



Application Information Session PN and AAS Programs



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Prepare now for the application

Learn in this workshop:

- What you'll need to do prior to applying to the Nursing program
- What materials to have ready when you do apply
- What the timeline is
- Where and who to go to for questions

Make sure to complete all prerequisites:

B- or better grade required in all prerequisite courses:

- BIOL 2320
- BIOL 2420
- CHEM 1010 or CHEM 1110/1115 (where lab is available) -CHEM 1110 is accepted where lab is not available
- STAT 1040 or STAT 1045
- HDFS 1500
- ENGL 1010
- NURS 2500 (AAS RN program only)



Additional prerequisite information:

- Students applying to the AAS Nursing program must also have a B- or higher in all PN courses
- BIOL 2420 must be completed within five years of entrance to USU Nursing program*
- Maximum limit of three attempts to complete each prerequisite course

* or must be completed within 5 years of entrance to PN program if moving directly into AAS Nursing program from USU's PN program or a technical college PN program



Additional prerequisite information:

- All remaining prerequisites must be completed by spring of the application year (e.g. Spring 2024 for Fall 2024 Program Cohort)
- Students who have graduated in April or May and applying for admission *directly* from a USHE Technical College* PN program must complete any outstanding prerequisite courses during summer semester immediately before beginning the AAS program
- If PN certificate will be earned/completed earlier than April/May 2024, prerequisite courses need to be completed by Spring 2024 semester.

*USHE Technical colleges include: Bridgerland Tech, Davis Tech, Uintah Basin Tech, Mountainland Tech, Ogden-Weber Tech, Southwest Tech, Tooele Tech, and Dixie Tech.



Let's make sure we understand

- EXAMPLE 1

- Jane, a Davis-Weber Tech student, completed her PN program in **December 2023**. What is the latest that she can complete her pre-requisites to enter USU's Fall 2024 nursing cohort?
- Answer: Jane has until **Spring 2024** semester to complete pre-requisite courses

- EXAMPLE 2

- John, a Uintah Basin Tech student, completed his PN program in **May 2024**. What is the latest that he can complete pre-requisites in order to enter USU's Fall 2024 nursing cohorts?
- Answer: John has until **Summer 2024** semester to complete pre-requisite courses



Personal Statements

- Your first impression can make or break an application
- Follow requirements for length and formatting
 - 2-pages, double space, 12-point font
- Grammar, spelling and punctuation

Personal Statements

■ Questions

- Why do you want to become a nurse?
- What are your short term and long-term goals in nursing?
- What are specific strategies that you will use to be successful in nursing?

■ Highlight personal experience and skills you'll bring to the program:

- Volunteer, experience, research, leadership, problem solving, critical thinking, teamwork.



Personal Statements

- Be conscious of providing Too Much Information (TMI)
- Be concise
- USU Career Design Center
 - suggestions, feedback and proof reading



HESI Admission Assessment Exam (HESI-A2)

- **Required for PN program applicants only**
- The HESI-A2 consists of three major content areas: English Language, Math, Science – and two personal assessment areas. The English Language covers reading comprehension, vocabulary and grammar. The Math covers basic math skills needed for healthcare (fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures). The Science covers biology, chemistry, and Anatomy & Physiology. The personal assessment covers learning style and personality profile. These two areas are not graded but offers the student and Nursing program good insight into your learning profile.
- Total testing time is 5 hours and 25 minutes.





