

## Admission and Progression Requirements

Nursing is a rewarding career for both men and women. Students who graduate from a four year baccalaureate nursing program acquire a broader and more comprehensive background in science, liberal education, and professional nursing. For this reason, they are more likely to qualify for positions of greater responsibility, for graduate work in nursing specialties, and for nursing education.

Students who complete the pre-nursing program below are eligible to apply to the School of Nursing. Acceptance in this program is contingent upon the attainment of a C+ (2.33) average or better. The attainment of a C+ (2.33) or better in nursing support courses, the evaluation of the student's personal references, and scores on the entrance examination, as well as other personal factors consider important for a career in nursing. Pre-nursing students will work with the nursing advisor to complete required general education and nursing support courses.

This program is highly competitive. Meeting or exceeding the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

### Admission Ranking

Students will be ranked for admission according to the following point system:

| <b>GPA</b>                | <b>Points</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 3.75-4.0                  | 6             |
| 3.5-3.74                  | 5             |
| 3.25-3.49                 | 4             |
| 3.00-3.24                 | 3             |
| 2.75-2.99                 | 2             |
| 2.33-2.74                 | 1             |
| <2.33                     | 0             |
| <b>Support Course GPA</b> | <b>Points</b> |
| >3.68                     | 2             |
| 3.67-3.0                  | 1             |
| <3.0                      | 0             |
| <b>WIU Credits</b>        | <b>Points</b> |
| ≥30 SH                    | 2             |
| < 30 BUT > 0 SH           | 1             |
| No work at WIU            | 0             |

| <b>TEAS Score</b>  | <b>Points</b> |
|--|---------------|
| 100-96   | 6             |
| 95-91  | 5             |
| 90-86  | 4             |
| 85-81  | 3             |
| 80-76  | 2             |
| 75-71  | 1             |
| 70-0   | 0             |
| <b>Activities</b>  | <b>Points</b> |
| Academic Honor Awards  | 1             |
| Community Service  | 1             |
| Measurable/realistic goals                                       | 1             |
| ROTC/Veterans/Active Duty  | 1             |
| Athlete (2 Students)   | 1             |
| <b>Deducted Points</b>   |               |
| Points deducted for each C, D, F or W in nursing support courses | -3            |

### **Pre-Admission Assessment**

The TEAS® (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is taken prior to admission to the School of Nursing. This exam measures essential skills in reading, mathematics, science, English and language use. Only the first try will be used for admission purposes.

### **CPR Certification**

Students must document CPR certification for ADULT, CHILD, and INFANT. The CPR course must include a section on defibrillation (AED). The School of Nursing recommends the American Heart Association’s “Health Care Provider Plus” course whose certification is valid for two years. The American Red Cross’s “CPR for the Professional Rescuer” course provides only a one-year certification.

### **Criminal Background Checks**

Clinical agencies require criminal background checks.

Western Illinois University School of Nursing requires a criminal background check using fingerprints through Livescan. All students accepted by the School of Nursing must be fingerprinted before they will be allowed to begin coursework in nursing. This process takes about two (2) weeks so please plan on being fingerprinted in July before the Fall Semester of taking courses or November before the Spring Semester of taking courses. At the present time, students will have to have a background check, only once (unless directed by the clinical agency), immediately before entering the School of Nursing, as long as there is continuous enrollment in the School. If the student withdraws from the School, the background check will have to be repeated.

Students should contact the vendor and pay the appropriate fees directly to the vendor. Students will have the state and FBI background check completed. Students can phone the company, contact them by mail or use their website. Students must request the application category of Adam Walsh Act and indicate their school (Western Illinois University School of Nursing) when registering so results will be forwarded to the School of Nursing.

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Admissions Checklist

\_\_\_\_\_ Basic BSN      \_\_\_\_\_ RN-BSN

\_\_\_\_\_ Date/Initials when received

\_\_\_\_\_ Application

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommendations

\_\_\_\_\_ Educational & Prof Goals Statement

\_\_\_\_\_ ATI TEAS Scores

\_\_\_\_\_ Transcripts

\_\_\_\_\_ Documentation Community Service

\_\_\_\_\_ Documentation Veteran Status

\_\_\_\_\_ Transfer of Credit Request

Admissions Score

Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Support Course GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Credits at WIU \_\_\_\_\_

TEAS Score \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service \_\_\_\_\_

Measurable/Realistic Goals \_\_\_\_\_

ROTC/Veteran/Athlete \_\_\_\_\_

Deducted Points \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_