

**Idaho State University
Department of Nursing
Boise Fast Track Baccalaureate Program**

Admission to the Fast Track Nursing Program is competitive and meeting the admission criteria does not assure acceptance into the program. You **must** be admitted to Idaho State University (ISU) before your application to the Nursing Program will be considered. The following procedure is conducted in selecting students.

I. Admission to the Department of Nursing

Students are admitted to the junior level of the nursing program. In order to be reviewed for spring admission, the application must be completed and returned to the Department of Nursing by September 15th. The Admissions and Advancement Committee in the Department of Nursing will process all application forms and letters of notification will be sent to applicants via U.S. Postal Service by November 1st.

A. Admission Criteria

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for consideration for admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing Program:

1. Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) – entrance examination must be taken before submission of application. Score must be attached to application. See B. on page 2.
2. Satisfactory completion of the following prerequisite courses or equivalents with a grade of “70” or better, *while maintaining a prerequisite GPA of 2.8. If a prerequisite course was completed with “69” or below, indicate that the course is being retaken (on page 7 of application) before application can be processed.*

Human Anatomy and Physiology	8 credits
Organic Chemistry	5 credits
Inorganic Chemistry	5 credits
Introduction to Microbiology	4 credits
Pathobiology (Pathophysiology)	4 credits
3. Criminal History Check – Students must have a background check performed by ISU Public Safety 208-282-2515. No other background check will be accepted. The cost to the student is approximately \$50.00. The check must be completed before application submitted.
4. Application on file in the Department of Nursing **postmarked** no later than September 15th.

5. Submit a non-refundable application fee of **\$35.00** by check or money order payable to ISU Department of Nursing with application for admission.

6. Attach the completed Health Certification Requirements Record to your application. If this record is incomplete your application will **NOT** be processed and you will not be considered for admission into the nursing program. (see E for requirements)

7. **Selection process:** Applicants will be selected based on their nursing prerequisite GPA, score of the TEAS, and awarded points for diversity:

A. Nursing Prerequisite GPA – see A. 2. p. 1 for details

B. Score of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)- must complete and submit score this *mandatory* entrance examination. The TEAS will be administered at the Boise Center on scheduled days in scheduled days in May, June, July and August 2005. You **must** reserve your place for the test by calling (208) 685-6749 and paying the fee in advance. Testing will **CLOSE August 18, 2005**. The student will need a photo ID to take the test. The student should arrive 15 minutes early to establish identification and be logged in.

The examination includes three parts: testing Reading Comprehension, English and Language Usage, Science, and Math. Material is based on 10th -12th grade level. It will take approximately 3 hours to complete. The price of the exam is \$45.00. The student will pay the testing center by cash or check **ONLY** – no credit cards are accepted.

A study guide for TEAS is available for purchase by students at the ATI website for \$25.00: <http://www.atitesting.com/> **only** through Internet Explorer. Students may also call ATI to phone order at 1-800-667-7531.

The student will receive his/her score at completion of the test. It is recommended he/she obtain two (2) copies of the score: one for the student to keep and one to be stapled onto the application by the student.

C. Awarded Points for Diversity Paragraph – The Idaho State University Department of Nursing is committed to building a superb educational community with students of diverse talents, experiences, and cultural backgrounds. Beginning in 2006, applicants may opt to compete for “diversity points” by completing an additional portion of the application. A short essay of no more than 250 words may be submitted that will assist the admissions committee in considering how an individual’s talents, experiences, and cultural background will contribute to a superb educational community. The committee will consider, but not limit its decision to consideration of factors such as the following: race, national origin, ethnic or cultural identity, socioeconomic status, prior or current work experience, first generation university attendance, speaking a native language other than English, etc. No single factor will automatically be deemed more important than others, and all responses will be evaluated on an individual basis. Accordingly, more points may be awarded in addition to points earned by GPA and TEAS admission testing. This essay is not required, but highly recommended for students to complete.

