

Florida Gulf Coast University

School of Nursing

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1. **Application Process - What are the deadlines to apply to the SON and the application process?**

February 1st, for the Fall semester and **May 15th** for the Spring semester applications. Applying to the program is a **two-step** process. The requirements are as follows:

- ✚ Submit a FGCU Application for Admission and satisfy all applicable university admission requirements.
- ✚ Submit a completed School of Nursing supplemental application form after you have been admitted to the university.
- ✚ Earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.0 scale for BSN-FTIN program
- ✚ Complete common prerequisites for nursing, with a grade of C or higher. Students who have not completed all required coursework at the time of application must include, with the application packet, a written plan for completion of the course(s). A final transcript or original grade report documenting successful completion of the course(s) must be submitted to the School of Nursing prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
- ✚ Complete a minimum of two science common prerequisites prior to the application deadline.
- ✚ Successful completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skill (TEAS) with required scores prior to BSN supplemental application deadline.
- ✚ Applicants who have attended, but not completed, another BSN registered nursing program must provide a letter of support from the Dean of the School of Nursing (or designee) that addresses the following: potential for success in a BSN program, safety in providing nursing care, interpersonal communication skills, and other information the director deems important. BSN-FTIN applicants from an accredited baccalaureate BSN program must also submit course syllabi and topical outlines for all nursing courses.

2. **How can I meet with an advisor? How do I get admitted as a transfer student?**

In order to meet with an advisor in the School of Nursing, you must first be admitted to FGCU as a pre-nursing student. If you are a brand-new student to FGCU (new transfer student OR incoming freshmen), please complete these steps in order to complete the admission process:

- ✚ Apply to FGCU undergraduate admissions for pre-nursing
- ✚ Submit official undergraduate transcripts to undergraduate admissions.
- ✚ Upon admission as a pre-nursing student, sign up for mandatory orientation
- ✚ If you are a newly-admitted FGCU student please be sure to sign up for an Orientation session. As part of this session you will be meeting with an academic advisor who will assist you in registering for classes for your major.

3. **I am almost done with my prerequisites, can I apply to the program before completing these courses?**

To apply to the School of Nursing you have to be;

- + Fully admitted to FGCU
- + Complete at least two natural sciences from the list of common prerequisites. The student has to have a plan to satisfy all the requirements prior to entering the Nursing Program
- + Take the TEAS test.

4. **Is there an entrance exam that needs to be taken prior to entering the program?**

- + TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is the Test required for the Nursing Program.
- + The Test has to be taken before applying to the School of Nursing.
- + The test scores cannot be older than one year.
- + The first score within the year between applications will be used.
- + Applicants can choose to retake the TEAS test **once** per application term

For information regarding the TEAS exam, please visit the FGCU Testing and Assessment website at: <http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/Testing/TEAS.htm>

To register for the TEAS test, please contact the University Testing Center at (239) 590-7955.

5. **What is the cost of the program?**

Click here for In State and Out of State costs; <http://www.fgcu.edu/Cashiers/tuition-and-fees.html>

6. **How is admission to the BSN program determined?**

Admission to the program is based on GPA, grades of science prerequisites and, entrance exam scores (TEAS).

7. **I attended FGCU, do I need to have my FGCU transcripts sent to the School of Nursing?**

No. If you have taken courses somewhere else other than FGCU you need to provide transcripts to the admissions office.

8. **Do you offer admission to the RN-BSN program?**

No. We have suspended admission to this program.

9. **Is there a waiting list for the BSN Program?**

No, there is no waiting list for the BSN program

10. **When will I find out if I have been accepted into the BSN program?**

All applicants are notified via e-mail as to when to expect admission decisions.

11. **Pre-Nursing - What is Pre-Nursing?**

Students who submit a FGCU Undergraduate Admissions Application, that are accepted into the University, and who wish to take their prerequisites at the Florida Gulf Coast University are initially classified as "Pre-Nursing" students. Pre-Nursing students are advised in the School of Nursing (or First Year Advising for freshmen) to ensure that they complete the prerequisites necessary to apply to the School of Nursing. Once all prerequisites are completed, students may apply to the SON by completing a BSN application. The nursing application will be posted twice a year, generally in November and April. Admission to the Nursing Program is competitive and **not** all applicants who meet minimum requirements are admitted into the program.

12. **I need to know if credits I have taken previously will transfer. What should I do?**

The FGCU Admissions Office is the office for transcript evaluations. **Transcript Evaluations are only done after application to the Florida Gulf Coast University.** FGCU Undergraduate Admissions can be reached at (239) 590-7878.

13. **Application Process - If I do not get accepted, will my application roll over to the next semester?**

No. FGCU School of Nursing does not have a waiting list that rolls over each semester. If a student is not accepted for a particular semester, they are welcome to submit a new application for a subsequent semester **unless told otherwise in the notification letter**. Two applications are required for degree-seeking programs. Applications to FGCU are good for three semesters. Students should submit a new School of Nursing Application (which is free) each time they apply.

