

GENERAL INFORMATION

for STUDENTS SEEKING ADMISSION INTO WOSC NURSING PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION:

A career in nursing offers challenges, self-satisfaction and the opportunity to be a member of the interdisciplinary team providing care in various health care settings.

The Nursing Program at Western Oklahoma State College was established in 1981 and has an outstanding success rate for preparing qualified nurses. The nursing program is currently offered at three sites: Altus, Lawton, and Elk City. Courses are “team-taught” via ITV from all sites. By establishing admission criteria and procedures, the department of nursing hopes to ensure that students selected for the program are capable of successfully completing the nursing program and passing the national examination. The WOSC Nursing Program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA). Upon graduation, students are qualified to take the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination).

The minimum time to complete the program requirements is five semesters. Classroom study is combined with practical application in nursing experiences at various clinics and hospitals. The number of applicants to be accepted will reflect the availability of appropriate clinical experience.

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

Western Oklahoma State College fully subscribes to all principles and requirements of the American Disabilities Act. In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, the nursing department does not discriminate. However, it is important to note that in order to progress successfully through the nursing curriculum and function as a practicing nurse upon graduation, an individual must be able to perform certain physical activities that include vocal, visual, auditory, intellectual, and dexterity requirements. Students seeking to be admitted to the nursing program must have these competencies necessary for the professional practice of nursing as identified by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

PROGRAM ADMISSION:

Students must be accepted into the program before enrolling in nursing courses. **Students accepted will be admitted under the degree plan that is currently in effect** (please check with the Department of Nursing for current degree plan). Students that have been accepted into the nursing program must complete admission procedures for Western Oklahoma State College. Students accepted into the program will have the opportunity to attend one of the three campus sites - Altus, Elk City and Lawton, with a day or evening program option at the Lawton campus only, based on space and availability.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Completed application to the nursing program submitted online by March 1st (Go to [General Student Nursing Application](#))
2. Copies of **all official** college transcripts on file at the Nursing Department with a Cumulative GPA of 2.25** out of a possible 4.0, and High School transcripts on file at Nursing Department (***Students currently attending WOSC prior to January 1, 2022 will be evaluated on 2.0 GPA minimum***).
3. Minimum grade of “C” for all courses credited towards the nursing degree/program. (See Curriculum Plan) (***Students attending enrolled and currently taking courses at Western prior to January 2022 evaluated on Fall 2021 admission criteria***)
4. Pre-admission RN examination known as the HESI A² with Critical Thinking exam
5. Pre-admission scores of at least 82 in Reading and 74 in Math
6. Submission of **Two (2) WOSC Professional Reference Forms** for professional references
7. Completion of all prerequisite courses (See **Curriculum Plan**)
8. Submit **Admission Academic Essay**, essay requirement provided by nursing department.

9. Submit all Supporting documents that applicant would like applicant selection committee to consider for preferential points. See Admission Selection Point Sheet Information.

** Students currently enrolled and attending classes at Western prior to November 1, 2021 will be evaluated for admission based on fall 2021 criteria.

Applicants will be ranked to determine acceptance into the nursing program based on completion of the application process, the student's Cumulative GPA on required general education and nursing support courses, and a pre-admission RN examination with designated decision scores.

TRANSFER STUDENTS:

Transfer credits from an ACEN or CNEA accredited nursing school will be considered on an individual basis. There will be no more than one academic year between successful completions of the last nursing course for transfer into the WOSC Nursing Program.

ADVANCED STANDING (LPN TO RN) ENTRY STUDENTS

The minimum time to complete the program requirements is five semesters. However, for advanced standing students, the minimum amount of time to complete the program is 1.5 years based on having all the nursing courses given advanced standing status for, pre-requisite and co-requisite courses completed prior to entering NURS 1129 or NURS 2219. Classroom study whether in the face- to -face or online program for LPN to RN students is combined with practical application in nursing experiences at various clinics and hospitals. The number of applicants to be accepted will reflect the availability of appropriate clinical experience. Online classes track are only available for LPNs who are accepted into the NURS 2219 i.e. nursing III, and NURS 2229, nursing IV. There is a face-to-face clinical component attached to the online track LPN to RN.

