

Frequently Asked Questions about the BSN Program at UWG

Q-Do you mail information packets?

The UWG School of Nursing does not mail “information packets” or “application packets.” All of the information is on our website under the Prospective Student menu. These links will provide you with up to date information about the programs offered in the School of Nursing at UWG.

Q-What classes do I need to be considered for the BSN program?

There are a total of 60 hours of prerequisite courses; 36 hours need to be completed at the time you submit your School of Nursing application; 51 hours need to be completed before you start the BSN program, should you be accepted. To look at the required prerequisites visit the School of Nursing website, Prospective Student menu to see Admission Information.

Q-How long is the BSN program?

The Traditional BSN program has a full-time option that is 6 consecutive semesters, and the part-time option is 8 consecutive semesters.

Q-When do classes meet?

Students in the Traditional BSN Program on both Carrollton and Newnan campuses will meet during the day. Clinical times will vary depending on the site and course each semester.

Q-What is NURS 2023 and do I have to take it before applying to the BSN program?

NURS 2023 is Applied Pharmacology, and is part of the BSN curriculum which you will take in your 2nd semester. The curriculum plan is subject to change each year.

Q-What GPA do you need to get into the BSN program?

An OVERALL GPA of 2.75 is required for all Traditional BSN applicants. Applicants with a Bachelors degree in another field that fall between 2.70 and 2.75 may be considered on a case-by-case basis, with Associate Dean approval.

Q-What is a nursing GPA and how is it calculated?

A nursing GPA is derived from a student’s English, Math and Science grades ONLY. This number is calculated using a traditional GPA formula.

Q-What is your application deadline for the BSN program?

The Traditional BSN program only admits once each year in the Summer; the application deadline is January 15th.

Q-Do you have an accelerated program for students that already have a bachelor's degree?

At this time, the UWG School of Nursing does not offer an accelerated program. Applicants with a previous bachelor's degree receive 0.5 points in their Nursing GPA.

Q-Do you have an LPN-RN bridge program?

At this time, the UWG school of Nursing does not offer an accelerated program for LPN's. Each year, LPNs are accepted into the BSN program and are ranked with non-licensed students for admission. Students who provide a copy of their current LPN license will receive 0.5 points in their Nursing GPA.

Q-What nursing entrance test do you require, and how many times can you take it?

The School of Nursing at UWG only accepts scores from the *Test of Essential Academic Skills* (TEAS). As an official testing site for the TEAS test, we are able to offer several testing dates and times between July 1st and Jan 15th each year. Eligible applicants wishing to register for one of the offered test dates should visit the Prospective Students menu on the School of Nursing website. Test dates and registration information are located under the "TEAS Test" link. This test is a required part of our application process. All TEAS test scores must be submitted to the School of Nursing no later than the application deadline. If an applicant has taken the TEAS at another institution, they may request that ATI submit their score sheet to the UWG School of Nursing if the exam date is current with the updated national mean. If the TEAS is taken twice, higher score will be used.

Q-What does my TEAS Test score have to be in order to be considered for the BSN program?

As one of the main requirements to be considered for the BSN program, you must have a TEAS Test score at or above the national mean to be considered. The School of Nursing updates online information with the most current version being accepted and the current national mean each year.

Q-Where can I purchase or checkout a study guide for the TEAS Test?

The *Test of Essential Academic Skills* is administered by Assessment Technologies, Inc. (ATI) and study materials can be purchased at www.atitesting.com. If you are a UWG student, there are study materials available for check out at the library on the Carrollton Campus. The University Bookstore may also sell study guides.

Q-Are old grades forgiven or exempt?

The School of Nursing does not currently offer grade forgiveness.

Q-How can I find out what classes will transfer?

If you are transferring to UWG from another college, your transcripts will have to be evaluated by the Registrar's Office to determine which courses will transfer, this is called a "Transfer Evaluation." They will not start this evaluation until you have submitted your transcripts to the University Admission Office and have been accepted to UWG. The Registrars Office provides a tool called "Undergraduate Transfer Course Equivalents"

(https://grim.westga.edu/pls/UWGP_DAD/hwwktreq.find_state) which will show you what courses have previously transferred to UWG from other schools. Keep in mind that this is subject to change and nothing is final until your Transfer Evaluation is complete. Also note that a transfer evaluation can sometimes bring your GPA down. To read more about admissions to UWG www.westga.edu/index_apply.php

Q-Can I transfer nursing courses from another program?

Transferring from another Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is evaluated on a case by case basis. Students wishing to be considered must send course descriptions/syllabi for all completed nursing coursework to the Associate Dean along with a copy of a transcript from previous institution(s).

Q-What is the difference between a BSN and ASN/ADN?

A baccalaureate degree program will take 4-5 years, whereas an associate degree program may take 2-3 years given the student stays on track. A BSN program will require more coursework especially in the prerequisite areas, much more than an associate degree program. Both types of programs are preparatory for the NCLEX-RN, the state board licensing exam to earn a license as a Registered Nurse. The UWG School of Nursing does offer an RN-BSN program for Registered Nurses with an associate degree to earn their bachelors.

Q-Why should I choose a BSN instead of an ASN/ADN?

A Bachelors of Science in Nursing is the first critical step for a career in professional nursing. A BSN is recognized as the minimal education requirement for professional nursing practice by many nursing associations, including AACN (*American Association for Colleges of Nursing*). Registered Nurses with a baccalaureate degree are able to move up the career ladder and provide a higher level of quality care with much flexibility. To read more about a career in professional nursing, click the link below:

http://www.aacn.edu/Education/nurse_ed/career.htm