Frequently Asked Questions—Prospective Traditional or LPN- BSN Students:

1. What is the application deadline for the BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program?

   **October 1** for program beginning Spring Semester; **February 1** for program beginning fall semester. The application will be available online 90 days prior to each deadline. Here is a link to the application:
   [http://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/onlineapp.aspx](http://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/onlineapp.aspx)

2. What are the admission requirements?

   Here is a link to the admission requirements:
   [http://www.etsu.edu/nursing/bsncriteria.aspx](http://www.etsu.edu/nursing/bsncriteria.aspx)
   if you have questions, you can contact a pre-nursing advisor at 423 439-4578 or conadvisor3@etsu.edu

3. Do I have to be a “pre-nursing” student to apply to the program?

   No. As long as you meet admission requirements, you are eligible to apply, even if you are declared a different major.

4. Does ETSU limit the number of students declared “Pre-Nursing”?

   No. However, we strongly recommend that you meet with a pre-nursing advisor.

5. Do you give preference for admission to ETSU students over students from other Colleges or Community Colleges?

   No. As long as a student meets admission requirements, all students are evaluated equally.

6. How many students apply to the program and how many do you accept?

   We generally receive between 300 and 400 applications. We accept 85 students for the spring and 85 for the fall.

7. Do you keep a waiting list?

   No, but we will admit additional students in point order as space becomes available until classes actually begin.

8. Do you offer a two year (Associate Nursing Degree) or LPN license training?

   No. The BSN is a 4 year degree. There are several Community Colleges in the area which offer a two year degree.
9. Can I Minor in Nursing?
   No.

10. I’ve decided to pursue nursing, but I am not a pre-nursing student. How do I change my major?
    Make an appointment with a pre-nursing advisor by calling 423 439-4578. Tell the receptionist it is a “change of major” appointment.

11. I want to transfer to ETSU and apply to the nursing program. Where do I send my transcripts?
    The process requires two applications—one to ETSU Undergraduate Admissions and one to the College of Nursing through the Nursing Centralized Application Service (CAS).
    Send transcripts to CAS. Below are the links to both the College of Nursing and ETSU Undergraduate Admissions.
    [http://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/onlineapp.aspx](http://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/onlineapp.aspx)
    [http://www.etsu.edu/admissions/](http://www.etsu.edu/admissions/)

12. Do courses taken a long time ago still count?
    General education courses, electives and pre-requisites do not “expire”. However, you are responsible for knowing the material in pre-requisite classes.

13. Where do I sign up for the TEAS V test?
    The ATI Testing site: [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). You can search for location by city and state. We offer it at ETSU, and we will automatically have your scores. If you take it elsewhere (it is offered all over the USA) you will need to request and pay for a TEAS V Transcript.

14. When should I take the TEAS V test?
    We need the scores by the application deadline, so before October 1 or February 1. The test is given at ETSU in September and January. Register at ATI Testing (link is above). If you do not take the TEAS V at the ETSU testing center, then you will need to order a transcript for ETSU. The transcript is sent electronically, and there is a fee for this. The ATI testing site has the information for placing your order for a transcript.

15. Can I study for the TEAS V?
    Yes. We strongly suggest that you prepare for the test. Study materials are available to purchase on the ATI website. Practice tests and a study manual are both recommended. There are 4 sections to the TEAS V exam: Math, Reading, Science, and English.
16. Can I take the TEAS V more than once?
    You can take the TEAS V two times in two years, but not more than one time in a single semester. We will take the highest scores, even if they are from two different tests.

17. How long are the TEAS V scores valid?
    For two years.

18. How long does it take to earn the BSN degree?
    The nursing courses take five semesters to complete. If you apply and are accepted at the beginning of your sophomore year (3rd semester in college), then you can complete the degree in four years. It does take some students longer, depending on circumstances.

19. Can I take nursing classes in the summer to finish faster?
    Nursing classes are not offered in the summer at this time. Traditional fall and spring semesters are available. Summer classes are reserved for the Second Bachelor Degree Accelerated program only.

20. If I apply and do not get accepted, can I apply again the next semester?
    Yes, you can apply again. We do suggest that you make an appointment with a pre-nursing advisor to discuss your options.

21. How much does it cost to attend ETSU?
    ETSU charges per credit hour, so each semester will cost a different amount. There are also course fees, books and supplies that add to the cost. To calculate the approximate tuition (either in state or out of state) go to: http://www.etsu.edu/fa/fs/bursar/ tuitioninfo/Undergrad_Fees.aspx to see the cost per credit hour.

22. I have an LPN License. How is my program different?
    LPN's must still meet all of the requirements for admission to the College of Nursing, and apply to the program. If accepted to the program, the LPN student will take a slightly altered curriculum to account for LPN knowledge and experience.

23. Do you offer online classes for this program? No. This is not an online program. All classes are day time only and on the ETSU Main Campus in Johnson City.