INTERRUPTION OF PROGRESSION:

1. All students must maintain a 2.0 over-all average and must achieve grades of "C" in all nursing courses for the purpose of retention, progression and graduation.
2. Failure to achieve a satisfactory grade in either the theory area of a nursing course or clinical area of a nursing course will result in an unsatisfactory grade for the entire course. Clinical and theory portions of the course must be repeated.
3. A student may re-enroll **one time** in only one of the four major areas nursing courses required for the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing.
4. A student must successfully complete the four-major-area courses required for the Associate in Applied Science within a three-year period.
5. Students who fail to meet academic or clinical requirements of NURS 1119 must wait until the following academic year before reapplying to the nursing program. The student must follow the application process, meet the current criteria and be considered with the other applications for that year. **The student cannot enroll in other nursing courses during this time.** (However, it is to the students' advantage to enroll in required general education courses).
6. Students who fail to meet academic or clinical requirements of NURS 1129, 2219 or 2229 must submit an application for re-entry into the nursing program. The time when students may repeat a course will be determined on an individual basis. Re-admittance is based on successful completion of clinical skills check-offs, dosage calculation competency, nursing process competency, and comprehensive examination. Please see the Re-Admission Policy for more details.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

Applicants classified as an international student using an F-1 Student Visa may attend at one of Western's three campuses. **However, all initial processing & paperwork must be completed with the Office of Registrar at the Altus campus.** Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. For more information regarding this matter, applicants can contact the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

All applicants to the program for whom English is a second language must take the **TOEFL-(Test of English as a Foreign Language)** test.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Once accepted by the WOSC Nursing Department, all students will be required to submit information in order for a criminal background check to be complete. If an applicant admitted to the nursing program possesses any one of the following: a felony conviction, arrest, pending charges, judicially declared incompetence, or disciplinary action, they should be aware this *might* affect eligibility for registered nurse licensure. **Various clinical agencies also have restrictions regarding individuals with a criminal record.** Criminal background information is reviewed and decisions are made based on the clinical agency's policies and guidelines.

URINE DRUG SCREENS (UDS)

Students accepted into the WOSC Nursing Program will be required to undergo a urine drug screen at least once annually while in the program. Students are required to pass the UDS with a negative result. Any student screened as positive on the UDS may be removed from the program. A student may request a repeat of the UDS at their own expense, however, pending the repeated UDS results and reviewed finding of the individual situation, the student may be suspended from the Nursing Program. WOSC nursing program utilizes various outside clinical institutions for the nursing student various clinical experiences. Many of those institutions have restrictions regarding individuals with positive UDS and licensed medical marijuana use. As a result, WOSC nursing program faculty do not permit entry of student in the nursing program with a positive UDS.

Declaration Statement: Although the use of medical marijuana is legal in the State of Oklahoma, it is still considered illegal by federal laws, and in other states such as Texas. Western utilizes clinical sites in the State of Texas, which prohibits the use of medical marijuana, therefore WOSC nursing education faculty cannot guarantee students with medical marijuana licenses clinical placement. All students are drug tested at least once annually prior to entry into clinical. The nursing education curriculum is designed to have the theory portion occur concurrently with the clinical portion. Students unable attend clinical will have to be dismissed from the program for the inability to complete the nursing program.

REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM PLAN

The Nursing program is designed for the student who plans to enter the job force immediately. After successful completion of the required curriculum, you will receive an Associate's of Applied Science Degree, which prepares you for the Registered Nurse licensure exam. The program consists of a prerequisite semester in which students must have completed all prerequisite courses prior to admission to the Nursing Program. Because of the limited spaces available in the program, admission is highly competitive and completion of all general education, related, and support courses is highly recommended. To be considered for acceptance to the Nursing Program the student must meet certain entrance standards. Contact the Nursing Department for additional program admission requirements and Program details.

