



Good Samaritan College
of Nursing & Health Science

**POLICY TITLE:
ADMISSIONS STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS**

Purpose of Policy:	Admission Requirements to GSC
Scope:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faculty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Committee(s) Responsible:	Enrollment Management
Location of Policy:	GSC Website
Attachments:	Admissions Rubrics (H.S. and Transfer)
Forms Location:	G/Drive/Working Folders; Application for Readmission form, Language Certification Form;
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Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science (the “College” or “GSC”) 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.

**Section I
Admission to the College**

The College admits students in August and January. Admissions are selective. Applicants must be legally eligible to study in the United States for the expected duration of their enrollment in the College. An applicant is evaluated based on educational background and life experiences. Application deadlines are posted to the GSC website. Enrollment is dependent on available seats. Applicants must meet the minimum requirements to the College listed below. Applicants accepted to the College must also meet the criteria for the program of which they have applied.

Foreign Educated Students

- To study at GSC, a foreign educated student must be able to understand English because it is the medium of instruction. primary language is not English, the student is required to submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT)
 - The TOEFL® score must be less than two years old.
 - English proficiency is demonstrated by TOEFL (iBT) passing standard of 84 with a minimum speaking score of 26.
 - The test may be waived by the admissions committee 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).

Veterans

Veterans seeking admission to the College should begin by going to the GSC website for Admissions and Financial Aid information and take the following steps:

- Submit an admission application at www.gscollge.edu
- Review the steps for Admission for Veterans at <https://www.gscollge.edu/admissions/veterans-welcome/>
- Speak with your Educational Services Officer (ESO) or counselor within your Military Service prior to enrolling
- Utilize the Post-911 GI Bill/Yellow Ribbon Program
 - Find complete and comprehensive information about VA Benefits by going to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website information on Education and Training at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp>
 - Complete application for VA education benefits at the above Veterans Affairs website
 - Notify GSC's Assistant Director of Financial Aid that you have applied for veterans benefits
- Apply for Financial Aid by going to fafsa.ed.gov as early as October 1st each year. GSC Federal School Code is 006494
- Contact the Financial Aid office for more information.

First-time College Students Admission to the College

Applicants are classified as a first-time college student for admissions purposes if they have never attended college or have earned twelve (12) or fewer college credits after graduating from high school. Consistent with the IPEDS definition, first time degree seeking students admitted directly after high school graduation, are evaluated on high school criteria regardless of how many

college credits they have earned. This includes students who enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term and students who entered with advanced standing (college credits or postsecondary formal award before graduation from high school).

High School Standards

- High school graduates must provide records from an accredited high school or a High School Equivalent (HSE) test. GSC accepts the following HSE tests as authorized by Ohio Department of Education: GED with a minimum score of at least of 2250, with no score lower than 410 on individual sections; HiSET with a minimum score of 8 in each section and 45 points total to pass; or the TASC test with a passing score of 500. More information is found at: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohio-Options-for-Adult-Diploma/HSE>
- 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 *)

*Requirements for those who graduated from high school prior to July 2003.

**Medical Assisting students do not need chemistry.

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

- Successful completion of high school and other deficiencies (course deficiencies can be completed by taking courses through ABC Nursing at <https://www.nursingabc.com/courses>, or by taking courses offered at GSC, or elsewhere. Chemistry deficiency must be completed no later than December 15th for students starting in the Spring and July 15th for students starting in the Fall. If not completed student will not be able to start.
- Official scores from either the SAT or the ACT are required of applicants who graduated high school within ten years of the application date. (Refer to program requirements)

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. See Transfer Credit, Credit by Examination and Advanced Placement Credit Policy for additional information for transfer students.

- Students must meet the minimum GPA and ACT/SAT standards consistent with their program.
- Students must complete required high school courses and make up deficiencies
- 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.

- 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 would disqualify an applicant for admission to the AASN Program.
- Failure of a science course (anatomy & physiology, microbiology, chemistry) at another college will jeopardize admission into any Allied Health specific program or the ASHS degree.
- Failure of two or more courses (anatomy & physiology, microbiology, chemistry) at prior college will disqualify an applicant for admission into any Allied Health specific program or the ASHS degree.

Non-Degree Seeking Students

Students (or a prospective transfer student) who are not currently admitted or matriculated into a degree program on the Good Samaritan College (GSC) campus, are considered non-degree seeking students and may register in course sections as a non-degree student. At GSC, an example of a non-degree seeking students may be College Credit Plus (CCP) students, and GC3 consortium students. (See Non-Degree Seeking Policy for additional information and requirements).

