

Applications for the Undergraduate Nursing Program at the School of Nursing at Idaho State University (ISU) will be available for on this website August 15, 2011. **PLEASE NOTE NEW DEADLINE for 2011: Applications must be submitted by September 30, 2011.**

Requirements for Complete Application

1. Application/Acceptance to Idaho State University

Applications for ISU are available online at http://www.isu.edu/howto_apply.shtml. There is a required \$40.00 application fee which must be submitted with your application to ISU. Upon acceptance to ISU, a student identification number is assigned. This ID number is required on the Nursing application. Declare "Nursing" as your major.

2. Official Transcripts Required by Idaho State University

- a. Official transcripts from all colleges attended must be on file with the ISU Office of Admissions at the time the application is submitted in order for credit to be granted for prerequisite course requirements.
- b. Second-degree applicants also need to include a copy of transcript of courses completed at other colleges/universities with application.
- c. Unofficial copies of transcripts must be submitted with the application when submitted.

3. Application Fee to B.S. Nursing Program

Submit a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 by check or money order made payable to "ISU School of Nursing" with application for admission.

4. Pre-requisite Courses Completed with a Minimum 3.0 GPA

The [Traditional BS in Nursing Curriculum Guide](#) is listed on the School of Nursing website at <http://www.isu.edu/nursing/>.

- a. Set A prerequisite courses must be successfully completed at the time the application is submitted.
- b. Successful course completion is with a grade of "C" or higher.
- c. Only prerequisite courses are included in the GPA calculation for admission ranking.

SET A PREREQUISITE COURSES
ANTH 2237 or ANTH 2238 or ANTH 2239 or ANTH 1100 or SOC 1101 BIOL 1101 and BIOL 1101L BIOL 2221 and BIOL 2221L BIOL 3301 and BIOL 3301L BIOL 3302 and BIOL 3302L CHEM 1101 or CHEM 1111 and CHEM 1111L HE 2210 PSYC 1101 PSYC 2225

5. Set B Prerequisite Courses

- a. Set B prerequisite courses must be successfully completed before starting the Nursing Program in January, but not necessarily before application submission.
- b. Successful course completion is with a grade of “C” or higher.
- c. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 for Set A and B courses.
- d. Verification of completion or current enrollment in Set B prerequisite courses must be submitted with the application.

SET B PREREQUISITE COURSES
BIOL 3305 CHEM 1102 CHEM 1103 NTD 3340

6. Petitioning Transfer Credits

Petitions may be required for ISU School of Nursing to consider transfer course(s). A title that is different than the ISU course title specified, out-of-state credits, or a combination of two or more courses that meet a prerequisite course description could require completion of a petition. The process for petitioning a class must be completed, approved by the School of Nursing and on file before the application is submitted. Consult the School of Nursing Advisor at 208-282-2132 well in advance of applying to the program regarding transfer equivalency and the petition process.

7. Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V)

- a. The TEAS V entrance examination must be completed between May 15, 2011 and the September 15, 2011 deadline. Previous TEAS results will not be accepted for this application. The TEAS V score must be submitted with the application. The TEAS V may be taken only once for this application.
- b. TEAS V can be taken at the Testing Center in either Pocatello (208-282-4907) or Idaho Falls (208-282-7750). Please call for details.
- c. The test includes four parts: Reading, English and Language Usage, Science and Math. Material is based on 9th-12th grade level.
- d. The price of the test is \$55.00 payable by cash or check.
- e. It is recommended that the student use the study guide for the TEAS V that is available for purchase at the ATI website: <http://www.atitesting.com/>.

8. Criminal History Evaluation

- a. Applicants must have a criminal history check performed. The new ISU-approved vendor for criminal background checks is CertifiedBackground. It is an online service. Go to www.CertifiedBackground.com and click on “Students.” Enter package code: id13. You will be

directed to set up your CertifiedProfile account. The cost is \$45.00. In order to complete the admission application, you must submit a copy of your order confirmation from CertifiedBackground with your application.

b. If an applicant has a question as to whether any past experience or information contained in the applicant's background is of sufficient importance to bar them from licensure to practice as a professional nurse, the applicant should consult the State Board of Nursing of the state in which the applicant intends to practice. The Idaho Board of Nursing may be reached at 208-334-3110 ext. 21.

c. Please be advised that any agency may prohibit/deny/restrict student clinical placement if there is a significant criminal background history. Any such prohibition consequently limits that applicant's ability to successfully complete the School of Nursing's graduation requirements. Applicants who have questions about this issue should contact the nursing student advisor at 208-282-2132.

d. Nursing students will be required to have a criminal history check performed annually while in the nursing program, following the same process discussed in part 8-a.

