

## **NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION POLICY**

### **Applicants Seeking the Pre-Nursing Guarantee**

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Students seeking admission to the pre-nursing program must be admitted to Hesston College and also apply for admission to the nursing program.

**GUARANTEE:** Students accepted to the college and the pre-nursing program are guaranteed admission to upper level nursing coursework if nursing progression standards are met during the freshman and sophomore years.

### **STEP ONE: THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

In order to be admitted to the college for the pre-nursing program, an applicant must be a high school graduate or have passed the GED examination. The first steps in the admission process follow. All information must be submitted to the Hesston College Admissions Office.

- 1) Complete and submit the Hesston College Application for Admission.
- 2) Complete and submit the Hesston College BSN Nursing Application.
- 3) Provide two references. If employed in health care, one reference must be from current employer. References may also come from other employers, supervisors, teachers, coaches, pastors, etc. References from personal friends or relatives are not accepted. Please list references with email addresses on the BSN Nursing Application.
- 4) Submit official high school or GED transcripts.
- 5) Submit official ACT, SAT or ACCUPLACER Next-Generation Exam test scores.
- 6) Submit official transcripts from all colleges, universities and other schools attended.

### **STEP TWO: DETERMINATION OF PRE-NURSING ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must meet academic, technical, legal and social character standards to qualify for admission.

#### **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

To be officially accepted to the pre-nursing program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1) High school GPA of 3.25 or cumulative college GPA of 3.0 based on a minimum of 12 credit hours; and
- 2) ACT composite score of 19, or combined SAT score of 1000 (1365 if taken prior to March 2016), or ACCUPLACER Next-Generation Exam score of 255 in Reading and 255 in Writing (only one ACCUPLACER retake provided); and
- 3) Applicants whose native language is not English:
  - Must achieve a score of 525 on the paper-based TOEFL, or 70 on the internet-based TOEFL, or 5.5 on the IELTS; or
  - Have earned a high school diploma or GED in the United States.

## TECHNICAL STANDARDS

To qualify for entry into the clinical setting, successfully progress through the nursing curriculum, and function as a practicing nurse upon graduation, an individual must be able to perform certain physical and mental activities. Technical standards address the following:

- 1) Visual acuity;
- 2) Hearing, olfactory and tactile ability;
- 3) Fine motor skills;
- 4) Strength, mobility and physical endurance;
- 5) Ability to speak, comprehend and write English;
- 6) Emotional stability; and
- 7) Cognitive ability.

A document describing in detail the Nursing Technical Standards adopted by the program is available from the Admissions Office and on the nursing web site.

## LEGAL STANDARDS

Legal infractions may negatively affect admission to the nursing program, as well as the eligibility for RN licensure following graduation. Therefore, applicants are asked to report any convictions (misdemeanors or felonies) as part of the application process. Legal qualifications for licensure in the state of Kansas are available from the Admissions Office and on the nursing web site.

## SOCIAL CHARACTER

References and/or interviews reflect the following:

- 1) Appropriate interpersonal relationships/employment interactions;
- 2) Appropriate choice of language and personal appearance;
- 3) Professional behaviors and attitude; and
- 4) Willingness to uphold campus lifestyle expectations.

## STEP THREE: PROGRESSION STANDARDS

To be guaranteed a space in upper level nursing coursework, Hesston College students must meet the following academic criteria:

- 1) Enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours at Hesston College each semester;
- 2) Have an academic plan to complete 50 of the 60 liberal education/support credit hours required for the BSN prior to entering nursing coursework. The 10 remaining hours may only include the humanities requirement, Biblical Literature and elective hours;
- 3) Achieve grades of C or above in all required liberal education/support courses and an overall (cumulative) 2.50 GPA in required Hesston College courses;\* and
- 4) Continue to meet program's technical standards, legal standards for RN licensure, and have demonstrated positive social character.
- 5) For applicants whose native language is not English, provide one of the following:
  - Have earned a high school diploma or GED in the United States; or
  - An iBT with minimum scores of 19 in Reading, and a 20 in Listening, Speaking and Writing.

\*If at any time the student is placed on Academic Warning, the Pre-nursing guarantee is withdrawn.