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## **Lindsey Wilson University (LWU) BSN Pre Licensure Track Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

### **Is the Lindsey Wilson University Program of Nursing accredited?**

Yes. The Baccalaureate Degree of Nursing program at Lindsey Wilson University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 887-6791. The Kentucky Board of Nursing granted the Baccalaureate Degree of Nursing program at Lindsey Wilson University approved status on June 3, 2016.

### **When are students admitted to the nursing program?**

Currently, the nursing program admits students to the program in the Fall semester. Applications to the program are submitted by prospective students in the Spring semester.

### **Is a Nursing Assistant Certification (CNA) required to get into the nursing program?**

Yes. Applicants must complete the Nursing Assistant Prep Course (HLCA 1013) or must have an active, unencumbered SRNA Certificate.

### **How do I apply to the nursing program?**

The application to apply for admission to the Nursing Program at LWU is available online **January 1 - March 1**.

- Students must be admitted to Lindsey Wilson University before applying to the Nursing Program [Apply to Lindsey Wilson University](#).
- Students must submit an application to the Program of Nursing to be considered for admission to the program. \*Please note this is a separate application from the LWU Admission Application.

### **When are the application deadlines?**

#### **Application Deadlines**

Admission to the pre-licensure BSN program occurs in the fall semester. Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to the pre-licensure BSN program. Students may apply to the pre-licensure BSN program beginning January 1 of the calendar year for which admission is sought. For consideration of admission in the fall semester, the deadline for submission of the application to the Pre Licensure BSN Program is **March 1**. In the event the March 1 deadline falls on a weekend, the deadline for application will be extended to the following Monday at 5:00 p.m. Correspondence to applicants regarding admission status will be sent to the email address on record.



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### **How will I know if I have been admitted?**

The Admissions Committee will review all applications and supporting documents mid May; letters of acceptance or denial will be sent to applicants around the first week of June.

### **I have submitted my application for Admission. When do I find out if I made it into the program?**

All applicants will be notified via email to confirm that the application has been received.

**\*Important-** Correspondence from the Program of Nursing to applicants regarding admission status will be sent to the email address noted on the BSN application. Applicants are responsible for notifying the Program of Nursing office in writing of any change of this address.

After grades are submitted for the Spring semester the Nursing Program Admissions, Progression and Graduation committee will meet to make final decisions regarding admissions. Decisions will be based on the entrance criteria stated above. Student will be notified via email of decisions.

### **How many students are admitted to the LWU BSN Nursing Program each year?**

The BSN Nursing Program has a limited number of seats available per year. GPA ranking, TEAS scores, and prerequisite course completion (GPA) are utilized to rank applicants.

### **Is there a waitlist to get into the program?**

Applicants are ranked according to the entrance criteria. There is no official waitlist. Each year there is a competitive applicant pool from which the next class is chosen. If a slot becomes available, the next student on the list is notified by the nursing office regarding the seat availability and acceptance into the class. Seats are limited and are filled up to the first day of classes. LWU Program of Nursing does not publish the number of applicants or the ranking of each student.

### **What is the deadline for transcripts to be sent to LWU?**

Students transferring credit from other institutions must be admitted to Lindsey Wilson University and submit all official transcripts for all previous college courses to the Registrar's Office at Lindsey Wilson University by the **March 1** deadline. Courses must be from regionally accredited institutions of higher education. All nursing program required courses must meet LWU direct transfer equivalencies or have prior approval of the Program of Nursing Director before transfer credit is accepted. If prior approval of the Program of Nursing Director is required, a LWU Program of Nursing Course Substitution Form must be initiated and completed by the student. Forms are available by contacting [nursing@lindsey.edu](mailto:nursing@lindsey.edu).



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### **What grades are accepted for transfer and prerequisite nursing courses?**

Students must achieve a minimum grade of C in all nursing program required courses, including all transfer courses (please see information regarding transfer students).

### **Do I have to take a test to be admitted to the BSN Program?**

Yes, there is testing required for admission to the program. See below for further information.

