

## Frequently Asked Question for the Nursing Residential BSN Program

### 1. How long is the program?

Liberty University Nursing program is a four-year, Baccalaureate program. Prerequisites are taken during the freshman year, and after being accepted into Gate 1 (continuance in the School of Nursing curriculum), the program requirements may be completed in the next three years. **Gate 1 is defined as continuance in the School of Nursing curriculum.**

#### What are the prerequisites?

BIOL 213 & 214 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (lecture and lab)

BIOL 215 & 216 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (lecture and lab)

CHEM 107 General & Organic Chemistry

NURS 104 Introduction to Nursing & Medical Terminology

NURS 115 Pre-licensure Pathophysiology

\*BIOL 203 Introduction to Microbiology is a prerequisite for Spring and Summer Fast Track programs only

#### Prerequisite Details:

- It will take two semesters to finish the Anatomy and Physiology requirements, so make sure you are registered for BIOL 213 & 214 for the first semester.
- Transfer Students may complete NURS 104 after transferring to Liberty if it is not available at their current institution. The class must be completed before starting junior year.
- NURS 115 can only be taken if you've already completed BIOL 213 & 214.

### 2. When do I apply to continue in the BSN Nursing Program?

Applications for continuance in the School of Nursing curriculum can be found on our website at [www.liberty.edu/nursing](http://www.liberty.edu/nursing).

#### Entrance Terms for Nursing Sophomore Year:

##### Spring Term:

- **Spring** – Sophomore year will be spring semester and fall semester.
- **Spring Fast Track** – Sophomore year will be spring semester and about 5 weeks summer semester.
- **Applications are open August 1<sup>st</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

\*The Admission Committee will notify you of their decision through your Liberty University email after 5:00 pm and by midnight on the third Friday in October. Applications that meet minimum requirements that are received after October 1<sup>st</sup> will automatically go on the wait list if accepted.

##### Fall Term & Summer Fast Track Term:

- **Fall** – Sophomore year will be fall semester and spring semester.
- **Summer Fast Track** – Sophomore year will be about eight weeks during summer semester.
- **Applications are open December 1<sup>st</sup> – February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

\*The Admission Committee will notify you of their decision through your Liberty University email by midnight the Friday of Liberty University's Spring Break. Applications that meet minimum requirements but are received after the deadline will automatically go on the wait list.

\*\*We can accept up to 100 applications for the spring semester and Sophomore Spring Fast Track program.

\*\*We can accept up to 50 students for the Sophomore Summer Fast Track program and 150 students for the regular fall semester. Remaining eligible students are placed on a wait list and will be notified of acceptance to Gate 1 (continuance in the School of Nursing curriculum) after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*\*We typically get between 100-150 applications for spring and 225-250 applications for fall semester and Sophomore Summer Fast Track.

### 3. What are the requirements for tentative acceptance to Gate 1—continuance in the School of Nursing curriculum?

- You MUST be accepted as a residential student at Liberty University.
- Complete the on-line application for continuance in the School of Nursing curriculum at [www.liberty.edu/nursing](http://www.liberty.edu/nursing).
- Students with a cumulative LU GPA of 3.25 will have direct entry into the program upon completion of the application and meeting all requirements below.
- Students' applications with at GPA of 3.0 to 3.24 who do not qualify for direct entry into the program will be evaluated by the Admissions Committee.
- Cumulative GPA (combines the GPAs from all colleges/universities attended and dual enrollment) of 3.0 for fall or spring admission or 3.25 for Sophomore Spring Fast Track or Sophomore Summer Fast Track admission, of all completed courses at the time of application to continue in the School of Nursing curriculum. The Liberty University GPA portion (if applicable) of the cumulative GPA must be at least 3.0 or greater for the traditional fall or spring program and 3.25 or greater for the fast-track at the time of application.
- Successful completion of all prerequisite coursework with a "C" or better.
- Official transcripts for ALL previous college work (including dual enrollment during high school) MUST be submitted to Liberty University Registrar.
- Complete H.E.S.I. A2 (pass rate of 75% or better) testing by application deadline and have results sent to the Practicum and Admissions Coordinator for Undergraduate Programs. Testing is also available on specific days at Liberty University and will be posted on the nursing webpage <http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?pid=10334> . Test scores will be sent to LUSON by the testing center for students testing in Liberty University's testing center.
- Students with a four-year degree obtained in the United States are exempt from the H.E.S.I. A2.
- Students are not fully accepted into Gate 1 (continuance in the School of Nursing curriculum) until the requirements are completed. Information about requirements is found in the application and on our webpage.

