



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:

REMEMBER!

B- or better grade required in all prerequisite courses

3 course attempts will be accepted

No more than 10 overall repeats, including transfer or equivalent course

If you have any questions regarding course attempts or repeats, please talk with your advisor



Program Prerequisite Courses (PN and AAS programs):

Practical Nurse Prerequisite Courses:	AAS (RN) Prerequisite Courses:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HDFS 1500 Human Development Across the Lifespan, <u>or</u> PSY 1010 General Psychology, <u>or</u> PSY 1100 Lifespan Development• BIOL 2320 Human Anatomy (lab recommended but not required)• BIOL 2420 Human Anatomy (lab recommended but not required)• Certified Nurse Assistant <u>or</u> Medical Assistant Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of a PN Program, including all PN prerequisite courses• ENGL 1010 Introduction to Writing: Academic Prose• CHEM 1010 Introduction to Chemistry <u>or</u> CHEM 1110 General Chemistry I (CHEM 1115 lab recommended but not required)• NURS 2500 Pathophysiology• Any Math QL (STAT 1040 <u>or</u> STAT 1045 recommended but not required)

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 Summer semester of the application year (e.g. Summer 2026 semester for Fall 2026 Program Cohort)

*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 (easy)

- EXAMPLE 1

- Jane, a Davis-Weber Tech student, completed her PN program in **December 2025**. What is the latest that she can complete her pre-requisites to enter USU's Fall 2026 nursing cohort?
- Answer: Jane has until **Summer 2026** semester to complete pre-requisite courses

- EXAMPLE 2

- John, a Uintah Basin Tech student, completed his PN program in **May 2026**. 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 2026** semester to complete pre-requisite courses



Application Process

Two Phase process

- PHASE 1- submit the following
 - General Application
 - Resume Template
 - Application Essay questions – Essay questions will be emailed each Friday
- PHASE 2 – by invite
 - Video Interviews

Resume Template

- Fill out PDF template
 - Education
 - Healthcare experience
 - Non-Healthcare (work) experience
 - Extra-curricular activities

Remember a resume is the highlight of the work/experience that you want to bring attention to the nursing program.

- Be detailed and concise in your roles and responsibilities.



Application Essay

- **Questions will be emailed to you:**
 - Be prepared to write about your own personal experiences with topics such as care of others, life challenges, responsible behaviors, the many facets of diversity, and success.
- **Questions will be emailed, on a Friday – see How to Apply Website for more information**



Tips/Helpful Information

- **Highlight personal experience and skills you'll bring to the program:**
 - Volunteer, experience, research, leadership, problem solving, critical thinking, teamwork.
- **Be conscious of providing Too Much Information (TMI)**
- **Be concise**
- **Visit USU Career Design Center**
 - Using a career specialist can help with interviews



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 one of the following USU Testing sites – Price, Moab, or Blanding

Phase 2 of the application process



- Video interviews
- Students will be notified of application status, and whether or not it was advanced to the subsequent phase.
- Meeting the minimum requirements to apply to the Nursing Program does not guarantee acceptance
- If invited to participate in Phase 2, please be sure to read all instructions carefully as you will only have one chance to complete your video interview (email will be sent)

Career Coach

College of Education and Human Services

- **Alana Stowe** – Career Design Specialist

(see QR code)

OR

- **LaNae Walker** -Career Design Specialist for Statewide campuses
- Email: Lanae.walker@usu.edu



Application Submission

- Have all documents in **PDF format** to upload
 - Receipt of application payment (Paid through PayPal)
 - HESI A2 score (PN applicants only)
 - Resume Template
 - Submit by February 15, 2026, deadline
 - Upload CNA or MA Certificate (for PN program only) or PN License, if applicable

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





Accessing the Application

January 1 – February 15, 2026

- 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.
- **REMEMBER**—All correspondence from the department/USU will be sent to your `Anumber@usu.edu` address.



- 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
- 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.