9. Health Certification Requirements

a. The completed Health Evaluation Form which includes verification of required immunizations and health care provider statement must be submitted with the application by the September 15, 2011 deadline. If the Health Evaluation information is incomplete, the application will NOT be processed and the applicant will not be considered for admission to the School of Nursing.

b. Required Immunizations

1.	Tdap Vaccination for health care workers (1 dose)	1-time dose of Tdap within 3 years prior to date of application
2.	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) (2 doses or titer)	Only one dose required if born before 1957 and no history of disease. If you have documentation of two doses, you do not need to have a titer drawn. If you have not had the MMR series and/or you have had measles, mumps and/or rubella, a titer must be done to confirm immunity.
3.	Hepatitis B (3 doses plus positive titer)	Students must complete the three vaccination series with documentation of immunity. Immunity must be verified by titer collected no less than four weeks but no more than eight weeks after the third vaccination. If student has not completed the vaccination series at the time of application, documentation of each vaccination student has received must be submitted to the school with application packet

		At minimum, student must have completed the first vaccination of the series prior to application
4.	Varicella (Chicken Pox) (2 doses of Varicella vaccine or positive titer)	Vaccination required if no titer immunity provided. If student has had chicken pox, a Varicella titer is required to verify immunity.
5.	Influenza 1 dose influenza vaccine annually unless a Declination Statement is signed and submitted to the School of Nursing	This vaccination is not required for application ; however, if the applicant is accepted to the program, he/she must provide documentation of receiving the influenza vaccination to the School of Nursing no later than the first day of the spring semester.
6.	Tuberculosis (TB) Screening (1 dose after May 15, 2011 with TB screenings performed annually while in the nursing program)	If applicant has a positive Mantoux or PPD skin test, he/she will need to submit a statement from the primary care provider that he/she does not have active TB and documentation of any precautionary measures that would limit the applicant's ability to interact with clients, faculty and staff in a variety of settings. <i>Admission to the nursing program may occur only after the School receives statement from the applicant's primary care provider.</i>

10. Current Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification

All applicants are required to provide proof of current CPR certification that will stay current through January 2012. Certification must be kept current throughout the nursing program with documentation in the student file. The School of Nursing accepts one of the following certifications:

American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers
(HealthSaver certification will not be accepted)

OR

American Red Cross CPR /AED for the Professional Rescuer

11. Educational and Nursing Related Employment

- a. Previous degrees, health care education and nursing related work experience are not requirements for application. Additional points may be awarded to applicants with previous degrees, health care education and nursing related work experience.
- b. Complete and submit the Educational and Nursing Related Employment form included in the BS-Nursing Application if the criteria reflected in 1, 2, and/or 3 are applicable.

1. Documentation of previous degree(s) from an accredited institution in a discipline other than health care earned by the applicant, including a Doctorate, Master's, Baccalaureate or Associate Degree.
2. Documentation of health care related formal education including prior Doctorate, Master's, Baccalaureate or Associate Degree, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) licensure, and/or certifications such as Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Paramedic, or Operating Room (OR) Technician. Registered nursing degrees from other countries will be considered.
3. Professional nursing-supervised employment or direct patient care experience in a health care facility such as CNA, LPN, or active duty military medic or corpsman. Include only the most recent two years.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicant ranking and selection is based upon three weighted criteria totaling 100 points.

1. GPA of Set A prerequisite courses – maximum of 60 points.
2. Score of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) – maximum of 30 points
 - a. The “Percentile Rank – Program: score is used for admission ranking.
3. Educational and nursing related employment experiences documentation and appropriate verification – maximum of 10 points