To be considered as non-degree seeking students, applicants must meet the following minimum criteria:

Admission Status to Non-Degree Seeking Student	Admission Criteria	Decision
Non-Degree Seeking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum ACT score of 19 or SAT score of 1340 (prior to 3/2016) and 990 (post 3/16). Waived if out of high school > 10 years • GPA High School or College Cumulative GPA \geq 2.1 <p><i>(Applicants are selected based on Entrance Test scores and availability of seats)</i></p> <p><i>GED</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>HS GPA will be waived if successfully completed GED</i> 2. <i>Admissions committee will review if applicant has GED and has been out of HS 10 years and no ACT/SAT test available</i> 	Student is accepted to the College.

Advanced Placement

GSC grants advanced placement and college credit for appropriate courses to entering students who have earned a score of 3 or better on the Advance Placement (AP) exam from the College Board.

(See Transfer Credit, Credit by Examination and Advanced Placement and Advanced Standing Credit Policy for additional information for students with LPN License who wish to transfer credit by Advanced Standing.)

Section II Nursing

Admission to the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) Registered Nurse RN Licensure Program (72 credit hours)

Students who do not have an RN license will begin in the AASN point of entry. Admission to the AASN program is competitive. Candidates are required to submit all application documents prior to the deadline for eligibility of review. For an application to be considered the following items are required:

- Official high school or GED transcripts
- Official college transcripts from all colleges attended
- ACT or SAT scores (if graduated high school within last 10 years)
- TEAS and Critical Thinking test scores

Admission Status to AASN	Admission Criteria	Decision
AUTO-ACCEPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT \geq 22 or SAT \geq 1530 (prior to 3/2016) and 1110 (post 3/2016). Waived if out of high school > 10 years • GPA High School* or Cumulative GPA (if transfer) \geq 3.0 • Critical Thinking (CT) Entrance \geq 70 • ATI TEAS composite score \geq 70 with a minimum Science score of 45. <p><i>*GED</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>HS GPA will be waived if successfully completed GED</i> 2. <i>Admissions committee will review if applicant has GED and has been out of HS 10 years and no ACT/SAT test available</i> 	<p>If student meets all 4 criteria will be auto-accepted to AASN. If 3 out of 4 criteria are met, a special circumstance may be considered with approval of the Academic Dean of Nursing.</p>
PRE-NURSING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum ACT score of 19 or SAT score of 1340 (prior to 3/2016) and 990 (post 3/16). Waived if out of high school > 10 years • GPA High School* or College Cumulative GPA \geq 2.1 • CT \geq 61 • ATI TEAS composite score \geq 58 (<i>Min. Nat'l Standard for proficiency</i>) <p><i>(Applicants are selected based on Entrance Test scores and availability of seats)</i></p> <p><i>*GED</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>HS GPA will be waived if successfully completed GED</i> 2. <i>Admissions committee will review if applicant has GED and has</i> 	<p>Student is accepted to the College.</p> <p>If 3 out of 4 criteria are met, a special circumstance may be considered with approval of the Academic Dean of Nursing.</p> <p><i>*Process to be fully accepted in AASN</i></p>

	<i>been out of HS 10 years and no ACT/SAT test available</i>	
LPN to AASN Program Option	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must meet the admissions requirements for the College (See Section I) 2. Present valid, unencumbered Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) license 3. Complete all pre-requisite courses for Nursing 201 (see courses descriptions in the catalog) 4. Complete the GSC NUR 150 LPN to AASN Transition Course (both theory and laboratory) or a transition course from the Ohio Articulation Model 	If student meets all 4 requirements will be auto-accepted to AASN

*A student who falls under the PRE-NURSING category does not have to attain an ATI TEAS composite score of 70. However, to be **fully accepted in AASN**, the student must:

1. Complete 2 GSC Science courses with passing grade;
2. Achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.5
3. Remediate using ATI SmartPrep product; and
4. Achieve ATI TEAS composite score of 62 or greater. If the student's baseline score upon admission is < 62, student can retake the ATI TEAS within one year of completing the remediation. Student can only have a maximum of two attempts.

Advanced Standing (for prior nursing courses or transfer credit)

Advanced Standing for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) in nursing is available. To be eligible, an applicant must:

- (1) meet the admissions requirements for the college,
- (2) present a valid, unencumbered LPN license,
- (3) complete all pre-requisite courses, and
- (4) successfully complete the approved NUR 150 LPN to AASN Transition Course (both theory and laboratory) or a transition course from the Ohio Articulation Model. The student will be able to enter NUR 201 on a space available basis.

Provisional Acceptance to RN Licensure Program

Provisional acceptance may be granted through Admissions Committee review to applicants who demonstrate a special circumstance or life event.