D. Alternate Status

An alternate admission list is implemented when more students meeting the admission criteria have applied than there is available position/space. If space becomes available to accommodate additional eligible students, the alternate list will be activated. Alternate status is recognized only for the year of application. Students who are not admitted the spring semester, for which they initially apply, must reapply for the next year and will be reviewed for admission with the new group of applicants.

E. Health Certification Requirements

Students applying to the nursing program must submit the following information on (Form H) Health Certification Requirement Record to the Department of Nursing by the **15th of September with their application**. If Form H is not completed, your application will be **denied** and you will **NOT** be considered for admission into the nursing program.

1. A written statement from a health care provider that the applicant possesses the mental and physical health to meet the requirements of being an active and successful student in the nursing program as well as for being employed in the practice of nursing following graduation.

2. Negative Mantoux (TB) needs to be current through school year. **(Student must have a test EACH YEAR & updated results kept in student's file.)** If student has had a positive Mantoux, he/she will need documentation of a negative chest x-ray submitted with application. If chest x-ray is positive, student needs to see his/her health care provider and may re-apply once his/her sputum is negative. *Admission to the nursing program may occur only after the department receives verification that the student's sputum cultures are negative*

3. Proof of current immunizations for Polio (only required if you have traveled out of the country), Diphtheria, Tetanus, Hepatitis B, 2nd MMR (or titer).

4. Titer for Varicella (Chicken Pox) is required only if you do not know if and when you have had chicken pox. If you have had varicella, include year of disease on health history record.

5. Current CPR Certification for Health Care Providers: (American Heart Association or Red Cross). All students are required to provide proof of current CPR certification with application. Certification must be maintained throughout nursing school with documentation in your file. **It is recommended that students obtain certification through the American Heart Association because renewal is every two years; with Red Cross, it is every year.**

NOTE: Keep copies of original documents. **If you are accepted to the nursing program, you will be asked to provide a copy of these documents for your file with your acceptance letter.** If you fail to provide any of these documents, or if you falsified any dates you will be dismissed from the program and an alternate will be admitted.

F. General Requirements

Nursing students must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college prior to admission. In addition, all prerequisite courses listed must be completed with a grade of "70" or better, *while maintaining a prerequisite GPA of 2.8.*

G. Re-application

1. All students reapplying to the Boise Fast Track Baccalaureate Program must meet the current admission criteria; i.e. completion of prerequisite courses, TEAS score, and any other stipulations in order to be eligible for readmission. Re-application does not guarantee readmission. Re-applicants will be subject to the same scrutiny and consideration as an initial applicant. Students who are reapplying must follow all steps detailed in the application procedure.

2. Once in the program, students who must withdraw from a clinical course due to reasons of health issues or military obligations will be re-admitted without application **when** clinical space is available in that course.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Name _____ Student Identification #: _____

2. Permanent Address _____
Street City State Zip Telephone

3. Local Address _____
Street City State Zip Telephone

*** Circle the address to which you want your letter of decision mailed***

Applicant is responsible for notifying the Department of Nursing for any address changes and update via ISU Student Portal on the website.

4. State of Legal Residence _____

5. Date of Application _____

6. In case of emergency, whom do you wish to be notified:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip Telephone

7. For statistical purposes, the Department of Nursing would appreciate the following information:

Federally-Recognized Groups

General Information

Caucasian _____
Asian/Pacific Islander _____
American Indian/Alaskan Native _____
African American _____
Hispanic _____

Birth date _____
Sex _____

8. TEAS Test-Have you taken the TEAS test and had your scores made available to Idaho State University Department of Nursing _____ Yes _____ No

9. Did you complete the background check through ISU Public Safety? Yes _____ No _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please complete all that apply)

Check the following as appropriate:

_____ B.S. degree in _____ Graduated from _____

_____ B.A. degree in _____ Graduated from _____

_____ Other degree in _____ Graduated from _____

Other colleges or post-high school institutions attended or now attending: (Include name and place of school, dates attended, major and degree.)

