

Nursing Program Admission Requirements and Information

Admission into the Nursing Program is a competitive process. Students seeking admission to the Nursing Program must fulfill the admission process for SUNY Ulster **and** the admission process for the Nursing Program. Moral Character requirements must be met for all applicants to obtain a license to practice the Nursing Professions following successful completion of the program. Federal and/or State Law concerning U.S. Citizenship may affect a student's ability to obtain a license to practice the Nursing Professions following successful completion of the program. Compliance with all licensing requirements remains the responsibility of the student.

Prospective students must complete the following steps to apply for admission to the Nursing Program:

STEP 1- Standard Admissions and Enrollment Process for SUNY Ulster

- Submission of a completed Admissions application to SUNY Ulster and completion of all admission requirements.
 - This includes submission of supporting materials (e.g. official college transcripts, high school transcripts, etc).
 - Students can apply online and access detailed information on SUNY Ulster's admission process at [Step 1 - Apply - SUNY Ulster](#) .

Students are admitted to the college as an Individual Studies major until they are officially accepted into the SUNY Ulster Nursing program.

STEP 2 – Admission Process for the Nursing Program

To be considered for admission into the Nursing Program, prospective students must:

- Complete the online SUNY Ulster Nursing Program application by February 15th [Link to Nursing Information Page](#) .
 - Applications will be accepted starting September 15th for the following academic year.
- Complete the HESI admission assessment exam.
 - Exams are offered in the first quarter of the calendar year (see [Link to Nursing Information Page](#) and student portal).
 - The exam may be taken only twice per calendar year.
 - The higher HESI A2 grade will be used.
 - Exam results are valid for two academic years

Minimum Requirements for Admission Consideration into the Nursing Program

- HESI Admission Assessment exam performance must be a cumulative score of 75% or higher. Please see [HESI A2 RN Exam Overview](#)
- SUNY Ulster cumulative GPA minimum of 2.0.
- Performance in any General Education/Liberal Arts and Science courses that are a part of the pre/co requisites for the nursing curriculum must be and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.
 - All required science courses must have been completed with a C or higher within the past five years.
 - Students transferring anatomy and physiology (BIO107 & BIO108) courses with a "C" or higher and be within five years of starting the SUNY Ulster Nursing Program.
 - BIO 107 and BIO 108 may be repeated only once within the past five years. If during that time frame the student is unsuccessful on the 2nd attempt, the student is not a candidate for the Nursing program.

Current High School Students

- HESI Admission Assessment exam performance must be a cumulative score of 75% or above.
- Performance in any General Education/Liberal Arts, and Math High School courses with a minimum final grade of 75 or higher.
- New York State Regents exam scores of 75 or higher in Biology and/or Chemistry
- Collegian Courses (if applicable) final grade of C or higher.

Nursing Admission Rubric

- Only one course repeated for a possible higher grade will be used.
- Most recent grades will be used. [Link to Nursing Admission Scoring Rubric](#)

Nursing Courses from Other Institutions

- Nursing courses from other institutions are not accepted.
- An applicant earning less than a "C" in two nursing courses (or the same course two times) at any institution, including SUNY Ulster, will not be a candidate for the SUNY Ulster Nursing program.
 - An applicant with a "W" in a nursing course from another institution must provide proof they were passing the nursing course or the "W" will be considered less than a "C".
 - An applicant that has taken nursing courses at another institution will need to provide documentation of good standing from the prior program(s). Contact Nursing_Admissions@sunyulster.edu for more information.

Admissions Decision-making Process

Late and incomplete applications will be eliminated from the candidate pool. Each applicant's cumulative rubric score is ranked in comparison to other applicants, from highest to lowest. The Nursing Admissions Committee will also review the applicant's GPA, pre-entrance exam results, educational records, and alignment with the Nursing Department's Mission and Philosophy. The College reserves the right to make final admission decisions based on the applicant pool each year. The final list for the incoming fall class will be determined and notifications will be sent. All decisions made by the Admissions Committee are final.