

Department of Nursing  
**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**  
 with Associate Degree Option

*Until admitted into the nursing program, all requirements are subject to change without written notice or obligation*

The UVU Nursing program is a very rigorous, time-intensive program. Students are expected to attend ALL classes, labs and clinicals as scheduled. Classes, labs and clinicals ARE NOT flexible and if missed, can NOT be “made up” at another time and would then seriously jeopardize your success in the program. If considering working during the program, considerable flexibility will be required in your WORK schedule. The nursing program requires a FULL commitment EACH semester, from first day of class until the last day of class. If unable to make this commitment, it is suggested that you postpone application until a time when you are able to make the nursing program your first priority.

**PREREQUISITE COURSES and REQUIREMENTS:** Eligibility to apply to the nursing program will require completion of the 10 prerequisites courses listed below. These courses must be completed with a **B- grade minimum** and taken no more than twice in the previous 5 years. All 10 courses will be used in the GPA calculation; therefore, they must all be **completed and grades posted to your transcript prior to the application deadline.**

- BIOL 1010 General Biology
- ENGL 1010 Introduction to Writing
- NUTR 1020 Foundations of Human Nutrition
- ZOOL 2320 Human Anatomy w/ lab
- ZOOL 2420 Human Physiology w/ lab
- CHEM 1110 Elem Chemistry for Health Sciences
- MATH 1050 College Algebra
- MICR 2060 Microbiology for Health Professions w/lab
- PSY 1100 Human Development Life Span
- NURS 1400 Introduction to Nursing

<p style="text-align: center;">ACCEPTANCE to the Nursing Program is through a <b>COMPETITIVE APPLICATION</b> process. This process is explained both in this handout and at <a href="http://www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing">www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program course work outlines will be provided upon matriculation into the program.</li> <li>• Nursing program courses run only Fall and Spring semesters.</li> <li>• Associate Degree Program: 4 semesters</li> <li>• Bachelor of Science Program: 6 semesters</li> </ul>
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General Education Requirements: The following general education requirements may be taken prior to acceptance into the program. If not completed prior to entry, these courses will be placed within the nursing program curriculum to be completed concurrently with the nursing program course work.

PHIL 2050	Ethics and Values	(All degree requirement)
American Institutions	Go to <a href="http://www.uvu.edu/cacc">www.uvu.edu/cacc</a> for list of specific courses	(BS option only)
Humanities	Go to <a href="http://www.uvu.edu/cacc">www.uvu.edu/cacc</a> for list of specific courses	(BS option only)
Fine Arts	Go to <a href="http://www.uvu.edu/cacc">www.uvu.edu/cacc</a> for list of specific courses	(BS option only)
ENGL 2020 or Engl 2010	Intermediate Writing	(BS option only)
MATH 2040 or Math 1040	Principles of Statistics	(BS option only)
ZOOL 4400	Pathophysiology	(BS option only)

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote quality nursing education through a dynamic curriculum and to cultivate requisite knowledge, sound reasoning ability and a foundation for lifelong learning in students as they progress toward becoming competent, compassionate graduates.

## HOW TO BEGIN . . .

### ✓ APPLY TO UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

If you have **NEVER** applied to UVU, submit a UVU application and pay the one-time fee. Application can be done either online at [www.uvu.edu](http://www.uvu.edu) or in person at One Stop, BA 106. Along with your application, you must also submit official high school and college transcripts from all colleges attended.

If you have **applied to UVU before**, but never attended or have not attended classes for a year or more, you must submit an updated application and be readmitted to the campus; there is no additional fee.

### ✓ SEND TRANSCRIPTS TO UVU ADMISSIONS OFFICE

If course work has been completed at another college, it is your responsibility to arrange for official, sealed transcripts to be submitted to either One Stop or the UVU Admissions office, where the evaluation process will begin. **Until credits are posted on the UVU record, they are considered pending and may not satisfy requirements of the nursing program.** Any grade below C- WILL NOT transfer to UVU. Nursing prerequisite courses must have a B- or higher and cannot have been taken more than twice in a 5 year time frame.

Once this process has been completed, you are able to access your "Transfer Credit Awarded" information via UVLink to see exactly how your credits have transferred and what program requirements they satisfy. You will need your UVID# to access this information.

The University also requests official high school transcripts, GED or other certification of high school completion.

