**International Student Admission to the WVU RN-BSN Program**

**Benefits of RN-BSN Program at WVU include:**

- Program is entirely on-line, requiring no travel to campus for classes
- No Visa required
- SAT, GMAT, and GRE exams are not required
- No international student fees
- Courses are asynchronous and designed to be flexible for working professionals
- Academic Advisors are available every step of the registration process to assist students

# How to Apply as an International Student

To apply to West Virginia University as an international student, please complete the following steps:

1. Review the admissions requirements, English Language Proficiency requirements (e.g., TOEFL or IELTS scores) and our application deadlines.
2. Complete all of the information on the undergraduate application and include the nonrefundable fee of $60.

If you prefer to use the Common Application, WVU is a member.

1. Have the results of your test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) scores sent to WVU directly from the respective testing service.
2. Send the following information to WVU:

   - Original or certified copies of all official academic records/transcripts in original language of issue (*transcripts from U.S. institutions must be sent to WVU directly from the institutions*). **Please note:** Unofficial photocopies and emailed scans of transcripts are not acceptable.
   - Original or certified copies of all academic certificates or diplomas in original language of issue.
   - Official English translations of academic records/transcripts and certificates/diplomas.

All application materials should be submitted together at the same time, if possible. Please review our important note about submitting materials. Any supporting material should be forwarded by mail or sent by **FedEx** to the following address:

*Office of Admissions*
*West Virginia University*
*P.O. Box 6009*
*One Waterfront Place, Second Floor*

*Morgantown, WV 26506-6009*
*USA*

**Please note:** Documents received by WVU, including original documents, become the property of WVU and cannot be returned to or copied for the applicant.

***Applicants for undergraduate programs must submit all secondary school records as well as all university-level records. Undergraduate transfer applicants should submit course descriptions or syllabi for all courses completed at the university level.***

*Additional general and school of nursing application information can be found at:*

*http://admissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/international-students*

http://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/rn-to-bsn/apply/

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# Questions

If you have a question about the application process or requirements for international students, please email us at InternationalAdmissions@mail.wvu.edu.

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# Important Note about Submitting Information

Materials from applicants are retained alphabetically, under the family name, as indicated by the applicant on the International Student Admission Application. It is important that all forms, records and correspondence use the same name and spelling. Your name needs to be as it appears or will appear in your passport. Materials often cannot be matched to files when papers arrive with different names.

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### English Language Proficiency Requirements

Generally applicants whose first language is not English must submit adequate (TOEFL) or (IELTS) results before an application can be considered for admission to the WVU:

TOEFL Internet-Based = 61
TOEFL Paper-Based = 500
IELTS = 6.0

Applicants who have completed English composition courses at a U.S. institution, which are equivalent to the WVU's English 101 and 102 with a "B" average, are not required to submit TOEFL/IELTS scores. Many online English composition courses are not considered equivalent and will require review and approval from the English department.

In some cases, it may be possible to consider applicants who lack adequate TOEFL or IELTS scores. Such applicants must enroll in the WVU Intensive English Program prior to beginning their academic program. Applicants who wish to be considered for this option must notify the Office of Admissions when they submit their application. Additional information about the Intensive English Program can be obtained by emailing iep@mail.wvu.edu.

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## Transcript Evaluation

International applicants must have all former educational transcripts from colleges or universities outside the United States evaluated, by World Education Services (WES), and by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS).   A "detailed" or "course-by-course" evaluation, including a calculated grade point average (GPA) and WES certified copies of official documents, is required for all work completed in a country other than the United States.

Transcripts, mark sheets, grade report examination results and degree certificates from all previously attended institutions should be sent to:

World Education Services (WES)
Bowling Green Station
P.O. Box 5087
New York, NY 10274-5087
www.wes.org

Once you have submitted your credentials to WES for evaluation, any inquiries regarding the evaluation can be directed to www.wes.org.

Final WES and CGFNS evaluation reports should then be sent to the WVU Office of Admissions at:

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*One Waterfront Place, Second Floor*
*Morgantown, WV 26506-6009*
*USA*

## RN Licensure

- Foreign educated nurses may apply only if they have a current U.S. RN license, with no restrictions.

Prior to enrolling in the School, graduates of foreign schools of nursing must pass the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools examination, as well as the NCLEX-RN examination in order to become a registered nurse (RN) in the United States. Several states, however, do not require successful completion of the CGFNS examination in order to sit for the NCLEX-RN. Information on the CGFNS examination can be obtained from either the United States Embassy or the nurses' association in the foreign country of residence.

| Program | Entry Term | Open/Close | Notes |
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| RN to BSN | Spring (January) | May 1st/Nov. 1st | All transcripts must be received no later than November 15th. |
| | Summer (May) | Sept. 1st/March 1st | All transcripts must be received no later than March 15th. |
| | Fall (August) | Dec. 1st/June 1st | All transcripts must be received no later than June 15th. |

## Financial

**Scholarships**

International scholarship information is available at the Undergraduate Scholarship Office.

**Documentation for Student Visa**

Before WVU can issue the document necessary to apply for a student visa (*Form I-20 or Form DS-2019*) the student must provide proof that he or she has the adequate financial resources to provide for his or her expenses incurred while studying at WVU. For more on the student visa process, visit the Office of International Students and Scholars.

Additionally, immigration regulations require students to be enrolled in classroom instruction for a visa. Only one online/distance course may be counted towards the minimum required courses in any term. Due to these restrictions, the RN-BSN degree program in the School of Nursing does not qualify for F-1 or J-1 student sponsorship.

## Student Health Insurance

International students will be automatically enrolled in our student health plan unless an appropriate waiver has been submitted and approved. Information regarding the plan, enrollment information, waiver forms, etc., can be found at the Student Health Insurance Plan.

## Student Support and Organizations

Once you are admitted to WVU, the Office of International Students and Scholars offers support and various cross-cultural programs and activities in which you can be involved.

## Check the Status of Your Application

If you have applied for undergraduate admission, you can check your admission status online. It may take 7-10 days after submitting your application for your status to be available.

## Related Documents

- Admissions Decision Appeal
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- International Baccalaureate Program Credit (IB)
- Cancel Your Attendance
- Change of Campus
- Change Your Major
- Change Your Term
- Residency Classification