The following is a suggested curriculum plan:

Pre-requisite Semester		Total	GE	NURS
BIOL 2104 **	Human Anatomy*	4 cr.	4	--
or BIOL 2204 **	Anatomy and Physiology I			
MATH 1483 **	Functions and Modeling	3 cr.	3	--
or MATH 1523 **	STEM College Algebra			
CHEM 1115 **	General Chemistry I*	4-5 cr.	4-5	--
or CHEM 1004 **	Introduction to Chemistry*			
Semester Total		11-12 cr.	12	--
Semester 1				
BIOL 2304 **	Human Physiology *	4 cr.	4	--
or BIOL 2214 **	Anatomy and Physiology II*			
*NURS 1119	Nursing I	9 cr.	--	9
Semester Total		13 cr.	4	9
Semester 2				
ENGL 1113	English Composition	3 cr.	3	--
PSY 1113	General Psychology	3 cr.	3	--
*NURS 1129	Nursing II	9 cr.	--	9
Semester Total		15 cr.	6	9
LPN Pre-requisite Semester				
NURS 1123	LPN Transition Course ∇	3 cr.	--	3
Semester Total		3 cr.	--	3
Semester 3				
ENGL 1213	English Composition II	3 cr.	3	--
POLS 1113	Federal Government	3 cr.	3	--
*NURS 2219	Nursing III	9 cr.	--	9
Semester Total		15 cr.	6	9
Semester 4				
HIST 1483/93	American History	3 cr.	3	--
*NURS 2229	Nursing IV	9 cr.	--	9
Semester Total		12 cr.	3	9
Total		67-70 cr.	30-31	36/39

All Courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C or higher

MUST HAVE to apply to Nursing Program

Need to complete AAS degree in Nursing

Must complete prior to or in conjunction with Nursing 1119 to progress in the Nursing Program.

* Requires admission to the nursing program for enrollment.

** Students must meet college requirements for courses, be cleared of deficiencies, and meet all pre-requisites before enrolling in these courses.

*** All Sciences must be completed within the last 10 years

∇ All LPNs entering the second and/or third semester of the Nursing program are required to successfully complete the LPN Transition Course prior to beginning NURS 1129 and/or NURS 2219 thereby, increasing credit hours to 70 for the LPN student.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

All students (General, LPN and Transfer Students) will be required to complete a criminal background check **annually**. The completion of the criminal background checks will be performed on those students who are accepted into the program. The background checks will be handled by a private company in which the WOSC Nursing Department has a contract. Students **WILL NOT** be required to complete separate FBI or OSBI background checks. The contracted company which is utilized will be solely responsible for all criminal background checks required by the clinical facilities.

Applicants admitted to the nursing program should be aware that a felony conviction, arrest, pending charges, judicially declared incompetence, or disciplinary action might affect eligibility for registered nurse licensure. Various clinical agencies also have restrictions regarding individuals with a criminal record. Criminal background information is reviewed and decisions are made based on the clinical agency's policies and guidelines. The failure of a clinical facility to accept a student based on their criminal background will result in the student's inability to complete the clinical portion of the program. Because the student will be unable to participate in clinical rotations, the student will be withdrawn from the nursing program.

LICENSURE:

The **Western Oklahoma State College Department of Nursing Education** is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to write for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure, a criminal history records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status. Applicants for licensure must also hold a high school diploma or a graduate equivalency degree (G.E.D.). [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6]. To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. Applicants who are qualified aliens must present to the Board office, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
3. Admission into the United States in refugee status;
4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
5. Approved deferred action status; or
6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

The Board has the right to deny a license to an individual with a history of criminal back-ground, disciplinary action on any professional or occupational license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. These cases are considered on an individual basis at the time application for licensure is made, with the exception of felony convictions. An individual with a felony conviction cannot apply for licensure for at least five years after completion of all sentencing terms, including probation and suspended sentences, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon is received [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].

