. Any changes to admission policies will be published in the university catalog and available electronically.

Transfer Students:

Transfer students who wish to apply to the Nursing Program are encouraged to apply to the

University early so official transcripts may be evaluated for transfer credit. Acceptance or non-acceptance of transfer courses to St Andrews University will be at the discretion of the St Andrews University Registrar and/or the appropriate Department Head(s) (see University Student Handbook).

Transferring Nursing Students:

St Andrews University (SAU) general student classification admission policies for transfer students apply to transferring nursing students. Students wishing to transfer nursing credits must meet SAU general admissions requirements. Nursing Program admission requirements must also be met except for the nursing pre-admission test. A letter of recommendation including evidence of clinical and lab competency must be submitted from a faculty member from the previous nursing program. Transfer credits will not be granted for any nursing courses earned in a practical nursing program. However, academic courses, if earned through a college or university, will be evaluated for transfer. Nursing courses from a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), or National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accredited or state approved professional baccalaureate program of nursing will be evaluated for transfer on an individual basis. Admission is dependent upon available resources and clinical placement availability if all requirements are met.

In order to apply to the nursing program students must first meet basic SAU admission requirements (see **University Student Handbook**).

Advisement Policy

The responsibility for completion of requirements for the degree lies with the student. Students and their major advisor are responsible for evaluating progress toward the degree and for interpreting and applying major requirements. All nursing students must be advised prior to registration.

Procedure for Advisement:

Each student should plan to meet with their advisor at least once each semester to discuss and update their file or before dropping or adding a course. Faculty member's office hours are posted outside their respective doors and during advisement week additional hours may be offered to accommodate

students for advisement. If the hours posted are not convenient, it is the student's responsibility to contact his/her advisor (email, telephone) and arrange an acceptable time.

Students must meet with their assigned Nursing Student advisor during pre-registration/advisement time. During this meeting the advisor and the student will select the appropriate courses and prepare the student's schedule for the subsequent semester. It is important for students to have a tentative schedule planned prior to meeting with the advisor. Students will not be able to register until they have met with their assigned advisor. Once the advisement session and appropriate forms are completed, the advisement hold will be removed, and the student can register for the selected courses.

In anticipation of graduation, the student must meet with the advisor the semester prior to graduation. A degree audit will be performed to ensure that all courses requirements have been met or are in process of being completed. These courses must appear on the official transcript to receive credit.

St Andrews BSN Master Curriculum Plan

TERMS		CR HRS
1st Year (General Education)		34
SPRING		
WRT110	Composition I	3
BIO221	Anatomy and Physiology, I	4
SAGE125	First Year Experience	3
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
MAT225	Introductory Statistics	3
PNUR101	Professional Nursing, I	1
		17
FALL		
WRT120	Composition 2	3
BIO222	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
SAGE230	Human Thought and Culture I	3
HUM	Approved Humanities Course (elective)	3
DEP200	Lifespan Development	3
PNUR111	Professional Nursing II	1
		17
2nd Year (General Education & Pre-core, and Core Requirements)		29
SPRING		
ART/AESTHETICS	Approved Course (elective)	3
CHE210	Essential Concepts of Chemistry	3
CHE210L	Essential Concepts of Chemistry Lab	1
SAGE240	Human Thought and Culture II	3
BIO365	Microbiology	4
SAGE381	Transitions	1
		15
FALL		
NUR203	Care Management I: Fundamentals of Nursing	7
NUR205	Physical Assessment in Healthcare	3
NUR214	Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics	4
		14
SUB-TOTAL		63

3rd Year (Core Requirements)		29
SPRING		
NUR312	Pathophysiology for BSN	4
NUR316	Nursing Research for Evidence Based Practice	3
NUR321	Care Management II: Adult Health I	7
		14
FALL		
NUR341	Care Management III: Maternal/Child Nursing	7
NUR380	Information Technology for Nursing	3
NUR304	Health Promotion Disease Prevention: A Community Perspective	5
		15
4th Year (Core Requirements)		28
SPRING		
NUR382	Ethical and Legal Issues in Healthcare	3
NUR376	Care of the Elderly	3
NUR355	Mental Health Concepts in Nursing	5
SAGE450	Global Issues and Ethical Responses	3
		14
FALL		
NUR476	Care Management IV: Adult health II	7
NUR482	Nursing Capstone Senior Seminar	4
NUR488	Nursing Leadership in Systems of Healthcare	3
		14
SUB-TOTAL		57
GRAND-TOTAL		120