

## Nursing Program Admission Requirements and Information

Admission to the Nursing Program is **competitive**. Applicants must meet both SUNY Ulster general admission requirements and Nursing Program admission requirements. Applicants must also meet moral character requirements for licensure after program completion. Federal and/or New York State laws regarding U.S. citizenship or legal status may affect eligibility for licensure. Compliance with all licensing requirements is the student's responsibility.

### Application Process

#### STEP 1- SUNY Ulster Admission

Applicants must first be a SUNY Ulster student

- Apply and view admission details at [Apply - SUNY Ulster](#)
  - Provide all required documentation (e.g., official high school and college transcripts).

Note:

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

#### STEP 2 – Nursing Program Application Process

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

1. Submit the Nursing Program application located on the [Nursing Information Page](#) by **February 15th**.
  - Applications open September 1st for the following academic year
2. Complete the HESI (A2) admission assessment exam.
  - HESI A2 Exams must be taken on the SUNY Ulster campus.
    - Dates and registration details are posted October 31 on the Student Portal, [Nursing Information page](#): HESI A2 Entrance Exam Information, and campus bulletins.
      - The exam may be taken only twice per calendar year.
      - The higher HESI A2 grade will be used.
      - Scores remain valid for two academic years

## Minimum Requirements for Admission Consideration into the Nursing Program

### HESI Admission Assessment Scores

- HESI Admission Assessment (A2) exam must be a cumulative minimum score of 75%. Please see [HESI A2 RN Exam Overview](#)

### General Education/Liberal Arts and Science

- Courses that are co-requisites for the nursing curriculum must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- Students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA in co-requisite courses throughout the program.
- SUNY Ulster minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

### Anatomy and Physiology

Anatomy and Physiology (A&P) courses that were taken at or transferred into SUNY Ulster

- Must be a minimum grade of C or higher.
- Transfer credit for A&P I and A&P II must be from the same institution unless the Biology Department grants approval.
- Must be completed within five years of starting the SUNY Ulster Nursing Program.
  - Anatomy and Physiology courses may be repeated only once within five years;
  - Students unsuccessful on the second attempt of obtaining a minimum of a C within the 5 years are not eligible for the Nursing Program.

### Current High School Students

- HESI Admission Assessment exam performance must be a cumulative score of 75% or higher.
- Minimum final grade of 75 or higher in high school General Education/Liberal Arts, Science, and Math courses.
- Collegian Courses (if applicable) final grade of C or higher.

### Nursing Courses from Other Institutions

- Nursing courses from other institutions are not accepted for transfer.
- Applicants earning less than a C in two nursing courses (or the same course twice) at any institution, including SUNY Ulster, are not eligible
- Applicants with a W in a nursing course must provide documentation showing they were passing at the time of withdrawal. Otherwise, the W will be treated as less than a C.

All applicants who attended another nursing program must provide documentation of good standing from the prior program. For more information, contact [Nursing\\_Admissions@sunyulster.edu](mailto:Nursing_Admissions@sunyulster.edu) .

## Admissions Decision Process

### Nursing Admission Rubric

Applicants are evaluated using the following criteria:

- Applicants are scored using the [Nursing Admission Scoring Rubric](#).
  - Only one repeated course may be considered for a higher grade.
  
- Applicants are **ranked from highest to lowest** based on their
  - cumulative rubric score
  - GPA
  - pre-entrance exam results
  - educational records
  - 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.

Admission decisions will be finalized and applicants notified by May 1.

**All Nursing Admissions Committee decisions are final.**