### ✓ COMPLETE PREREQUISITE COURSE WORK

Applicants must complete all 10 prerequisite courses, with a B- grade minimum, prior to applying to the nursing program. All 10 prerequisite courses will be used to calculate the admission GPA. **Course work must be completed with a grade posted to a transcript by the application deadline.**

Prerequisite courses are available to ALL students at UVU. General Education requirements (i.e. Humanities, American Institutions) may be completed prior to entry.

Be aware of the following credits and/or grades and how they affect your nursing application:

**Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit Grades:** With the majority of points being awarded based on the prerequisite GPA, only letter grades are acceptable for prerequisite courses.

**AP Credits:** AP credits can be accepted as filling

prerequisite requirements but only with scores of 3, 4 or 5. These must be posted to your transcript as credit. For purposes of calculating the GPA, a score of 3 = B+, 4 = A- and 5 = A.

**ACT Scores:** An ACT Score is only used to determine placement into a subject, but it DOES NOT waive ANY prerequisite course. MATH 1050 or a higher level math course which required MATH 1050 as a prerequisite (except for Trigonometry), is required in order to satisfy the Quantitative Literacy requirement for both the program prerequisite, as well as for the university.

**Repeating Course Work:** Repeating courses for a better grade is an option but can only be repeated once within a 5-year time period. HOWEVER, only the MOST RECENT grade will satisfy degree requirements for the nursing program and for the University. **Once repeated, the grade for ALL previous attempts becomes unuseable in satisfying any degree requirement. ONLY THE MOST RECENT ATTEMPT will be considered for satisfying UVU Graduation requirements. The nursing department will use the second grade attempted in a 5 year time frame to determine eligibility.**

### ✓ GRADE REQUIREMENTS

The grade required for ALL prerequisites and ALL nursing program course work is a B- or better. Grades of C+ or lower, will not satisfy these requirements.

### ✓ ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

An English Language Proficiency requirement must be met by all accepted applicants, for whom English is a second language, regardless of previous degrees completed in the United States. A minimum TOEFL score of 560 written, 220 computer or 83 iBT, taken within the past 2 years, must be provided as a contingency of acceptance. The TOEFL is not required in order to apply, but is required to meet contingencies of acceptance, if a position in the program is offered.

### ✓ CREDIT REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEGREE

The BSN program requires a minimum of 122 credits, 30 of which must be completed at UVU in order to meet the University's residency credit requirement. The degree also requires a minimum of 40 credit hours of upper division course work. Upper division course work is identified as course work at or above the 3000 level.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS . . .

To be eligible to apply, you must have

- 1 - completed a UVU application and been issued a UV ID#; and
- 2 - completed BIOL 1010, CHEM 1110, MATH 1050, ENGL 1010, NUTR 1020, MICR 2060, PSY 1100, ZOO 2320, ZOO 2420 and NURS 1400, with a B- grade minimum, and taken no more than twice in the previous 5 years.

**If prerequisite course work is in process, you are not eligible to make application.**

## APPLICATION TIME FRAMES . . .

Students are admitted in both Fall and Spring semesters each year. Fall Semesters begin the end of August and run through mid-December. Spring semesters begin the first week of January and run through the end of April.

Application to nursing is made for a specific semester only, as is acceptance to the program. Application can only be made for the upcoming semester when that application period is "open." Application cannot be made for future application periods. Applications become available on the day the application period "opens" and completed applications, which must include ALL necessary documentation, will be accepted from the opening date, through 4 pm on the closing date. Materials WILL NOT be accepted after the published deadline. Application time frames open and close according to the following schedule:

	<u>Opens on...</u>	<u>Closes on...</u>
<b>FALL</b> .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in April	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in May
<b>SPRING</b> ....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in August	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in September

**APPLICATIONS are to be submitted to THE PRE-NURSING ADVISOR in LC 402j, BEFORE 4 p.m. on the date the application closes.** Any application submitted after that time will not be accepted. In order to have a completed application, all documentation must be submitted by the 4 pm deadline. If the deadline occurs on a holiday, the deadline will be the next business day.

