

## **Fall 2021 Nursing Admission FAQs**

### **I applied for Nursing, but received an acceptance letter for Health and Well Being. Why am I in this program when I applied for Nursing?**

Students are placed into Health and Well Being if they applied as **Test Optional** and did not supply a SAT, ACT or TEAS score OR if their GPA and supplied test scores do not meet our Pre-Nursing or Direct Admit requirements. You can find our requirements for the program [by clicking here](#).

### **I was placed into Health and Well Being. Does this mean I was denied admission into the Nursing program?**

Students are not denied admission into the Nursing program as First Time Freshmen. All students, regardless of major at the time of admission, must still successfully complete the required prerequisite courses in order to begin nursing courses in their second year.

Students who are freshmen in Health and Well Being may request to change their major to Pre-Nursing after grades have posted for the fall semester. They may still apply to the nursing program for a fall semester start (second year) **IF** they have a cumulative and prerequisite GPA of a 3.0 or higher. Please note, admission selection is competitive and based on the cumulative and prerequisite GPAs. Meeting the minimum requirements will not guarantee admission.

### **I have been admitted into other institutions without submitting test scores. Will West Virginia University accept me without test scores?**

Students are able to apply into the University as Test Optional, but the School of Nursing requires an ACT, SAT, or TEAS examination to be placed into one of our freshman tracks. Students without a test score will automatically be referred to Health and Well Being in the College of Physical Activity and Sports Science.

### **I will have completed many prerequisites prior entering WVU in the fall. Can I begin nursing courses prior to the fall semester of my sophomore year?**

Students are not eligible to begin courses until at least the first semester of their sophomore year regardless of the amount of credit hours earned while in high school.

### **I'd like to accelerate the BSN program and graduate early in order to get right to work. Is that possible?**

Our BSN program takes three years to complete regardless of how many credits have been earned prior to beginning the program. This also applies to transfer students in most scenarios.

### **I have been admitted as a Pre-Nursing student. Can I still graduate in four years?**

Freshmen Pre-Nursing students may complete the program in four years if they begin the program during the fall of their sophomore year. If admitted during the following spring, it would add an additional semester making it 4.5 years to graduate. Admission into the program is based on available spaces and both the cumulative and prerequisite GPAs. The applicant GPAs vary from year to year. Since it is a competitive program, admission is not guaranteed for Pre-Nursing or Health and Well Being students.

### **I was admitted with advanced status as a Direct Admit student. Does that mean I am guaranteed a seat once the program begins?**

In order to maintain advanced admission standing as a direct admit, students are required to fulfill academic requirements in the freshman year and prior to entering sophomore nursing classes. More specifically, students must have a 3.0 overall GPA or better at the end of the first semester, have a 3.5 overall GPA or better at the end of the second semester and complete all prerequisite courses with a C or better by the end of the summer semester of the freshman year. If you are unable to meet these academic standards, you would be moved to the Pre-Nursing major but would have the opportunity to enter the Pre-Nursing applicant pool for consideration for program re-entry and progression to sophomore nursing classes.

### **I saw there is a laptop program. If I already have a laptop, can I just use the one I have?**

All Health Science Center students are required to participate in our HSC Laptop Program. Students will be assigned a one-time fee for an Apple MacBook Air when they enter the program during the sophomore year. The laptop will be used for testing and curricular instruction and students will retain the laptop after graduation.

*Please refer any further questions to College Recruitment Specialist Phillip Engelkemier. He can be reached at [phillip.engelkemier@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:phillip.engelkemier@hsc.wvu.edu)*

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