14. **I am an International Student, is there a specific process that I should follow?**

In addition to following the normal application procedures in the "Application Process and Deadlines" section for each program, you will need to have any courses taken outside of the United States evaluated by an International Credentialing Center. There is usually a fee associated with this service. Some suggested companies are, WES, Josef Silny & Associates, Inc, etc. For more information, please contact the **International Services** department; <http://www.fgcu.edu/international/>

15. Application Process - How do I apply to the University?

Please follow the instructions on the Admissions webpage. Click here
<http://www.fgcu.edu/Admissions/Prospective/prospective.html>

16. When are applications to the university accepted?

Please click on the following link or copy and paste it into your browser;
<http://www.fgcu.edu/Admissions/Prospective/deadlines.html>

17. What types of courses would I take if I am accepted to the BSN program?

Please see course list by following this link. <http://www.fgcu.edu/CHP/Nursing/BSN/degreq.asp>

18. How long does it take to complete the BSN Program?

After having completed general education requirements and the prerequisites, there are 64 credit hours left in the major. It usually takes two years to complete the 64 credit hours of nursing core courses.

19. How many students do you accept per year?

We can accept up to 99 students per year. We have two admission terms, Spring and Fall. The number of students who are admitted for each term varies based on a number of factors including the number of faculty, clinical facilities, and applicants.

20. What is the required TEAS score?

There is no required score. The average score computed from past semesters has been in the 74-77 percentile. The score that is considered is the **program percentile rank score**.

21. What is the average GPA of the students who are admitted into the program?

The average GPA varies with every pool of applicants. In the most recent semesters the average GPA has been between 3.5 and 3.6

22. Do I need letters of recommendation or personal essays for admission into the nursing program?

No. Letters of recommendation or essays are **not** required for admission. These documents will not influence the admission process in any manner.

FGCU Students FAQs

1. What is a pre-major in a Limited Access Program in the College of Health Professions?

Athletic Training and Nursing are Limited Access Programs. This means that you are initially accepted into the University as a pre-major AND then you must submit a Supplemental Application for consideration for acceptance into a Limited Access undergraduate CHP major. All CHP programs are selective in the admission to the major process. Not all students who meet the selection criteria are admitted into the limited access majors. The selection process is very competitive and space is limited in each incoming class. Questions about Supplemental Application submission can be directed to your School Academic Advisor.

All General Education courses and Program Prerequisites, as well as other program-specific requirements, must be completed to be considered for acceptance into a Limited Access Program.

Once admitted to a CHP major, A selected School faculty or college advisor will be assigned to students upon acceptance into a major.

Please note:

- The B.S. - Athletic Training, B.S.-Human Performance and B.S.-Nursing (BSN) are Limited Access programs and require a Supplemental Application by a specific deadline.
- The B.S. - Community Health is not Limited Access, but still requires a Supplemental Application.
- B.S. - Health Science is not limited access, but still requires a Supplemental Application by a specific deadline.
- The B.S. - Human Performance is not Limited Access, but still requires a Supplemental Application by a specific deadline.

Please be aware of the deadline dates and plan accordingly as Supplemental Applications are not normally accepted by the Departments after the deadline date.

2. Who is my school academic advisor in the CHP and what is their contact information?

The advisor for Pre-Nursing is:

Anne Young, Griffin Hall, Room 150, (239) 590-7455 or (239) 590-7485, ayoung@fgcu.edu

3. What is a Degree Program Fact Sheet?

A Fact Sheet is available for each degree program. This information lists the lower level common course prerequisites and the upper level coursework required for a given major.

4. I Have a Fact Sheet. Is There Anything Else I Need to Know?

Yes! It is important to have all the information needed to graduate in the shortest possible time. There are requirements beyond coursework that you need to fulfill before you will be able to graduate. To help in this process, it is important to meet with your Advisor prior to scheduling classes each semester to ensure you are registering for the correct courses in the right sequence.

5. When Should I Register for Classes?

After you have been accepted to the University, you will only be permitted to register after attending an Eagle View Orientation. As your School Advisors, we recommend registering for orientation as early as possible. It is important to attend the earliest possible Orientation since classes tend to fill quickly. This will increase your choices of required classes.

6. Do I Need a "C" or Better in the Required Courses for admission to my Major?

You must earn a "C" or better in all Gordon Rule courses and the common course prerequisites for your major.

7. Pre-nursing: How do I change my major to pre-nursing?

If you wish to be a part of the pre-nursing program but are a current FGCU student in another major or a former student just readmitted to FGCU in another major, you can declare pre-nursing as a major by scheduling an appointment with the School of Nursing advisor. You are not required to be in registered as pre-nursing to apply to the program.