Provisionally accepted students are required to successfully complete the first three courses with a minimum GPA of 2.5 to earn final admission.

Admission to the BSN Program (48 credit hours)

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.*

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 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.
- 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, but must acquire RN licensure by the last day of the semester in order to progress in the BSN program.

Academic Residency Requirements – BSN

- Complete at least 27 credits from the BSN upper division curriculum plan at this College. (A minimum of 21 credits in nursing and 6 credits in general education courses.) Unless waived by Dean of Nursing.

Section III Admission to the RN to BSN Program

RN to BSN - There are two points of entry to the RN to BSN Program.

1. Students who do not have an RN license begin in the AASN program. Upon graduation, the student can take their NCLEX test. Upon receipt of their RN license, students should complete a Change of Status form to continue in the BSN Program.

Dual Program Enrollment: Students may be accepted into both AASN and BSN programs. Students who qualify, may receive financial aid for the total credit hours. Individuals without an RN licensure may complete their program requirements for their RN in the AASN program while taking BSN general education courses. Students must have a 2.5 or higher GPA and be in good academic standing to be Dual Program Enrolled.

2. Students who have an RN license and an AASN pre-licensure GPA of 2.5 may enter the BSN program and take post licensure nursing courses.

Section IV Health Science Programs

Admission to Health Science Programs

Admission to any health science program is competitive, and the criteria is program specific. Candidates are required to submit all application documents prior to the deadline for eligibility of review. For an application to be considered for any health science program, the following items are required:

- Official high school or GED transcripts
- Official college transcripts from all colleges attended
- ACT or SAT scores (if graduated high school within last 10 years)
- ATI TEAS and CT test scores

To be considered, applicants must meet the following minimum criteria: *

Admission Status to ASHS	Admission Criteria	Decision
ASHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum ACT score of 19 or SAT score of 1340 (prior to 3/2016) and 990 (post 3/16). Waived if out of high school > 10 years • GPA High School or College Cumulative GPA \geq 2.1 • CT \geq 61 • ATI TEAS composite score \geq 58 (<i>Min. Nat'l Standard for proficiency</i>) <p><i>(Applicants are selected based on Entrance Test scores and availability of seats)</i></p> <p><i>GED</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. <i>HS GPA will be waived if successfully completed GED</i> 4. <i>Admissions committee will review if applicant has GED and has been out of HS 10 years and no ACT/SAT test available</i> 	<p>Student is accepted to the College.</p> <p>If 3 out of 4 criteria are met, a special circumstance may be considered with approval of the Academic Dean of Allied Health.</p>

*Effective 07/01/18 for Fall 2019 Recruitment Cycle.

Section V Medical Assisting Certificate (Diploma)

Admission to the one-year Medical Assisting Program (35 credit hours)

Students must meet the admission requirements and those listed for health science programs. Candidates are required to submit all application documents prior to the deadline for eligibility of review. For an application to be considered, the following items are required:

- Official high school or GED transcripts
- Official college transcripts from all colleges attended
- Official ACT or SAT scores (if graduated high school within last 2 years) or ATI TEAS score or Accuplacer score or Compass score. (Test scores are only valid of 2 years)

To be considered, applicants must meet the following minimum GPA criteria and one of the four entrance test options criteria:

Admission Status to MA	Admission Criteria	Decision
MA Certificate (Diploma)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School GPA or Cumulative College GPA of 2.0 or higher. (If only have a GED must meet the minimum score of at least 2250, with no score lower than 410 on individual sections.) Four Entrance Test Options Minimum Scores • Minimum ACT score of 17 or higher or SAT score of 1210 (prior to 3/2016) or 900 (post 3/2016). Only if you graduated high school with in the last two years • ATI TEAS composite score of 45 or higher. (Score only valid for two years.) • <i>Accuplacer overall score of 75 or higher. (Score only valid for two years)</i> • Compass overall score of 73 or higher. (Score only valid for two years.) <p><i>(Applicants are selected based on Entrance Test scores and availability of seats)</i></p>	<p>Student is accepted to the College.</p> <p>If 1 out of 2 criteria are met, a special circumstance may be considered with approval of the Academic Dean of Allied Health.</p>

Section VI Academic Residency Requirements

Students in any program must meet academic residency requirements as indicated below:

- 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 Nursing Articulation Model (ONAM).
- Associate of Science in Health Science: A minimum of 30 credits at GSC to qualify for graduation from the ASHS degree program.
- Students must complete all courses from the Medical Assisting Certificate at GSC.

