

GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

POLICY TITLE: ADMISSIONS STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

The College admits students in August and January. Admissions are rolling based on the date all application materials are received.

The College reaffirms its commitment to nondiscrimination in accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, in that no otherwise qualified person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity of the College because of race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap/disability, veteran status, marital status or sex.

General

Admissions are selective. An applicant is evaluated based on educational background and life experiences. Applications are only considered when a completed application packet is received by the Admissions Office. This packet includes: the application form, application fee, all official high school transcripts, all official post-secondary education transcripts, and official results of standardized tests.

1. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
2. An applicant whose native language is not English, or for whom English was not the language of instruction during the primary education experience, must demonstrate proficiency in English by submitting the internet-based TOEFL (iBT).
 - i. The TOEFL score must be less than two years old.
 - ii. Proficiency is demonstrated by an iBT score of at least 80, with a minimum score of 20 in each skill.
 - iii. The test may be waived for applicants who previously enrolled in a higher education institution at which English is the language of instruction.
3. All transcripts originating from a non-U.S. institution must be translated and evaluated by World Educational Services (www.wes.org).
4. Official scores from either the SAT or the ACT are required of applicants who graduated high school within five years of the application date.
 - i. Minimum accepted SAT score (math and verbal combined) is 870; minimum accepted score on the newer three-part test is 1300.
 - ii. Minimum accepted ACT composite score is 18.

High School Standards

1. High school graduates must provide records from an accredited high school. The minimum cumulative GPA (for all courses) must be at least 2.50. The cumulative GPA in required courses (see #2 below) must be at least 2.25.

2. Required high school courses include:

→ English	4 units
→ Math (algebra required)	4 units (2 units for pre-2004 graduates)
→ Science (chemistry required)	3 units (2 units for pre-2004 graduates)
→ Social Studies	3 units (2 units for pre-2004 graduates)

Other recommended subjects include biology, foreign language, physics, and computer technology.

3. The General Education Development Test (GED) is accepted. The minimum score must be at least 2250, with no score lower than 410 on individual sections.

College Transfer Standards

1. Any applicant who attempted coursework for credit at another post secondary institution is classified as a transfer student. However, to be considered for admission based upon prior college work, the applicant must have completed at least 12 semester hours or at least 18 quarter hours (developmental or remedial courses are not accepted in these credits). An applicant presenting less than 12 semester hours or 18 quarter hours must meet all high school standards.
2. The applicant must have a college cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
3. An applicant with a college cumulative GPA between 2.0 – 2.49 must also meet all high school standards.
4. Failure of a nursing course at a prior college will jeopardize admission unless some circumstance warrants consideration.
5. An applicant who failed two or more nursing courses at a prior college will not be considered for admission.
6. Prior college coursework completed with a grade of C or better will be considered for transfer if the credits were earned within the past ten years
 - i. Official transcripts of all previous education must be provided. Catalogs and /or course syllabi may be requested to determine transferability of credit.
 - ii. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 48 credits (36 credits in nursing and 12 credits in general education courses) at GSC to qualify for graduation. An LPN articulating into the nursing program is eligible to receive 14 nursing credits based on the Ohio Articulation Model.

Applicants who do not meet the stated admission standards but present a record of educational background and life experiences that demonstrate potential for success at GSC, may be considered for provisional acceptance. These applicants will be permitted to register for Biology 201, Anatomy and Physiology I; Chemistry 101, General Chemistry I; and Psychology 103, Introduction to Psychology. Course substitution will be determined by the Admissions Office. Provisional students must complete these courses within two semesters, with a minimum C grade, in order to continue at the College

Requirements Upon Acceptance

All new students must complete a health self-assessment and a controlled drug screen at Good Samaritan Hospital Employee Health. Specified immunizations must be completed before final acceptance. The Good Samaritan Hospital Employee Health Department reviews the health assessment, immunization record, and the drug screen. Applicants are required to provide their immunization history. There is a fee for immunizations administered in Employee Health. Any disability or chronic illness that may prevent the applicant from meeting the required curriculum objectives will be evaluated. Any positive drug screen makes the applicant ineligible for acceptance.

Once admitted, students must demonstrate that the hepatitis series and annual TB test are being administered on schedule. This is a requirement for registration into nursing courses. Final acceptance will be granted to applicants who:

- i. Meet the specified admissions standards.
- ii. Submit payment of the nonrefundable matriculation fee.
- iii. Complete all health requirements.
- iv. Have a satisfactory police background check.
- v. Complete the College Readiness Assessment Testing

Provisional students must successfully complete the required courses.

Readmission

GSC does not re-admit individuals who were dismissed for academic reasons.

An individual who left this college due to non-academic reasons may apply for readmission. Applicants seeking readmission must meet the current admission criteria and procedures. An Application and Readmission Form must be submitted. Any unsettled debts to the College must be paid before readmission. Acceptance is based on the composite record of the applicant and the completion of the Readmission Form. Placement in the program will be subject to the curriculum in place at the time of readmission. Readmitted students must adhere to the policies and curriculum in place at the time of readmission.

Other Regulations

Application files are considered confidential. Information is released only upon written request of the applicant.

Files of applicants who withdraw their application or are rejected for admission will be held for one year.

Applicants who have served in the armed forces must submit a copy of their discharge papers.

Ohio State Board of Nursing requirements

The Ohio Board of Nursing makes all eligibility decisions for registered nurse licensure in the State of Ohio. Prospective nursing students are advised that, when applying for state licensure examinations, they will be required to indicate whether or not they have ever: 1) been convicted of a felony or other crimes, including illegal use of chemical substances or controlled drugs; 2) been diagnosed with or treated for bipolar disorder, schizophrenia,

paranoia or any other psychotic disorder in the last five years or since reaching the age of eighteen (whichever period is shorter). A positive response to these questions may disqualify the candidate for licensure. All candidates for licensure examination will be required to submit their fingerprints to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I) to process the BCI&I civilian fingerprints and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Applicant fingerprints for identification and criminal background verification.

Application Procedure

1. Submit a completed on-line Application Form, with the nonrefundable application fee, to Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science.
2. Request an official high school transcript, showing GPA and all standardized tests (SAT or ACT), be sent to the College. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must also be sent.
3. After all the required materials have been received, the application will be evaluated. Additional information or clarification may be requested.
4. The application disposition may be: acceptance, provisional acceptance, or rejection. The College will inform the applicant of its decision.
5. Upon acceptance, a nonrefundable matriculation fee payable to Good Samaritan College is required to reserve a place in the next incoming class. This fee includes the Health Assessment and Readiness Assessment Testing.

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