For any students seeking licensure outside the state of Oklahoma, it is the student's responsibility to ensure he/she meet all requirements for licensure in the state in which they reside. Contact information for all nursing licensing boards can be found at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) website at <https://www.ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm>

**COST INFORMATION FOR GENERAL STUDENTS
 (OKLAHOMA RESIDENTS)**
ESTIMATED COST FOR GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE WORK
TUITION & STANDARD FEES

31 credit hours of General Education (\$148.50 per credit hour*) \$4,603.50

OTHER FEES

Science Lab Fees (\$12.00 per credit hour) \$156.00

(General Chemistry – 5 credit hours, Human Anatomy – 4 credit hours, & Human Physiology – 4 credit hours)

Science Special Instruction Fees (\$25.00 per credit hour) \$325.00

(General Chemistry – 5 credit hours, Human Anatomy – 4 credit hours, & Human Physiology – 4 credit hours)

Student ID (\$4.00 per fall/ spring semester) \$8.00

Parking Fees (\$15.00 per fall/ spring semester) \$30.00

Application Fee (first-time entering students at WOSC) \$20.00

Books \$1,000.00

Subtotal \$6,142.50**
ESTIMATED COST OF THE NURSING EDUCATION COURSE WORK
TUITION (\$148.50 per credit hour*)

36 credit hours \$5,346.00

OTHER FEES

Cameron University Fees (for students attending the Lawton campus only) (\$454.50 per semester) \$1,818.00

Nursing Instructional Laboratories (\$35.00 per credit hour) \$1,260.00

Nursing Special Instruction Fee (\$35.00 per credit hour) \$1,260.00

Application Fee for Nursing Program (one-time fee) \$35.00

Nursing My Clinical Exchange Fee (for students attending the Lawton campus only) (\$39.50 annually) \$79.00

Professional Liability Insurance Fee (\$16 annually in fall semester) \$32.00

Test Taking Strategies Fee (one-time fee) \$70.00

Clinical Screening Fee (\$105.00 annually) \$210.00

Student Nurse Assessment & Remediation Fee (\$120.00 per semester) \$480.00

Simulation Lab Fee (\$80.00 per semester) \$320.00

Nursing NCLEX Review Fee (last semester one-time fee) \$375.00

Subtotal (Altus and Elk City campus sites) \$9,388.00**
Subtotal (Lawton campus site) \$11,285.00**
ESTIMATED COST OF BOOKS AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

Books \$1,500.00

Pre-Entrance Exam \$99.00

Physical Examination (with your physician) \$85.00

Hepatitis B vaccination, antibody screening, and titers (with your physician) \$130.00

Rubella, Rubeola & Varicella & Mumps titers \$65.00

Nursing uniforms and accessories (scrubs, lab coat, name tag, stethoscope, etc.) \$200.00

Health Insurance (for Mental Health clinical rotation) \$50.00

Finger Print Criminal Background (to test for NCLEX in Oklahoma) \$53.00

Oklahoma State Board Exam Fees \$85.00

National Council for Licensure Exam \$200.00

Oklahoma State Board Exam Pictures (passport) \$10.00

WOSC Nursing Club Dues (\$5.00 per semester) (optional) \$20.00

Nursing Lamp (optional) \$25.00

College Cap & Gown (optional) \$30.00

Nursing Graduation Pin (optional) \$25.00

Graduation Photos (optional packages to purchase) \$50.00

Subtotal \$2,627.00**
Total Estimated Cost of degree (Altus and Elk City campus sites) \$18,157.50**
Total Estimated Cost of degree (Lawton campus site) \$20,054.50**

*Tuition and fees are subject to change without notification by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
 **Cost information is subject to change.