HESI A2 Exam

- Get informed with schedules and deadlines
- Test prep materials and programs
- Study: Elsevier offers a study guide- (<https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9780323353786?role=student>)
- Take exam and receive official score prior to submitting application to program.
- Successful completion (**75% or better**) is required.
 - May take test two times if first score is low. Two weeks between attempts is required.
 - HESI A2 scores older than two years will not be accepted.
- ****Take exam at a USU testing center or approved testing site near you**

Professional Resume

- Sales brochure about you
 - Abilities, experiences and education
- Experience
 - Demonstrates growth over time with skills, experience, and/or education
 - Focus on professional skills rather than when, where, or how acquired
- Limit to 1-page
- USU Career Coach for Nursing
 - **Rachel Hollingsworth**
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Application Submission

- Have all documents in **PDF format** to upload
 - Receipt of application payment (Paid through PayPal)
 - HESI A2 score (PN applicants only)
 - Professional Resume
 - Personal Statement
- Submit by February 15, 2024, deadline

Students will receive email verification that application has been received – check junk mail





Accessing the Application

January 1 – February 15, 2024

- Link active only during application date range
- Link will be accessible on the USU Nursing homepage
- <https://cehs.usu.edu/nursing/how-to-apply/index>
- Applicants should use Chrome or Firefox
- Application *must* be completed in one sitting

Who needs to apply?

- Pre-Nursing students need to apply to the PN program.
- PN students from other colleges who are applying to USU's AAS Nursing program must complete the application in addition to being admitted to USU.
- USU students who completed the USU PN program more than a year ago must complete the application. They may also need to reapply to USU.

What about current USU PN students applying to the AAS Nursing program?

- Current USU PN students need to complete and return the letter of intent form that they should have been given by the Nursing coordinator or staff. They return forms to Nursing staff assistants not advisors.
- Current USU PN students do not need to complete the online application.



Helpful Tips

- Once you hit “Submit”, do not hit the back button – it clears out what you’ve previously entered into the application, and you’ll have to start over.
- Be prepared with all materials prior to beginning the application. Save all documents as PDF, including payment receipt.
- Once you submit, you’ll receive email confirmation.
- Applicants will learn of acceptance typically within 6-8 weeks after the application cycle ends via email
- For clinical or Nursing profession questions, meet with Nursing faculty at your location. Faculty are a wealth of information and are happy to meet with students to discuss Nursing as a career.
- For prerequisite and major course questions, application questions, etc., please visit with your academic advisor. Advisors help with semester planning and help connect students to resources such as tutoring.
- When it is time to apply for graduation, your academic advisor will help make sure you’re on track to meet prerequisite and degree requirements.





Lastly

- Students offered a position in the program who do not turn in their signed acceptance letter or turn it in after the deadline, will not be admitted into the program.
- Follow-up on rejection letters with a thank you letter or email, and request feedback.
- Read all emails from the Nursing department and stay on top of admission requirements/deadlines such as vaccinations, purchase of required materials, etc.



- MMR** — 2 vaccinations **or** titer showing immunity
- Varicella** (chicken pox) — 2 vaccinations **or** titer showing immunity
- Hepatitis B*** **Accepted proof:** documentation of two (Hepslav-B) **OR** three (recombivax HB and Engerix-B) vaccinations **AND** a surface antibody titer proving immunity (results of “reactive”)
- TDaP** — vaccination within the past 8 years
- TB Tests** — **two** 2-step skin tests **or** T-spot negative blood draw **or** QuantiFERON Gold negative blood draw **or** negative chest x-ray
- CNA certification** — Logan BSN students only
- CPR/Basic Life Support (BLS) for healthcare provider** — certification approved by the American Heart Association (AHA)
Be careful of sites that say things like “follow AHA guidelines” these are not acceptable.

Background check and drug screen will be completed at the time you create your compliance account.

Flu vaccination will be done annually during fall semester of your USU nursing program.

* Hepatitis B: If you did not have Hepatitis B vaccinations as a child (or at any time prior) you may need to start a 2- or 3- series** Hepatitis B vaccination process, if your initial Hepatitis B titer result is non-reactive.

** The Heplisav-B vaccine is new and requires only 2 injections. This is the 2-series vaccination. Recombivax HB and Engerix-B are 3-series vaccines.

In order to enter a USU nursing program, you must provide documentation showing that you have had the 2- or 3-Series vaccines, and/or a Reactive titer, by August 1. We strongly encourage you to start this process as soon as possible.

Questions?

We are here to help.