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## What is the next step?

### Transfer Students

- The Registrar's office will evaluate your transcripts to determine what will transfer to Liberty University. Use the Transfer Guide located on the Registrar webpage. If you are transferring credits from other institutions, you will want to work closely with [LUTransfer@liberty.edu](mailto:LUTransfer@liberty.edu) to make sure that your classes will be accepted to apply toward the DCP for The School of Nursing. If you have credits that you **have already completed**, you can request an Unofficial Transfer Consultation to see how they would be accepted and applied to a DCP for Nursing.
- Students transferring from a Virginia or North Carolina community college can use the equivalency guide on Liberty University's website. Virginia Community College System (VCCS) at (<http://www.liberty.edu/academics/registrar/index.cfm?PID=10655>) or North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) at <http://www.liberty.edu/academics/registrar/index.cfm?PID=28071>.
- If you have credits that you **have already completed**, you can request an Unofficial Transfer Consultation to see how they would be accepted and applied to a DCP for nursing.
- **Once you have been accepted as a student by Liberty University and are ready to start classes the following semester, please feel free to reach out to your Professional CASA Advisor for Nursing.** They will be happy to assist you with registering for classes and to answer any question that you have at that time.

### High School Seniors

- You will want to work closely with your High School Academic Advisor to make sure that you satisfy both the requirements for Liberty's Degree Completion Plan for the School of Nursing, as well as the requirements to satisfy high school graduation. You will also want to make sure that any class that you plan to take and transfer to Liberty will be accepted by Liberty as the class you desire it to satisfy (see the information above for transfer students).
- **You will want to work closely with Resident Admissions so that they are able to walk you through the process to the point that you are ready to register for the following semester's classes. Once you are ready to register for classes, please feel free to reach out to your Professional CASAS Advisor for Nursing.** They will be happy to assist you with registering for classes and to answer any questions that you have at that time.

### High School Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshman

- Work closely with your High School Academic Advisor and Liberty Resident Admissions.

Please review any Financial Aid concerns at <https://www.liberty.edu/student-financial-services/>.

General nursing questions and questions concerning admission to the School of Nursing should be directed to Ms. Elizabeth Anderson([eanderson135@liberty.edu](mailto:eanderson135@liberty.edu)).

Dear Future Nursing Student,

We are so glad that you are interested in studying Nursing at Liberty University School of Nursing! We are looking for students who are intelligent, self-motivated, detail oriented, and compassionate.

We have an excellent program with approximately 600 “hands on” clinical hours in local hospitals, several hospitals outside of Lynchburg, and international clinical opportunities. Our Simulation Center presents common hospital experiences in the safety of the lab which enables students to receive additional and critical learning experiences. Students can begin to individualize their learning experiences in junior and senior years. Our program teaches nursing from a Christian perspective, and faculty model ministering to patients by showing the love of Jesus. Our faculty are experts in their field, and many continue to practice. We strive to maintain a warm, nurturing relationship between students and faculty.

Two specialization programs are offered for selected students—the Critical Care Certificate Program for Adult and Obstetrics/Pediatrics and the Cross-Cultural Nursing Certificate Program. Students may also choose to obtain a cognate in Global Studies. Standardized testing and mock NCLEX-RN style questions help prepare students for the state board exam of nursing and a full semester review course is offered during the final semester of the senior year. Liberty University School of Nursing has an excellent reputation where the goal of a 90% or better pass rate for first-time test takers, and a 96% employment rate has been surpassed annually for the past several years.

In this handout, you will find valuable information about required pre-requisite courses and application procedures. If you have questions regarding the nursing program or the application process, please reach out to our admission specialist, Ms. Elizabeth Anderson ([eanderson135@liberty.edu](mailto:eanderson135@liberty.edu)).

Sincerely,

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