**COST INFORMATION FOR LPN STUDENTS
 (OKLAHOMA RESIDENTS)**
ESTIMATED COST FOR GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE WORK
TUITION & STANDARD FEES

31 credit hours of General Education (\$148.50 per credit hour*) \$4,603.50

OTHER FEES

Science Lab Fees (\$12.00 per credit hour) \$156.00

(General Chemistry – 5 credit hours, Human Anatomy – 4 credit hours, & Human Physiology – 4 credit hours)

Science Special Instruction Fees (\$25.00 per semester hour) \$325.00

(General Chemistry – 5 credit hours, Human Anatomy – 4 credit hours, & Human Physiology – 4 credit hours)

Computer Lab Fee (\$8.00 per credit hour) \$24.00

(Microcomputers – 3 credit hours)

Student ID (\$4.00 per fall/ spring semester) \$8.00

Parking Fees (\$15.00 per fall/ spring semester) \$30.00

Application Fee (first-time entering students at WOSC) \$20.00

Books \$1,000.00

Subtotal \$6,166.50**
ESTIMATED COST OF THE NURSING EDUCATION COURSE WORK
TUITION (\$148.50 per credit hour*)

21 credit hours \$3,118.50

OTHER FEES

Cameron University Fees (for students attending the Lawton campus only) (\$50.50 per credit hour) \$909.00

Nursing Instructional Laboratories (\$35.00 per credit hour) \$735.00

Nursing Special Instruction Fee (\$35.00 per credit hour) \$735.00

Application Fee for Nursing Program (one-time fee) \$35.00

Nursing My Clinical Exchange Fee (for students attending the Lawton campus only) (\$39.50 annually) \$39.50

Professional Liability Insurance Fee (\$16 annually in fall semester) \$16.00

Test Taking Strategies Fee (one-time fee) \$70.00

Clinical Screening Fee (\$105.00 annually) \$105.00

Student Nurse Assessment & Remediation Fee (\$120 per semester) \$240.00

Simulation Lab Fee (\$80.00 per semester) \$160.00

Nursing NCLEX Review Fee (last semester one-time fee) \$375.00

Subtotal (Altus and Elk City campus sites) \$5,589.50**
Subtotal (Lawton campus site) \$6,538.00**
ESTIMATED COST OF BOOKS AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

Books \$1,000.00

Pre-Entrance Exam \$99.00

Physical Examination (with your physician) \$85.00

Hepatitis B vaccination, antibody screening, and titers (with your physician) \$130.00

Rubella, Rubeola & Varicella & Mumps titers \$65.00

Nursing uniforms and accessories (scrubs, lab coat, name tag, stethoscope, etc.) \$200.00

Health Insurance (for Mental Health clinical rotation) \$50.00

Finger Print Criminal Background (to test for NCLEX in Oklahoma) \$53.00

Oklahoma State Board Exam Fees \$85.00

National Council for Licensure Exam \$200.00

Oklahoma State Board Exam Pictures (passport) \$10.00

WOSC Nursing Club Dues (\$5.00 per semester) (optional) \$10.00

Nursing Lamp (optional) \$25.00

College Cap & Gown (optional) \$30.00

Nursing Graduation Pin (optional) \$25.00

Graduation Photos (optional packages to purchase) \$50.00

Subtotal \$2,117.00**
Total Estimated Cost of degree (Altus and Elk City campus sites) \$13,873.00**
Total Estimated Cost of degree (Lawton campus site) \$14,821.50**

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**Cost information is subject to change.

ADMISSION SELECTION

ADMISSION SELECTION SCORE SHEET

PART I

Admission Entrance Exam

Point values for the Pre-Nursing Exam are taken from the percentage of questions you get correct. Ex: 87% = 87 points. The Pre-Nursing Exam may be taken up to two times. The higher score in each area will be used. The applicant may choose to test in any number of areas on the second attempt.

Applicants will be tested in the following areas:

Math, Vocabulary, Reading, Anatomy/Physiology, Biology, and Critical Thinking

Each of the six areas are worth 20 points.

GPA

Low	High	Points
3.8	4.0	25
3.5	3.79	20
3.01	3.49	15
2.5	3.0	10
2.25	2.49	5
< 2.25		0

Total Points Possible for Part I = **145**

*Students will **NOT** be considered for admission if they score below the listed values:

-Reading score less than 82

-Math score less than 74

-GPA less than 2.25*

* Students currently enrolled and attending Western prior to November 1, 2021 will be assessed on the fall 2021 admission criteria.

