

**AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING (BSN) POLICY**

**Title:** Requirements for Admission to the BSN Nursing Program

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**Responsible Program/ Department:** Nursing Department/Faculty

**Purpose:** To advise potential applicants of the requirements and processes related to admission and acceptance into the BSN Nursing program.

**Policy:**

**1. Limited Access Program:**

- a. Nursing (B.S.N.) is a degree program that requires a supplemental application due to limited access. A Limited Access Program is one where both program admission and registration in program classes are restricted to a certain number of students meeting pre-determined criteria and maximum capacity is based on available resources. Not all applicants may be accepted.
- b. The University offers alternate, related degrees including Biology, Health Science, and Exercise Physiology, which are not Limited Access Programs.
- c. Please refer to the Nursing Program website for program pre-requisites and application procedures.

**2. Admission**

To be considered for acceptance into the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, the following is required:

- a. Prior admission to Ave Maria University
- b. A minimum overall GPA of 3.1 and completion of 48 credits (this is the minimum GPA, not a guarantee of admission - all applications will be reviewed and considered). Students may include provisional grades in their GPA calculation for the application.
- c. All students, including transfers, must complete AMU freshman and sophomore Core Curriculum courses and nursing prerequisite courses prior to entrance to the Nursing Program
- d. Grade of B or greater for science courses (science courses must be completed before entrance to the program)
- e. Two letters of recommendation from college/university professors attesting to the applicant's attributes and strengths in pursuing a career in Nursing
- f. Submit an essay (300-500 words) which includes an introduction of the applicant, why the applicant wishes to pursue a career in Nursing, any

healthcare experiences, and any community service work, passions, and accomplishments

- g. Completion of the entrance exam with a passing score. Students must have a computer with a Windows or Apple based operating system, as the exam will be taking through the Respondus LockDown Browser. Students who do not have a laptop may check one out from the Canizaro Library for the duration of the exam.
- h. Completion of Nursing Application
- i. Completion of Health and Regulatory Requirements
- j. An admission examination for the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is required before the application deadline.