Application Review/Decision Procedure:

Admissions applications for all programs are reviewed for acceptance as soon as the applicant has submitted all admissions entrance requirements (ACT/SAT, GPA, TEAS & CT, TOEFL (if applicable)) and are processed in the following steps:

1. Admissions completes data sheets

- a. Data sheets use formulas to calculate scores and note whether the applicant meets the Admissions criteria for their program and where they enter (Auto-accept or Pre-nursing).
 - b. Data sheets are completed by the secretary and then given to the recruiter to verify accuracy and then routed to the Dean of Program and Dean of SSEM.
 - c. Admissions status is changed to reflect appropriate status for admission and reports will reflect as indicated (Accept, Reject, etc.)
2. Data sheets are
 - a. provided to the Registrar for transfer credit review
 - b. given back to secretary to scan into file
 3. Recruiter prepares acceptance letter

Section VII 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. There is a fee for immunizations administered in Employee Health. 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 practicum courses.

Any disability that may prevent the Applicant from meeting the required curriculum objectives will be evaluated to determine whether reasonable accommodations can be made. Students requiring academic accommodations must contact Student Success & Title IV – 504 Coordinator at 513-862-3573. More information is available in the Academic Accommodations policy.

All new students must also complete a language certification form attesting to their compliance or anticipated compliance with the language standards for admissions set forth in this policy. This is a requirement for all students, regardless of whether English is or is not the student's primary language. Final acceptance will be granted to applicants who:

- Meet the specified admissions standards for the program for which they have applied
- Submit payment of the nonrefundable matriculation fee no later than 40 days after the Dec 1st deadline or July 1st deadline depending on enrollment cycle (waived for College Credit Plus students)
- Complete all health requirements (Health assessment, drug screening and complete immunization history)
- Complete all language requirements (language certification, TOEFL score, acceptable documentation of prior enrollment at institution of higher education where English is language of instruction). (Waived for College Credit Plus students)
- Have a satisfactory police background check
- Provisional students must successfully complete the required courses

Final Acceptance is contingent upon the successful completion of these requirements. Failure to

meet these requirements or a change in information provided could result in ineligibility for the program.

Section VIII Readmission

General Readmission Requirements

A student who left the College may apply for readmission. The Admissions 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, test scores, recommendations from faculty, discipline record, and other information in the student's file. Acceptance is based on the Admissions Committee's decision after considering all documentation of the time of review. (See Academic Standards and Regulations Dismissal section for additional information)

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 or has withdrawn is not guaranteed readmission to the program they were dismissed or has withdrawn from, and must meet the current admission criteria and procedures. Readmission 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 readmission to their program, the individual may register once that individual has met with the Student Success Team and has a written success plan in place and/or has met with the compliance officer for disability related situations if appropriate. Other conditions for readmission, such as random drug testing may be imposed at the discretion of the College.
4. A student who is academically dismissed and readmitted will develop an individualized academic recovery plan with the Student Success Center Coordinator/Faculty Advisor.
5. A student previously dismissed and wishes to apply for a different program should review the criteria and application process for that program.
6. Any unsettled debts to the College must be paid before readmission.
7. In programs with a clinical/technical component, any student (except for students who fall under the exception in #8) who has been out of the College for more than a year, must repeat all clinical/technical coursework required in the curriculum upon return.
8. Students who have been out of college six months, and are accepted for readmission to the College must attend new student orientation
9. Any student called to active duty for the military (including National Guard and Reserve), will receive special Leave of Absence (LOA) consideration to aid in the transition to and from the College, and will be promptly readmitted with the same academic status he/she had when last attending. Generally, the "same academic standing"

means that the student will be readmitted to the same program, with the same enrollment status, and same number of credit hours completed as he/she had when last attending, unless the student agrees to admission to another program, to a different enrollment status, or the completed credit hours are not transferable. The student must give notice of his/her intent to return to the college within 3 years after the completion of the period of service.

Students must meet with Academic Dean to determine if any remediation is needed prior to start of classes for readmitted students.

Further, the College will require a readmitted student to successfully complete an assessment to return to the academic level the student was at on last date of attendance. If a student is disabled and in need of an academic accommodation, that should also be noted by the healthcare provider. The student should also refer to the “Academic Accommodations” policy for more information.

Section VIII

Other Regulations

- Application files are considered confidential. Information is released only upon written request of the applicant. Please see Safeguarding Consumer Information at <http://www.gscollge.edu/consumer-information/safeguarding-consumer-information>.
- 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.
- All applicants must be truthful and accurate on their applications and in the materials they provide to the College.

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). While a positive response to these questions may not disqualify an applicant for admission to the College, it 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. Contact the Ohio Board of Nursing to obtain information on these requirements.

Admission to the College is neither a representation nor guarantee that a student possesses the qualifications to obtain professional licensure in their chosen state.