## COMPLETE APPLICATIONS INCLUDE . . .

- 1 - Nursing Application Form - Application forms are specific to a semester and are not available year-round (refer to above time frames). When available, they can be obtained in the Career and Academic Counseling Center LC 402j from the pre-nursing advisor or they can be printed from the nursing website at [www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing](http://www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing).
- 2 - Transcripts -All applicants (including UVU students) must submit a copy of all transcripts with the application. An

unofficial transcript is acceptable for application. **An official transcript MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY**

- a - if credits have been transferred to UVU, submit a printout of the "Transfer Credit Awarded" page from UVLink showing all prerequisites; or
- b - if credits have NOT been transferred, submit a hard copy of the transcript from **each** college where a prerequisite course was completed. (Then follow directions under "SEND TRANSCRIPTS" to get these officially transferred and posted as credit at UVU.)

- 3 - TEAS Test Scores - The TEAS Test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is a scored part of the application and therefore, is required for ALL applicants!! A minimum score of 50% in ALL areas is required to remain eligible and be considered in the applicant pool.

Taking the TEAS Test requires potential applicants to obtain a test voucher from the pre-nursing advisor located in LC 402. The voucher can be obtained during regular business hours. The test results must be submitted with the completed application. **Each applicant will only have the opportunity to test once per application period and twice in a 5 year time frame.** If taken twice the student will determine which attempt to submit with the application.

The test is administered by UVU's Testing Services Office, located in the trailers at the NW corner of campus at 1165 West 800 South. Cost of the test is \$35, payable to Testing Services at the time of testing. Each section is timed and taking the entire test requires a maximum of 3 hours 29 minutes. Testing Services requires an additional half hour, so 4 hours must be allotted, even though you may finish in less time.

Check with the Testing Services Office at 801-863-8269 for their office hours and to verify the test is ready and available on the day you wish to test.

The TEAS Test was developed to measure basic essential skills in the academic content areas of Reading, Mathematics, Science and English/Language Usage. These entry-level skills were deemed important for nursing program applicants by a panel of nursing program curriculum experts.

Study materials for the TEAS Test can be obtained through ATI Corporation's website at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) or some items can be purchased at the UVU Bookstore.

The TEAS Test is a 170-item, four-option, multiple-choice assessment. The following table may help you prepare in an organized and efficient manner.

See Chart on next page:

Content Area	# of Questions	Time Allotted	Sub Categories	Min Score
READING	40	50 min	paragraph comprehension; passage comprehension; inferences/conclusions	50%
MATH	45	56 min	whole numbers; fractions & decimals; percentages; ratio & proportion; metric conversions; algebraic equations; diagrams & graphs	50%
SCIENCE	30	38 min	science reasoning; science knowledge; biology; chemistry; anatomy & physiology; physics; general science	50%
ENGL/LANG	55	65 min	punctuation; grammar; sentence structure; spelling; contextual words	50%

## ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM . . .

Acceptance will be contingent upon:

- 1 - providing satisfactory results of both a federal background check and a drug screen. The background check will include a record of employment and all non-juvenile arrests and convictions, including sex offenses; UVU has sole discretion to deny entrance based upon the information contained in either of these two reports.
- 2 - providing a TOEFL score, no older than 2 years, of 560 for the written, 220 for the computer or 83 for the iBT test. (An English Language Proficiency requirement must be met by all applicants for whom English is a second language.) TOEFL Exam information is available at <http://www.ets.org>.

## SELECTION PROCESS . . .

Entry into the program is determined by a point-based, competitive process—THERE IS NO WAITING LIST!!

Each application will be scored up to a total of 2000 points, according to the percentages identified below. The weighted GPA will be scored to a maximum of 1200 points, the TEAS will be scored to a maximum of 800 points

Percentage	Factor	Which includes...
60%	Prereq GPA	BIOL 1010, CHEM 1110, MATH 1050, ENGL 1010, NUTR 1020, MICR 2060, ZOOL 2420, ZOOL 2320, NURS 1400 and PSY 1100
40%	TEAS Scores	English, math, reading, science and overall comprehensive scores with EACH score worth a max of 160 points

- 3- completion of required immunizations, current CPR certification, and physical exam.
- 4- attendance at the mandatory department orientation. (Check application for date/time/location.)

Acceptance to the nursing program does not guarantee eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensing exam.

## WHAT ARE COMPETITIVE LEVELS??

The mean scores from the past are reflected below. They reflect pools with 5 GPA classes. These means reflect the past 4 application periods.

Prerequisite GPA:	3.91	TEAS Reading:	96
TEAS English:	89	TEAS Math:	89
TEAS Science:	85	TEAS Comprehensive	89

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES . . .

