

 GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCE	POLICY TITLE: ADMISSIONS STANDARDS and REGULATIONS
Purpose of Policy:	<i>Admission Requirements to GSC</i>
Scope:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faculty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Committee(s) Responsible:	<i>Enrollment Management</i>
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Attachments:	<i>None</i>
Forms Location:	<i>G Drive/Working Folders</i>
Related Policies:	<i>Academic Standards & Regulations</i>
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The College reaffirms its commitment to nondiscrimination in accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; 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 (ADA), as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; 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. Applicants must be legally eligible to study in the United States for the expected duration of their enrollment in the College.

Admission to the College

The College admits students in August and January. Admissions are rolling based on the date all application materials are received. Admissions are selective. An applicant is evaluated based on educational background and life experiences.

- To study at Good Samaritan College (GSC), the student must be able to understand lectures in English from the first day of classes. If the student's primary language is not English, the student is required to submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL®).
 - The TOEFL® score must be less than two years old.
 - Proficiency is demonstrated by an internet-based test (iBT) score of at least 80, with a minimum score of 20 in each skill.
 - The test may be waived for applicants who previously enrolled in a higher education institution at which English is the language of instruction.

- All transcripts originating outside the United States must be translated and evaluated by World Educational Services (www.wes.org).

Admission to the Associate Degree Programs

High School Standards

- 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.
- Required high school courses include:

English	4 units
Math (algebra required)	4 units (2 *)
Science (chemistry required)	3 units (2 *)
Social Studies	3 units (2 *)

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

*Requirements for those who graduated from high school prior to July 2003.
- 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.
- Official scores from either the SAT or the ACT are required of applicants who graduated high school within five years of the application date.
 - Minimum accepted SAT score (math and verbal combined) is 870; minimum accepted score on the newer three-part test is 1300.
 - Minimum accepted ACT composite score is 18.
- High school standards may apply to transfer students with a minimum of 12 credit hours or 15 quarter hours from an accredited institution.

Nursing and Health Science Program Requirements

Applicants to the Associate Degree of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) and Associate Science in Health Science (ASHS) degree programs must meet the admission requirements to the College.

Provisional Acceptance

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 Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science (GSC) may be considered for provisional acceptance. These applicants will be provisionally accepted and permitted to enroll. They must:

- Register and complete nine credit hours of general education coursework as listed on their provisional acceptance letter and complete these courses within two semesters.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 or above in each course to be eligible for final acceptance to the program.
- Applicants who do not pass a course or who do not achieve a 2.0 GPA for the nine credit hours will be denied final acceptance to the program.

Transfer Students

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.

- The applicant must have a college cumulative GPA or at least 2.5.
- An applicant to one of the College's associate degree programs with a college cumulative GPA between 2.0 – 2.49 must also meet all high school standards.
- Any individual having received a college degree from a regionally accredited institution will be accepted to the college. Course transfer follows current policy of 2.0 or above within ten years.
- 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. Official transcripts of all previous education must be provided. Catalogs and/or course syllabi may be requested to determine transferability of credit.
- GSC does not accept transfer credit for developmental coursework.
- Failure of a nursing course at a prior college will jeopardize admission to the AASN Program unless some circumstance warrants consideration.
- Failure of two or more nursing courses at a prior college will not be considered for admission to the AASN Program.

Academic Residency Requirements

Students must meet the academic residency requirements for their program.

- Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Program: A minimum of 48 credits (36 credits in nursing and 12 credits in general education courses) at GSC to qualify for graduation from the AASN degree program. An LPN articulating into the nursing program is eligible to receive 14 nursing credits based on the Ohio Articulation Model.
- Associate of Science in Health Science: A minimum of 48 credits at GSC to qualify for graduation from the ASHS degree program.

Admission to the Bachelor Degree Program

Post-Licensure BSN Program Requirements

RN applicants to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program must meet the admission requirements. All students must meet the following admission requirements before enrolling in post-licensure nursing courses:

- Have a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA for all pre-licensure coursework
- Hold a current, valid license to practice nursing as a registered nurse *
**The RN License must be held in the state where the practicum site is located in order to take the BSN practicum courses.*

Dual Enrollment

Students in the AASN program with a 2.5 or higher GPA and in good academic standing are eligible to be accepted into the BSN program and may take BSN general education courses while completing AASN coursework and requirements. All students must have an AASN pre-licensure GPA of 2.5 and be licensed as a registered nurse to enroll in BSN post-licensure nursing courses.

Provisional Acceptance to the BSN Program

- Applicants with a cumulative GPA of 2.0-2.49 for all pre-licensure course work may be accepted provisionally and permitted to enroll.

The requirements are:

- Register and complete nine credit hours of general education coursework from the upper division curriculum with an average GPA of 2.5 or above to be eligible for final acceptance to the BSN program.
- Academic probation, as described in the Academic Standards and Regulations policy, is not an option for provisional students for the BSN upper division program.
- Applicants who do not pass a course or who do not achieve a 2.5 GPA for the nine credit hours will be denied acceptance to the program.
- December graduates of GSC who wish to enter the BSN program the semester following graduation but have not yet taken the NCLEX-RN licensing examination may be admitted to the BSN program provisionally.

Academic Residency Requirements - BSN

- A minimum of 27 credits hours from the post-licensure curriculum plan must be completed on campus in order to meet the requirement for graduation.

Requirements Upon Acceptance

All new students must complete a health self-assessment and a controlled drug screen at Good Samaritan Hospital Employee Health. The Good Samaritan Hospital Employee Health Department reviews the health assessment, immunization record, and the drug screen. After completion of physical assessment, students requiring academic accommodations must contact Angela Liggett, Compliance Officer at 513-862-2352. There is a fee for immunizations administered in Employee Health. Any disability that may prevent the Applicant from meeting the required curriculum objectives will be evaluated to determine whether reasonable accommodations can be made. 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 clinical courses.

Final acceptance will be granted to applicants who:

- Meet the specified admissions standards
- Submit payment of the nonrefundable matriculation fee
- Complete all health requirements (Health assessment, drug screening and complete immunization history)

- Have a satisfactory police background check
- Complete the College Assessment Testing **Post-licensure BSN students exempt*
- Successfully complete the required courses (applies only to students who have been provisionally accepted)

Re-admission

General Re-admission Requirements

A student who left the College may apply for readmission. The Enrollment Management Committee will determine if a student will be readmitted to his/her program. A student may be readmitted to their program no more than one time. Acceptance is evaluated based on the composite record of the applicant, and the completion of the Readmission Application form. The composite record includes student GPA, and test scores, and recommendations from faculty. Acceptance is based on the Enrollment Management Committee's decision after considering all documentation of the time of review.

Placement in the program will be subject to the curriculum in place at the time of readmission. A readmitted student must adhere to the policies and curriculum in place at the time of readmission. An individual who was dismissed is not guaranteed re-admission to the program they were dismissed from, and must meet the current admission criteria and procedures

Re-admission Procedures:

1. Complete and submit the Application for Readmission form.
2. Provide written documentation for withdrawal or failure and indicate the actions the student has followed and/or will follow to ensure success in the program if readmitted. This documentation must be submitted before a student will be considered for readmission.
3. If accepted for re-admission to their program, the individual may register once that individual has met with the learning specialist and has a written success plan in place and/or has met with the compliance officer for disability related situations if appropriate.
4. A student who is academically dismissed and readmitted will develop an individualized academic recovery plan with the Learning Specialist as opposed to taking the CSP099 course.
5. Any unsettled debts to the College must be paid before 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 pre-licensure 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, and, (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 a civilian background check, and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for identification and a criminal background check.