PART II

Nursing Support Courses *

Completion Points	A	B	C	D
Anatomy	10	5	2	0
Physiology	10	5	2	0
Chemistry	10	5	2	0
General Psychology	10	5	2	0
Functions & Modeling	5	3	2	0
English Comp I	5	3	2	0
English Comp II	5	3	2	0
American History	5	3	2	0
Federal Gov't	5	3	2	0

Total Points Possible for Part II = **160**

Total Possible Points = 305

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ADVANCED STANDING ENTRY

This is **NOT** the entire Policy and Procedure for **Advanced Standing** for Licensed Practical Nurses, therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to read the

LPN applicants may earn Advanced Standing credit for NURS 1119 and NURS 1129. Advanced Standing credit will be given to ALL LPN applicants for NURS 1119 utilizing their LPN fundamentals coursework obtained through their technical school.

Advanced Standing Credit will be given to LPNs for NURS 1129 based on their ability based on the following requirements:

- A. Pass the HESI LPN – ADN Entrance Mobility Exam with a minimum passing score of 750, better overall, as well as 550, or better in the Maternity and Pediatric areas.
- B. A desired minimum score of 750 or better in all areas and overall is desired
- C. Students who earned a minimum overall score of less than 850 will need to remediate in NURS 1123 as assigned by the course faculty.

The Mobility exam can be taken up to two times in an application period with no less than three-weeks between testing. Students who failed to earn all required scores in either exams will be required to re-apply and test the following application year.

Any Comprehensive NCLEX-RN Review books/materials and/or HESI exam NCLEX-RN Study materials may be utilized to prepare for this exam. This exam can be taken anytime during the academic year –fall, spring, or summer semesters, 24/7 from home once the exam is purchased and the student schedules testing. Exam results are good for 2-years.

ASSESSED AREAS

Applicants are tested in six areas: Medical-Surgical, Maternity, Pediatric, Fundamentals, Professional Issues, and Psychiatry/Mental Illness. Students are strongly encouraged to study for all areas, and Must earned the required three scores in the exam- 750, better overall, 550, or better in Maternity and Pediatric sections. Scores in either the first attempt and second attempts will not be mixed and matched!

SCHEDULE EXAM

The exam is proctored via Proctor U™. Applicants interested in taking this exam in addition to the pre-nursing examination needs to email nursing@wosc.edu for the information. Allow 48 to 72 business hours for a response. The cost of the exam is \$79.00 which is the exam and proctoring fees. **Prices are subject to change.**

Students will need access to a reliable computer with camera, microphone, speakers, and reliable internet service, and a quiet area where they will not be interrupted during testing. The exam is paid and proctored via Proctor U™.

The mobility exam is NOT the pre-admission nursing examination. It is an exam that Must be taken in addition to the pre-admission exam in order to receive Advanced Standing entry consideration for Nursing III. LPN applicants only interested in entering into Nursing II, only need to complete the pre-admission nursing examination. LPN applicants, who are unsuccessful on the mobility exam, but successful on the pre-nursing admission exam, are still eligible for Advanced Standing entry into Nursing II.

ADVISEMENT

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment with their nursing advisor during their application process. Visit www.wosc.edu/nursing and select the [Faculty Advisor page](#) to find an advisor closest to you to request an advisement appointment.

ACADEMIC ENTRANCE ESSAY

for Applicants seeking Entry
Into the WOSC Nursing Program

ALL applicants to WOSC Nursing Education program must complete essay!

ESSAY CRITERIA

Submit a personalized **Academic Entrance Essay** that is realistic, measurable, and achievable, briefly detailing the following items:

