Frequently Asked Questions – Prospective High School Students

1. I think I want to be a nurse. What do I need to know before I apply to ETSU?
   Designate Pre-Nursing on your ETSU Application. While Pre-Nursing is not a “major” it is the designated group name for students who want to be in the nursing program.
   Once you have completed the General Education Core Requirements and designated nursing pre-requisite classes, you will be ready to apply to the College of Nursing. This takes between 3 and 4 semesters.

2. What are General Education Core Requirements?
   The courses required for EVERY ETSU graduate, regardless of major. For more information: http://www.etsu.edu/uged/gened/default.aspx

3. Does my high school GPA factor into my acceptance for the College of Nursing?
   No. Your admittance to the College of Nursing is based only on College courses. Dual enrollment courses taken in high school will be factored into your GPA. Be careful when choosing these as the grades come with you!

4. Do my high school ACT/SAT scores factor into my acceptance for the College of Nursing?
   No. The standardized entrance exam used for the College of Nursing is the TEAS V. ETSU’s College of Nursing will review your Total Overall Score and the Reading section score of the TEAS V. For more information on the TEAS V, please see ATI’s website: www.atitest.com

5. When do I take the TEAS V?
   We recommend taking the TEAS V after your first semester in college, so that you would have the opportunity to retake the exam before you apply. You may only take the exam once per semester and up to twice in two years. Scores for the TEAS V are valid for 2 years.

6. Do you give preference for admission to ETSU students?
   No. As long as a student meets admission requirements, all students are evaluated equally.

7. 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 in the spring and 85 in the fall.

8. Does volunteer work or shadowing experience help me get into the College of Nursing?
   While volunteer work and/or shadowing are great experiences and can help you determine whether or not you want to be a nurse, admission to the nursing program is based solely on academic and TEAS V test performance. A CNA license does not factor into admissions, although the experience will help you when you begin the nursing program.

9. When do I meet with an advisor?
   Initially, you will meet your advisor at orientation to register for classes. Then you will meet with an advisor each semester. You can always email or set up advising appointments in the interim periods. We have full time advising staff in the office every day. We are happy to help.
10. What courses can I take in High School to prepare me for the program?

Anatomy and Physiology, Biology, Chemistry and Statistics will all be helpful. College Level A&P I and II, Intro to Microbiology, and Probability/Statistics are required nursing pre-requisite classes, so having a solid background will help you successfully complete the courses in college. The grades in these courses play a big part in admission to the College of Nursing.

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