### **What are the requirements for entrance?**

#### **Admission Criteria**

All nursing applicants must first apply and be admitted to the University before applying to the BSN program. Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to the pre-licensure BSN program.

Before an application to the BSN program will be considered for admission, all applicants must meet and complete the following requirements:

- Admission to Lindsey Wilson University. All admission and transfer requirements outlined in the current catalog apply.
- Submission of completed electronic application to the pre-licensure BSN program by designated deadline of the calendar year for which the student is seeking admission.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Completion of all pre-licensure BSN program prerequisite coursework with an earned minimum grade of C:
  - Human Anatomy (BIOL 2614) - 4 hours
  - Principles of Chemistry (CHEM 1104) - 4 hours
  - Writing Studies I (ENGL 1013) unless waiver requirements are met - 3 hours
  - Writing Studies II (ENGL 1023) - 3 hours
  - First-Year Experience Seminar (FYE 1001) unless waiver requirements are met - 1 hour
  - Medical Communication (HLCA 2013) - 3 hours
  - College Algebra (MATH 1013) unless waiver requirements are met – 3 hours
  - Fundamentals of Nutrition (NUTR 1003) - 3 hours
  - Principles of Psychology (PSYC 1003) - 3 hours
  - Nursing Assistant Prep Course (HLCA 1013) - 3 hours or must have an active, unencumbered SRNA certificate. *\*Waiver of HLCA 1013 will be granted for students with active, unencumbered listing for State Registry Nursing Assistant (SRNA in any U.S. state or completion of equivalent course.*



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- Demonstration of overall score of 84 and speaking score of 26 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT) by applicants who document English as a second language.
- Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Exam. The TEAS Exam will be given at Lindsey Wilson University. The TEAS Exam evaluates general knowledge in the areas of Reading, Math, Science, English and Language Usage. TEAS Practice Tests are available by clicking [here](#). Students may take the TEAS Exam one time during each application cycle. The TEAS Exam scores are valid for one calendar year. Scores will be ranked to determine admission.
- Possible participation in a pre admission interview.
- The entry point into the pre-licensure BSN program occurs with enrollment in the NURS 2002 Intro to Professional Nursing Course on the last day to register for a seated or online course established by the University Academic Calendar.

### **What if I do not have the entire course work completed when I send in the application?**

Applicants may be conditionally admitted to the program pending successful completion of prerequisite courses and minimum GPA required for admission to the program. For example, if a student is enrolled in course work the semester of application, the course grades are reviewed at the end of the semester. Therefore, the student is admitted conditionally upon successful completion of courses with a minimum of grade of C or higher and minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. If the student withdraws from or does not receive a C or higher in a prerequisite course, the student will not be admitted to the program.

### **What if I am a transfer student that has completed some nursing courses?**

#### **Transfer Student Admission**

Transfer students seeking admission to the BSN Program must meet all LWU transfer requirements and BSN program entrance requirements.

Students desiring to transfer from another accredited Pre-Licensure BSN program must complete all admission criteria and application steps as outline above.

- A letter of good standing from the Chair of the Nursing Program from which the student is transferring must accompany the application.
- Transfer applicant from another accredited Pre-licensure BSN Program will be evaluated on an individual case by case basis.
- Prior pre-licensure BSN curriculum or healthcare (HLCA) prerequisite coursework will be evaluated on a case by case basis. If a student wishes to have previous HLCA coursework or nursing (NURS) courses evaluated for transfer acceptance, then the student must initiate a course substitution form with the application process. The course substitution form can be requested from the Program of Nursing



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Office [nursing@lindsey.edu](mailto:nursing@lindsey.edu). The Program of Nursing Course Substitution form MUST be completed in full in order for any HLCA prerequisite or pre-licensure BSN curriculum course to be considered as a transfer substitution for pre-licensure BSN program requirements. This includes but is not limited to: course name, course number, catalog description, syllabi, outline of content and skills, electronic link to institution catalog, and other documentation as requested.

Note: Acceptance of prerequisite course work outside of NURS and HLCA courses is contingent upon theoretical congruence with the courses offered by the specific LWU program of study and the time frame since course work completion. All course substitutions will have final approval of the appropriate Program Coordinator and LWU's Registrar's Office.