1. Applicant's background and/or experience working in healthcare.
2. Applicant's current work status, i.e. full-time/part-time, # of hours worked weekly/monthly; long-term goals as it relates to nursing school and working as a nurse; and how both will be managed to support the applicant's ability to be successful in the program and meeting overall career goal.
3. Success Plan for Nursing School and NCLEX-RN that **must** include at a minimum, but does not have to be limited to:
 - a. Applicants personalize study plan detailing how they will manage their work-life-school balance.
 - b. Study activities that will be implemented- to include time-frame for studying and performing school activities' outside of class & clinical lectures, number of hours/days per week that will be used to conduct school work and studying outside of class and clinical lectures.
 - c. How does the applicant plan to assess, then evaluate whether the personalize realistic study plan being used is effective and/or needs readjusting?
 - d. Specific resources and strategies the applicant will utilize consistently to overcome any barriers to the likelihood of them being successful throughout the entire nursing program and on the NCLEX-RN.
 - e. The time-frame for assessing and evaluating the study plan and any follow-up actions, i.e. meeting with faculty, utilizing tutors, doing additional research, and actively participating in the learning process, etc. This area is not limited to the mentioned steps.
 - f. How will the applicant make time to meet with course faculty, participate in study/tutoring groups if needed, and/or follow-up with course faculty for guidance and support throughout the program
4. Applicants that have multiple withdrawals and/or failed more than one course and/or another nursing program, what are the applicant's plans to ensure that does not happen again?
5. Why does the applicant believe the program faculty should grant them entry into the program?
6. What role does the applicant understand and belief they have in the learning process?
7. What are the applicant expectations of the program/faculty?
8. What role does the applicant understand and belief the program faculty have in the learning-teaching process?
9. Anything else the applicant believes is important and/or want the program Director and/or faculty to know

This is an excerpt of the admission essay criteria. Please request the [full requirement](#) from the nursing education department.

NURSING APPLICATION CHECKLIST

GENERAL REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS	COMPLETED	SUBMITTED TO NURSING EDUCATION	NOT APPLICABLE
Apply to WOSC how to apply to wosc	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Submit All College Transcripts <i>all colleges attended outside of Western, even if did not graduate</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Unofficial WOSC College transcript <i>**with a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.25 or better</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
HESI A2 with Critical Thinking Pre-Admission Nursing Exam <i>with required scores \$109.60 prices subject to change</i> Register for a Evolve Account (WOSC Must be the institution) Register for a Proctor U™ Account (HESI -Elsevier must be the Institution to see exam)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Two (2) WOSC Nursing Professional Reference Forms WOSC Reference Forms <i>if attended other nursing school, one reference Must be from faculty</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Academic Success Essay <i>per criteria</i> Retrieve Copy of Academic Essay Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
BLS or HCPR <i>current certification & online not accepted</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
LPN Mobility Exam with required scores <i>\$79.00 price subject to change applicable if applying for Advanced Standing entry into Nursing III, if seeking Advanced Standing Entry into Nursing II, then only complete the pre-Admission Nursing Exam</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
LPN School Transcripts <i>if attended RN school, then took LPN licensure, one reference must be from RN faculty</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
LPN/LVN License Verification Retrieve a free copy of my License verification	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
ADDITIONAL APPLICATION POINTS	COMPLETED	TO NURSING EDUCATION	NOT APPLICABLE
Additional Career Education Preparation <i>official supporting documents</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
College Retention Hours <i>(grades must be transcribed on transcripts with C or better and degree with 2.0 or better)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Certifications <i>official supporting documents (applicants must be working in the field, and may only select one certification for point consideration)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
NURSING APPLICATION SUBMISSION WITH REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE			
Apply - Complete Nursing Application <i>(\$35.00 fee due at time of application submission)</i> Go to the nursing application ATTENTION: PLEASE READ! COMPLETE THE NURSING APPLICATION WHEN ALL ITEMS ON THIS LIST ARE COMPLETED AND READY TO BE SUBMITTED. THESE ITEMS MUST BE UPLOADED AND SUBMITTED AT THE SAME TIME THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REMOVED FROM REVEIEW.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
PENDING ADMISSION SELECTION	COMPLETED	TO NURSING EDUCATION	NOT APPLICABLE
Immunization Record What is the Immunization Record need	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Complete Titers to verify Immunity what are titers			
Copy of Current CPR Card	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
History & Physical Get a copy of WOSC H&P Form	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Positive Criminal Background- YES, THEN submit official copies of Court document & Letter Stating what occur and showing resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		