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How do I apply?

Transfer students and Second Bachelor students must apply to both Towson University and the Nursing Department. Please note there are TWO required applications with TWO separate deadlines. Acceptance and enrollment as a Towson University student is required to begin the RN to BS degree completion option.

The university application may be found here http://www.towson.edu/main/admissions/index.asp

The RN to BS degree completion option application may be found here http://www.towson.edu/nursing/undergraduate/rntobs/admission/admission_packet.asp

What are the application deadlines?

Nursing applications for the fall semester must be submitted by January 15 and nursing applications for the spring semester must be submitted by August 15. RN to BS applications may be accepted after the deadlines based on space availability.

What are the prerequisite courses?

Microbiology with a laboratory
Nutrition
General Chemistry with a laboratory

** A Statistics course is needed prior to enrolling in NURS 435 Research in Nursing.

*** An Ethics course is a Towson University requirement and will need to be completed before being awarded a bachelor's degree from Towson University.

Students should contact the Nursing Admissions Coordinator in order to confirm the equivalencies of any prerequisites completed outside of Towson. If course work is from an out-of-state institution, students must submit course descriptions for all prerequisite courses. In order for the Nursing Department to accept completed prerequisites, all course work must transfer into Towson equivalent to the stated prerequisite course. ARTSYS is a helpful online resource when determining course equivalencies from a community college in Maryland. http://artweb.usmd.edu/
What are the minimum admissions requirements?
A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale and a proficient score on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS test) Version V are required. Admission to this option is competitive. Students must note that achievement of minimum qualifications in itself does not guarantee admission to the completion option.

When are admission decisions made?
Students who apply by the application deadline will hear a spring admission decision sometime in October and a fall admission decision sometime March.

How many students are admitted?
Twenty-five (25) students are admitted each semester (fall and spring).

Can admission be deferred from one semester to another?
The Department of Nursing does not defer admission from one semester to another. Students who are admitted and unable to begin course work are required to complete all application requirements for subsequent semesters. Nursing application and seat fees are non-refundable.

May I apply if I do not have all my prerequisites completed?
Yes, students may apply to the RN to BS admission option before the prerequisites are finished. Admission would be contingent upon completion of all prerequisites before the semester begins. Official transcripts are required to show proof of completed prerequisites.

May I apply before I graduate from my A.S. nursing program and/or before I successfully complete the NCLEX?
Yes, applicants may be admitted prior to the completion of their nursing program and pending successful completion of the NCLEX-RN. Admission to the nursing major would be contingent on the submission of an official transcript confirming nursing education and proof of successful completion of the NCLEX licensure examination.

How do I register for the TEAS?
Register for TEAS with PSI at http://www.atitesting.com/Home.aspx
For further information, please review the TEAS Question and Answer Sheet.

Have I completed the prerequisites?
Applicants who have completed or plan to complete prerequisite requirements at a Maryland community college may refer to ARTSYS to determine acceptable courses or may review the prerequisite equivalency sheet on our web site.
http://www.acaff.usmh.usmd.edu/artweb/
http://www.towson.edu/nursing/undergraduate/rntobs/degree_requirements.asp

Courses from out-of-state or out-of-country are evaluated by the Nursing Admissions Coordinator. Course descriptions are required for a review.

Am I required to attend a new student orientation?
Yes, new transfer students are required to attend a university transfer program to register for classes. The RN to BS coordinator will meet with new students after he/she receives admission from the Nursing Department in order to develop a class schedule. In addition, a mandatory new nursing student orientation is typically held the Thursday before classes begin each semester.