Responsibility for satisfying all requirements rests upon you, the student. You must meet both the general education requirements, as well as the specific requirements of the Department of Nursing, including limitations on grades for specific courses, in order to qualify for graduation from the program.

**Due to limits in class size, numbers of clinical placements and prerequisite sequences, it is not possible to combine semesters to finish the program more quickly.**

All applicants will be notified of admission status **by mail within 8 weeks of the application deadline**. All eligible applicants will be rank-ordered, the top **60 will be conditionally accepted** into program. (See acceptance to the program) Space is limited in the program, therefore all eligible candidates cannot be accepted.

All remaining, eligible candidates will be identified as alternates. Candidates from the alternate pool will be notified in rank-order if openings occur prior to the beginning of class for the semester for which application was made.

Alternate candidates will not be carried forward to another application time frame. Applicants must re-apply to be considered for another application period

**In the future, the nursing application may also include an interview process. It may be implemented as early as Fall 2010. When this occurs, a notice will be placed on the nursing website.**

## APPROXIMATE COSTS . . .

Information regarding current tuition and fees at UVU can be found at [www.uvu.edu/tuition](http://www.uvu.edu/tuition). In addition to these costs, nursing students will also incur expenses for the following items: (all dollar amounts are approximate)

Nursing Lab Fees	\$50-\$80 (per semester)
Drug Screen	\$45
Background Check	\$45
Uniforms	\$150-200
Textbooks	\$150-400 (per semester)
Supplies	\$150-\$200
Graduation Fee	\$25
Licensure Fees	\$300

*Students will also incur costs associated with CPR certification, receiving and/or updating immunization records, physical exam and passport photos.*

## INFORMATION ABOUT NURSING . . .

Students are strongly encouraged to acquaint themselves with the various demands associated with nursing. Students in UVU's Nursing Program are expected to demonstrate the ability to perform functions similar to what would be expected in a nursing employment situation. Students must be able to tolerate physically- and emotionally-taxing activities and perform appropriately during stressful situations, in order to meet the demands of the program, and eventually the profession.

The following web sites provide information regarding the physical, mental and emotional demands of nursing. We strongly suggest that you access, and become familiar with, this information before deciding to pursue a career in nursing.

Physical Demands:

[www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing/docPhysicalDemands.html](http://www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing/docPhysicalDemands.html)

Mental/Emotional Demands:

[www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing/information.html](http://www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing/information.html)

Essential Performance Requirements for UVU Nursing Students:

[www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing/information.html](http://www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing/information.html)

## WEB RESOURCES . . .

### • **DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

The Department of Nursing's website is located at [www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing](http://www.uvu.edu/csh/nursing). This site has helpful information about our department, current program information, transfer information from other state colleges, a Nursing GPA calculator to help you identify how competitive you might be in an applicant pool, downloadable applications for the current application

period, etc. We suggest you access this site and become familiar with our department and our programs.

### • **UVLINK**

Another vital web resource for all UVU students is the online student information system, called UVLink.

Once you apply to UVU and are assigned a UVID#, you can access UVLink, which will give you access to a wide variety of information.

On the main UVLink page, you will be able to access general information such as:

- student timetables (registration, finals, etc.)
- registration tools (add/drop, class schedules, etc.)
- access to Blackboard Vista's "My Courses" pages
- tuition account balances and online payment options
- link your home e-mail to your UV e-mail
- buy parking permits. . . and MUCH, MUCH more!!

Also on the main UVLink Page is a link to your personal Student Records Menu. This link allows you to

- access final grades for the current semester
- view and/or print an unofficial UVU transcript
- view all Transfer Credit Awarded information
- run a Degree Evaluation . . .and MUCH, MUCH more!!

Access UVLink by going to UVU's official website at [www.uvu.edu](http://www.uvu.edu) and click on the UVLink icon in the top left-hand corner...give it a try and see what information you have available!

## ADVISORS

### **PRE-Nursing Advisor: DENISE FULLMER**

Advises all students preparing for application to the program

Office: Losee Learning Center, LC 402J

Phone: Schedule appointments @ 801-863-8596

Fax: 801-863-8176

E-mail: [fullmede@uvu.edu](mailto:fullmede@uvu.edu)

### **Nursing Advisor: LYNNAE MARSING**

Advises all students who have been accepted into the program