# Practical Nursing Program (PN) Application Checklist

Department of Nursing

The following must be completed and documented in the applicant’s file before being considered for admission to the PN program. Please check that each area is compete upon application submission.

* Complete a Utah State University (USU) [Admissions Application](http://www.usu.edu/apply/) and be accepted *(if not currently enrolled or returning from a Leave of Absence)*. There is a $50 application fee.
  + Submit all official college transcripts *(if transfer student)*; or high school or GED verification to USU Admissions.
  + TOEFL score is required for non-native English-speaking students.

Prerequisite course requirements must be completed with a grade of “B-” or better. Three course attempts for any one course will be accepted, with a maximum of 10 total repeats, including transfer or equivalent courses.

* Completion of a [PN Prerequisites](https://cehs.usu.edu/nursing/how-to-apply/pn-program.php)
  + BIOL 2320 Human Anatomy
    - BIOL 2320 Laboratory recommended, not required \*\*\*
  + BIOL 2420 Human Physiology (within 5 years of admission date)
    - BIOL 2420 Laboratory recommended, not required\*\*\*
  + HDFS 1500 Human Development Across the Lifespan (BSS)\*\*\*
    - PSY 1100 Lifespan Development (BSS)
    - PSY 1010 General Psychology (BSS)
  + Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) or Medical Assistant (MA) certification

If students plan to continue in the Associate of Applied Science (RN) program, it’s encouraged students to talk with a nursing advisor to plan the following courses into their schedule.

* Chemistry
  + CHEM 1010 Introduction to Chemistry (BPS) or
  + CHEM 1110 General Chemistry I (BPS)
    - CHEM 1115 Laboratory is recommended, not required\*\*\*
* ENGL 1010 Introduction to Writing: Academic Prose (CL1)
* NURS 2500 or BIOL 2520 Pathophysiology for Nursing
* One [Math QL](https://catalog.usu.edu/content.php?catoid=38&navoid=29058)\*\*\*

*\*\*\* If students plan to continue or advance their education by attending a graduate level nursing program, we highly encourage you to talk with your advisor as labs and specific courses are required. Complete online AAS application.*

* Complete and submit the online PN Application
  + Submit copy of receipt for non-refundable $30.00 application fee in **PDF format**. (see Step #3 on the How to Apply webpage)
* Successful completion (75% or better) of the HESI A2 exam. Applicants are allowed two attempts per application cycle. Two weeks in between attempts is required. HESI A2 scores older than **two years** will not be accepted.
  + **The HESI A2 will be taken at a USU testing center**. Read [instructions for registering](https://cehs.usu.edu/nursing/hesi-registration-instructions.php) with a USU testing center.
  + All students are required to complete all sections of the HESI A2 exam, **except**for the Physics section.
  + Elsevier offers a [study guide](https://cehs.usu.edu/nursing/files/HESI-A2-flier-1-5-23.pdf) to prepare for taking the HESI A2.
* Submit Personal Statement, 2-page, double spaced, 12-point font in **PDF format**. Answer the following 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 the nursing program?
  + Submit Professional Resume in **PDF format**.
* Letters of acceptance/non-acceptance will be sent 6-8 weeks after application close date.
* If you accept a position in the PN nursing program, you will be required to abide by certain policies and procedures found in the [Student Handbook](https://usu.app.box.com/s/sa8vqiq66dcnc5e3jw4rq87o10s6893w).

Upon Admission to the USU PN program:

* Apply for [scholarships](https://www.usu.edu/financial-support/scholarships)
* [Pre-clinical requirements](https://cehs.usu.edu/nursing/pre-clinical-requirements.php) due **August 1st**. Full instructions are provided with your acceptance letter:
* Create or update your USU [compliance management tool](http://usucompliance.com/) with American Databank (ADB)
* Urine drug screen and background check - initiated with your ADB/Complio account
* Immunization records - start gathering documents early
* American Heart Association (AHA) BLS for Healthcare Providers certification