

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM
ADMISSION CRITERIA

Criteria for Admission to the B.S.N. Major:

1. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.60 on a 4.0 scale (on all college level work) as computed by East Tennessee State University. Developmental studies/remedial course work is not included in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average for College of Nursing admission purposes.
2. Have completed, or have in progress, the following required general education and science courses (or their equivalents):

ENGL 1010 & 1020; and a 3 credit oral communication course; HIST 2010 and 2020; Math 1530; 6 credits from the Social/Behavioral Science category; 9 credits from Humanities and/or Fine Arts Category (including a 3 credit hour course which satisfies the ETSU literature requirement); and HSCI 2010/11, HSCI 2020/21, HSCI 2230/31 (total = 45 semester hours). In addition, a student must demonstrate computer proficiency or take CSCI 1100.
3. Have earned a minimum of a “C” (2.0) in each of the required health science courses.
 - Each HSCI course may be repeated one time
 - Only 2 HSCI courses may be repeated to achieve a “C” (2.0)

Application/Selection Process:

1. The student first applies to the University and indicates interest in the B. S. N. major. Admitted students will be classified as “pre-B.S.N. students”; however, pre-B.S.N. status does not guarantee admission to the B.S.N. major.
2. Students must make formal application to the College of Nursing B.S.N. major during the semester in which they will complete (or have in progress) all the courses listed above and meet all other admission requirements. The priority application deadlines are October 1 for Spring class and February 1 for the Fall class.
3. Eligible applicants will be rank-ordered by cumulative college level grade point average. Conditional admission will be offered to the top ranked students.
4. Conditionally admitted students may advance register for PMNU 2310, FCNU 2010, PMNU 2020, and FCNU 2030. A final verification of eligibility for these courses will be made once semester grades become available. Students who are no longer eligible at the end of the semester of conditional acceptance will be administratively dropped from the nursing courses and must reapply.
5. Fully admitted students who continue to successfully progress (as defined in the university catalog) can expect to complete the degree requirements in five semesters, including the semester in which they begin the major.

Progression Criteria:

To progress in the curriculum, each fully admitted student must:

- 1) earn a minimum of “C” (2.0) in each of the remaining health science courses; and
- 2) earn a minimum of “C” (2.0) in each nursing course.

Students who are unsuccessful in meeting these requirements may appeal to continue in the program by submitting a formal request to the College of Nursing Academic Appeals Committee.