

Pre-Transfer Guide for Prospective Nursing Students

Applying to Towson University

- Students must apply to both the university and the nursing major. University admission is major-blind, meaning that your eligibility for the nursing major is not a factor in your university admission decision. Students admitted to the university are initially admitted as pre-nursing majors.
- Application Deadlines
 - Spring Admission: November 15
 - Fall Admission – Priority: March 1
(Merit-based scholarship consideration & Honors College)
 - Fall Admission – Regular: June 1

Applying to the Nursing Program

The nursing major is a highly selective and competitive program. Admission to the university and completion of the minimum requirements does not guarantee program admission.

- Application Deadlines
 - Spring Program Admission: August 15
 - Fall Program Admission: January 15
- Minimum Criteria to Apply
 - A minimum of 42 undergraduate credits completed
 - At least three science prerequisites and ENGL 102 completed
- Required Application Materials
 - Official transcripts from all schools attended
 - Application fee and completed program application
 - Proficient score on the Test of Academic Skills (TEAS)
- Minimum Criteria for Program Admission
 - 3.0 GPA or higher
 - Grade of C (2.0) or higher in all prerequisite courses
 - No more than two (2) repeated courses
 - All college-level courses completed within the past 10 years
- Factors Considered in Program Admission
 - Overall cumulative GPA (includes all institutions attended)
 - Science prerequisite GPA
 - TEAS score
 - Overall academic record

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What should I take at my current school?

- We recommend that you follow your school's general education curriculum and the prerequisite courses for nursing admission.
- The TSC offers pre-transfer advising and resources to assist you with identifying the appropriate courses to take for transferring:
 - TES – TSC's database for all previously approved transfer equivalencies
 - Transfer planning support to ensure satisfaction of Core Curriculum requirements that are not met through nursing prerequisite coursework
- Courses that have not been previously reviewed for an equivalency need to be evaluated by the appropriate academic department. Contact the TSC for assistance with this process.

How can I be a competitive nursing applicant?

- Aim for higher than the minimum grades and GPA! The average cumulative GPA of admitted students is 3.5-3.6
- Take advantage of academic and student support resources at your community college
- Know what courses may be challenging and avoid stacking them in one term
- Avoid repeating courses
- Strive for a competitive TEAS score (typically 85% or higher)
- Take advantage of available TEAS study resources

What if I do not meet the nursing admission criteria?

Students who do not meet certain criteria may be eligible for the department's individual admission policy. To be considered, the applicant must demonstrate the ability to be successful in a rigorous academic curriculum through a recent strong academic performance in relevant course work. Any applicant concerned about their admissibility to the program should contact the Department of Nursing.

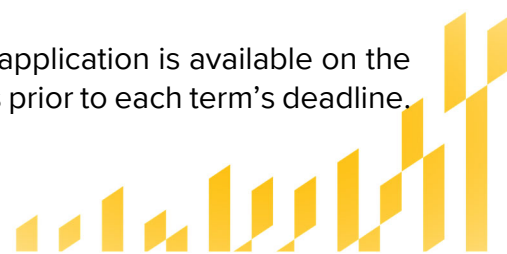
Where do I submit my application materials?

Official Transcripts: Send all official transcripts to University Admissions electronically or via mail. These will be received by University Admissions and can be accessed by the Department of Nursing. Duplicate transcripts do not need to be sent to the department. Mailed transcripts must be in a sealed and signed envelope to be official, and electronic transcripts must be sent directly by the school.

- **Mailed Transcripts:** University Admissions, 8000 York Road, Towson, MD 21252
- **Electronic Transcripts:** admissions_documents@towson.edu

TEAS Scores: TEAS transcripts are received by the Department of Nursing and cannot be accessed by University Admissions or TSC staff. Students should note that the Department of Nursing is not involved in the preparation for or scheduling of the exam. Official TEAS scores are requested through your ATI Testing account. Follow the ATI Testing instructions for requesting an official TEAS transcript and select Towson University as the recipient.

Applications: The TU transfer application is online. The nursing program application is available on the Department of Nursing's admissions requirements site at least two months prior to each term's deadline.



Courses Required for Admission to TU Nursing Major

TU Course or Degree Requirement	Transfer Courses to Take
ENGL 102 Writing for a Liberal Education	
MATH 115 College Algebra or MATH 119 Pre-calculus	
BIOL 191 & BIOL 191L Intro Biology for Health Professions Lecture & Lab or BIOL 200 & BIOL 200L Intro Cell Biology & Genetics Lecture & Lab	
BIOL 221 & BIOL 221L Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lecture & Lab	
BIOL 222 & BIOL 222L Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lecture & Lab	
BIOL 215 Foundations of Microbiology or BIOL 318 Microbiology	
CHEM 121 & CHEM 121L Allied Health Chemistry I Lecture & Lab or CHEM 131 & CHEM 131L General Chemistry I Lecture & Lab	
HLTH 331 Nutrition for Health Professionals	
PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology	
PSYC 203 Human Development	
SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology	

Additional Recommended Transfer Courses

Students should also plan to complete the following degree requirements prior to program admission.

MATH 231 Basic Statistics (Prerequisite for upper-level nursing courses)	
TU Core Curriculum Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creativity & Creative Development (Core 4) ▪ Arts & Humanities (Core 5) ▪ The U.S. as a Nation (Core 11) ▪ Global Perspectives (Core 12) ▪ Ethical Issues & Perspectives (Core 14) 	

Notes:

- * The Towson Seminar (Core 1) is waived for all transfer students. The Advanced Writing Seminar (Core 9) and Diversity & Difference (Core 13) requirements will be satisfied by courses taken in the major.
- * Statistics will not satisfy the program admission requirement of college algebra or pre-calculus.
- * If you've taken a course not listed on this page, visit the TSC's course equivalency database [TES](#) to identify its equivalency.