

Admission Requirements

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 mee basic SAU admission requirements (see **University Student Handbook**).