- Demonstration of clinical compliance and skills competence by established deadline.

**Note:** All students wishing to earn the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing must earn at least 50 percent of degree requirements at Lindsey Wilson University.

### **BSN Program Prerequisite Courses**

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- First-Year Experience Seminar (FYE 1001) unless waiver requirements are met – 1 hour
- Medical Communication (HLCA 2013) – 3 hours
- College Algebra (MATH 1013) unless waiver requirements are met – 3 hours
- Principles of Psychology (PSYC 1003) – 3 hours
- Fundamentals of Nutrition (NUTR 1003) -- 3 hours
- Nursing Assistant Prep Course (HLCA 1013) - 3 hours or must have active, unencumbered SRNA

certificate. *\*All students must hold an active, unencumbered State Registry Nursing Assistant (SRNA)/Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification. Waiver of HLCA 1013 will be granted for student with active, unencumbered listing for State Registry Nursing Assistant (SRNA) in any U.S. state.*

1. Demonstration of clinical compliance by established deadline.
2. Returned letter of acceptance with signature to the Program of Nursing office by the designated date. Non-compliance with this requirement will forfeit the seat allotted for the student.

\* Admission to the nursing program will be contingent upon the availability of seats in the courses at the time of transfer.

\*\*The minimum GPA to apply to the program is 3.0, but does not guarantee admission to the program. The applicant pool is very competitive.



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### **Once I am accepted into the nursing program, how long will it take to complete the program?**

The BSN Degree is a total of 120 credit hours. The Nursing curriculum will take six semesters (fall and spring) or three academic years to complete.

### **Does nursing use a different grading scale from the rest of the University?**

Yes. The nursing program uses a grading scale different from other academic units of the University. Consistent with other nursing programs, the grading scale requires students to earn 77% or higher to be awarded a C or better. The nursing program uses the following grading scale: A = 93-100%, B = 85-92%, C = 77-84%, D = 70-76%, F = 69% or lower. Grades will be rounded.

### **Are nursing courses taught evenings or weekends?**

Nursing classes are taught primarily during the day, Monday- Friday. Some specialty courses may be taught in the evening due to the instructor's professional work schedules. Clinical time for courses may include evenings and weekends.

### **What are the fees and costs that I can expect to pay as a nursing student?**

#### **Financial Information**

Please see LWU Catalog regarding financial information and [financial assistance](#). In addition to the [tuition and fees](#) at LWU, nursing students should anticipate the following additional expenses.

#### **Nursing Program Fees and Expenses**

\*Expenses are estimated, subject to change.

BSN Student Textbooks	\$180 to \$350 per semester based on courses
Clinical Compliance	approximately \$250 to \$300 annually
Transportation	approximately \$200 annually
Nursing Student Fee	\$900 per semester
Fees (Graduation, Licensure, etc.)	\$400 to \$500 during the last year

### **Is financial aid available? Are grants and scholarships available?**

Contact the [Financial Aid Office](#) for information. There are a number of loans, grants, and scholarships available to students interested in nursing. In addition, the [NursingScholarship.US](#) website provides



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scholarship and financial aid resources to students who are preparing for a career in nursing.

### **What if I am not accepted to the nursing program?**

Applicants not accepted to the nursing program are informed via a letter mid-June. A nursing advisor will contact the student to establish a course schedule for the upcoming Fall semester. Students are encouraged to continue in course work at LWU to complete general education requirements and possibly declare a minor or a second major.

### **Can I re-apply to the nursing program if I was not accepted the first time?**

Yes, many nursing students re-apply a second or third time to a nursing program. Persistent successful coursework and completion of prerequisite nursing courses or non-nursing courses required in the nursing program will only strengthen a student's application.

### **If I am accepted into the program, is there an orientation day?**

Yes. Accepted students must attend a mandatory orientation session. Students will be notified of the date, time, and location of the session.

### **How do I find out answers to my questions that are not listed here?**

Contact the Program of Nursing office at (270) 384-7352 or email [nursing@lindsey.edu](mailto:nursing@lindsey.edu)