NAME	PLACE	DATES	MAJOR	DEGREE
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

G. Prerequisite or Co-requisite Course Work

Indicate below all courses you are taking or have taken to meet the Department of Nursing prerequisite course requirements. If you are retaking the course – you must indicate that the course is a retake. If you have not taken a prerequisite, fill in below when you will take the course prior to entry spring semester. **REMINDER:** If these courses were taken in out-of-state colleges or universities, it is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure official transcripts are on file at ISU. Course grades must be on transcripts. The process for petitioning a class must be completed and on file before application is submitted.

NOTE: A&A Committee will check your transcript against what you report below.

Course Title <i>Prerequisites</i>	Course Title at Your School	College or University	No. of Credits	Grade
Human Anatomy & Physiology				
Human Anatomy & Physiology				
Chemistry Inorganic				
Chemistry Organic				
Microbiology				
Pathobiology				

If a course is being taken through another college or university by classroom, correspondence, or the web during the fall semester that you are accepted to the nursing program, an unofficial or official copy of the transcript for that course(s) MUST be on file in the nursing department by 28 December 2005. If it has not been received, the student will be dismissed and the next alternate will be offered the position. A copy of the official transcripts must be in your nursing file by 15 January 2006. If it has not been received, the student will be dismissed from the program. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to get copies of the transcript(s) in your nursing file.

H. Other Important Information Regarding Admission

1. **New students** (not yet enrolled in classes at ISU): You must complete the application process to ISU and be admitted to the university before you can apply to the Fast Track Nursing Program. All transcripts of previous academic work **must** be on file with the University. **Copies of unofficial transcripts must accompany the application.**

Students currently enrolled in classes at ISU: If you have attended any college or university other than ISU, it is your responsibility to make sure your official transcripts from these schools are on file with the University.

Do not request transcripts if ISU is the **only** college you have attended.

All applications and transcripts must be postmarked by September 15th. Official TEAS scores must be in the Department of Nursing by September 15th.

2. Enclose a **\$35.00** check or money order payable to ISU Department of Nursing with your application. This application fee is **non-refundable**.

3. Mail completed application to: Department of Nursing
Idaho State University - Boise Center
12301 W. Explorer Dr., Ste. 102
Boise, ID 83713

4. If applicants have a question as to whether anything in their past or contained in their permanent record is of sufficient importance to bar them from admission to the practice of nursing, they should consult with the State Board of Nursing authorities of the state in which they intend to practice. The Department of Nursing cannot give an opinion regarding these questions.

I understand that any attempt on my part to falsify answers or exclude pertinent data is cause for rejection of my application and/or dismissal from the program. I hereby certify that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge receipt of the General Information Statement including selection procedure, alternate list, re-application policy, health certification requirements, CPR certification requirements, and general requirements.

Signature

Date

H.

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Health Certification Requirements Record**

Written statement by health care provider, and proof of required immunizations, and CPR certification must be completed by September 15th. (Except for Hep B - you must provide documentation that you are in the process of completing all 3 vaccinations.)

Complete the following and attach this record to your application.

- Statement from health care provider that applicant possesses the mental and physical health to meet the requirements of being an active and capable student in the nursing program.

*Date of written statement _____

- Negative Mantoux (TB) test or Chest X-ray

*Date tested _____

*Date read negative _____

*Last chest X-ray _____ Was it negative? _____

- Current CPR certification for Health Care Providers
(Must be American Heart Association or Red Cross Certified)

*Date of Certification _____ Expiration Date _____

- Current Immunizations:

Immunization

Date Received

Polio _____ Or not traveled out of country _____

MMR (#2) _____

Diphtheria _____

Tetanus _____

Influenza _____

Hepatitis B 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

-if had disease- year of disease _____

-if unsure, need titer: date of titer _____ positive or negative

-if negative, need vaccine: date of vaccine _____

If accepted it is your responsibility to keep all immunizations and CPR current.