

# *Admission Criteria to the ASN Nursing Program*

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The best qualified applicants will be admitted through a competitive review process that includes:

1. Be accepted as an Ancilla College student under general admission. (**Note - being accepted as a general student at Ancilla College does not guarantee admission to the Nursing Program**).
2. Complete a **separate application** to the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences usually accepted in **March** of each year for possible admission the following fall. Notification of this process will be made via announcements posted on the Division of Nursing bulletin boards and the Ancilla College Nursing webpage as well as announcements sent to Ancilla College faculty members. Students should check these sites routinely for updated information from the Division of Nursing.
3. Submit an essay on your philosophy of Nursing attached to the Division of Nursing application; grammar and punctuation as well as content will be evaluated.
4. Complete and achieve the required scores on the pre-admission placement tests. Copies of completed placement tests should be attached to the Division of Nursing Application. See placement testing information in the following section.
5. A minimum of 21 required credits must be successfully completed, or the equivalent transferred, with a grade of C or better. All transfer credits will be reviewed by the College within the prescribed policies currently in place at the time of the review. Please see transfer and progression policy.
  - a) Within these 21 credits, 3 science courses must be completed (BIOL 252, BIOL 254, and CHEM 115 or BIOL 270), including corresponding labs or equivalents, if transfer credit, per current College policy.
  - b) Within these 21 credits, one social science course must be completed (PSY 115, or SOC 140) or equivalent, per current College policy.
  - c) Within these 21 credits, ENGL 110 or equivalent must be completed, per current College policy.
6. Must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
7. Must earn a C or better in every course required by the Ancilla College nursing program by the second graded attempt or applicant is not eligible for admission into the nursing program. Any grade below a C (2.0) is considered unsatisfactory for the nursing program.
8. Prospective nursing students who have applied for admission to the nursing program and are currently completing pre-requisite courses (spring) or those who are enrolled in summer courses to complete the pre-requisites may be considered for admission into the nursing program. These students, if accepted, will receive a conditional acceptance letter based on their successful completion (grade of "C" or better) of the pre-requisite course(s). Once the course(s) is/are completed and the grade(s) received from the registrar's office, the student will be fully accepted into the nursing program and notified accordingly. Unless the student declines acceptance, does not pass the required course(s) successfully or otherwise becomes ineligible for acceptance, the student will have a place in the fall ASN nursing program cohort.
9. After the ASN fall cohort has been filled (40 students accepted into the program), the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences may keep an alternate list of prospective students who have successfully completed the nursing application process but have not been admitted into the program. These students will be notified the cohort is currently filled, but the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences will keep their name as an alternate until the start of fall classes. In the event a vacancy occurs in the program *on or before the start of fall classes*, the list of alternate students will be called, beginning with the first name on the list, and offered placement in the program. Students admitted in this manner must have the appropriate health, CPR, and criminal background check completed prior to the first clinical day held in a facility. Alternate students will not be retained for the admission process for the following year. These students must re-apply during the open application period by completing a new application packet, or they may re-sign and date the previous years' application after review to ensure information on file is accurate.
10. Once all places in the nursing program have been filled, and the fall semester begins, the admissions process is complete.
11. Consideration for any admissions or re-admissions (for those Ancilla students who are "out of sequence" in the program) will be considered only if:
  - a) An opening exists for the student at the necessary point in the curriculum rotation.
  - b) A qualified student applies (as above) and is able to successfully test out of Fundamentals of Nursing (NURS110) and/or Pharmacology (NURS 260) per the transfer and progression policy of the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences.
  - c) Students admitted in this manner must have the appropriate health, CPR, annual in-service, drug and alcohol testing and criminal background check completed prior to the first clinical day held in a facility.

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- d) Ancilla College nursing students who are in good standing according to current applicable college and nursing division rules and regulations, but are “out of sequence” in the nursing program, will have priority consideration over transfer students for any available openings in the nursing curriculum.
  - i) If more Ancilla students apply for the opening than can be accepted, students will be placed according to their current cumulative GPA.
  - ii) If more transfer students apply for the openings than can be accepted, students will be placed according to their most recent GPA.

### ***Placement Testing for ASN Nursing Program Admission\****

#### **Ancilla College Nursing Program Placement score minimum requirements:**

1. Anatomy & Physiology	75%**
2. Math	75%**
3. Reading Comprehension	75%**
4. Vocabulary	75%**
5. Grammar	75%**
6. Writing	15

#### **If scores are not attained:**

Please see the Center for Student Achievement "*Important information for Future Ancilla Nursing Students*" located on the Ancilla College Nursing web page and in the Center for Student Achievement office C-204. Learning styles and Personality styles are required with no minimum pre-requisite.

\*\* Placement scores between 75% and 80% on one or all of the indicated test(s) will require students to take NURS 010 Nursing Concepts. This course **must** be completed with a "pass" on the graded first attempt or the student will be administratively withdrawn from the nursing program and will be ineligible for re-admission.