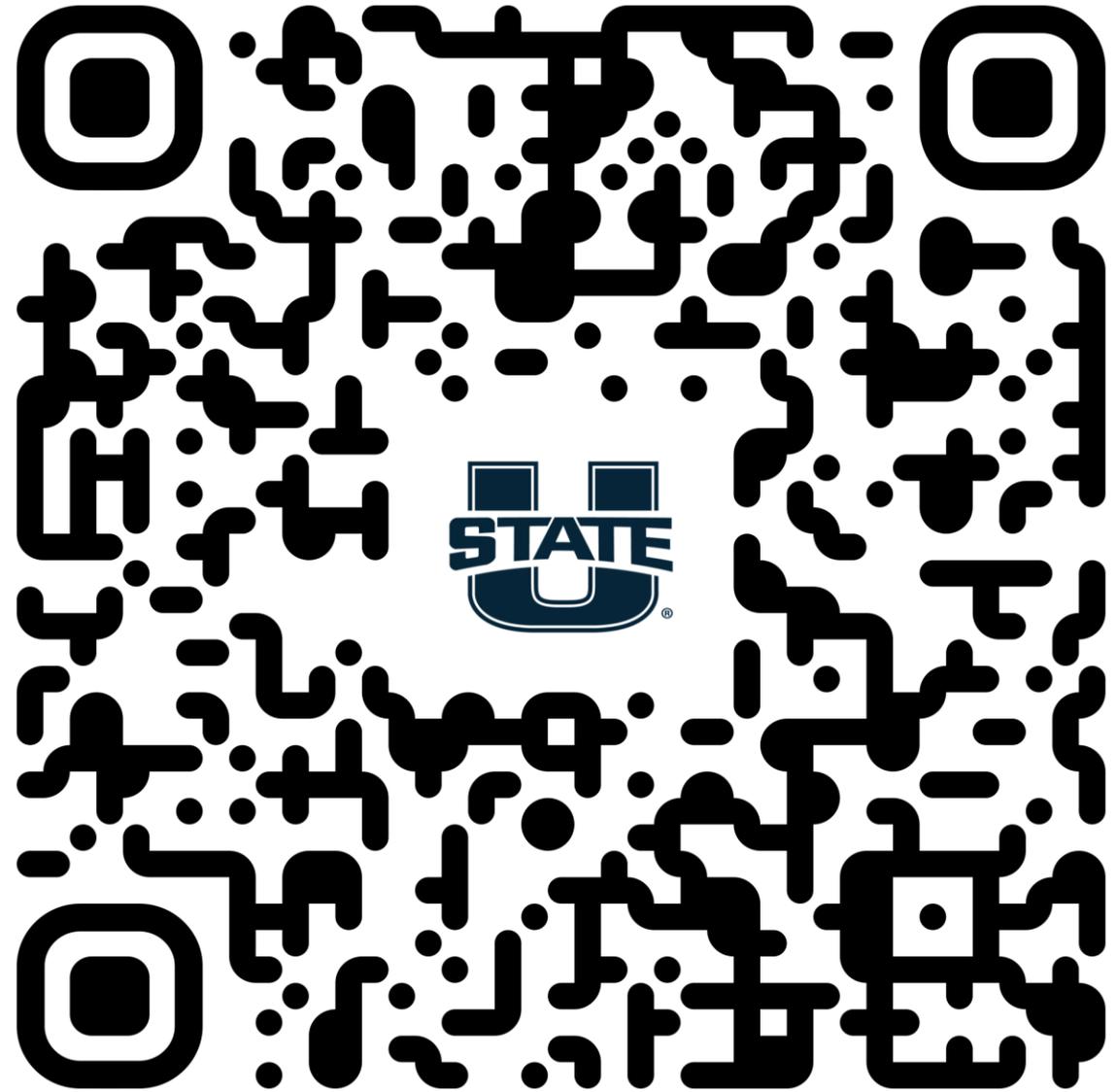
** The Heplisav-B vaccine is new and requires only 2 injections. This is the 2-series vaccination. Recombivax HB and Engerix-B are 3-series vaccines.

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.

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