

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Admission to the Idaho State University (ISU) School of Nursing (SON) is competitive and meeting the application and admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program. You **MUST** be admitted to Idaho State University before you can apply to the School of Nursing. **Please read all information in this Application Instructions packet carefully.**

Prospective nursing students may apply to the School of Nursing once all application requirements are met, typically at or above the sophomore level. **The online application process must be completed and all documents submitted by 5:00pm on the application closing date** to be considered for admission in the following semester. After the review process, the School of Nursing will notify all applicants of admission decisions via email by approximately two weeks after the close of the application.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for application and consideration for acceptance to the Traditional Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing Program:

1. Application/Acceptance to Idaho State University

- a. Applications are available on the ISU website at www.isu.edu/apply. The ISU application fee is \$50.00. Upon acceptance to ISU, a student identification number is assigned. This ID number is required on the SON application.

2. Completion of School of Nursing Set A prerequisite courses

- a. Set A prerequisite courses must be successfully completed with a minimum "C" grade, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and appear in the applicant's DegreeWorks or other institution's transcript.
 - i. Only Set A prerequisite courses are included in the GPA calculation for application ranking.

Set A Prerequisite Courses:

- BIOL 2233/2233L Introductory Microbiology with Lab
- BIOL 2227/2227L Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab
or BIOL 3301/3301L Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab
- BIOL 2228/2228L Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab
or BIOL 3302/3302L Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab
- CHEM 1101 Introduction to General Chemistry
or CHEM 1111/1111L General Chemistry with Lab
- PSYC 1101 Introduction to General Psychology
- PSYC 2225 Child Development
- Cultural Diversity Course (see Objective 9 Courses)

- b. **All remaining Set B nursing prerequisites and ISU General Education courses must be successfully completed prior to starting the Nursing program classes.**

3. **Submission of Course Petitions no less than 15 days prior to the application closing date (if needed).**
 - a. Consult the SON Academic Adviser at sonadvis@isu.edu well in advance of applying to the program regarding transfer equivalency and the petition process.
 - b. All set A and B petitions that may be needed are required to be submitted and approved prior to submitting An application.
4. **Completion of Test of Essential Academic Skills by 5:00 PM five days prior to the application closing date.**
 - a. The applicant must complete the ATI TEAS entrance exam within 18 months prior to the application closing date and must score at or above 60.0% in the Total Score to be eligible to apply.
 - b. Please contact the Testing Center of your choice directly regarding scheduling, pricing, and exam retakes.
 - i. Applicants may take the TEAS exam at any ISU Testing center or schedule for online proctoring through [atitesting.com](https://www.atitesting.com).
 - ii. Applicants located outside Idaho may complete their exam at an ATI approved testing center.
 1. Students who complete the TEAS outside of an ISU testing center must send your scores to ISU. Please select to send your scores to “ID STATE U BSN” in your ATI account when you take the TEAS.
5. **Meeting with School of Nursing Adviser by 5:00 pm on the day prior to application closing to determine eligibility.**
 - c. Applicants are **REQUIRED** to meet with and adviser for a verification of application eligibility.
 - i. Applicants are **strongly** encouraged to meet with a SON adviser **at least two weeks prior to the application closing date**.
 - ii. Access to the School of Nursing application will not be granted without meeting with the adviser and verification of completion of Set A courses, progress of Set B courses and General Education requirements, any required petitions and TEAS exam completion.
 - iii. To schedule your appointment, contact the ISU SON Undergraduate Academic Advisors at: <https://www.isu.edu/nursing/advising/>
6. **Completion of the School of Nursing electronic application by 5:00 PM on the application closing date.**
 - a. After meeting with the adviser and determining eligibility, applicants will be given access to the electronic application and instructed on the process for electronic submission of required documents.
 - i. Application and documents for the application process will be submitted through this site.
7. **Application Includes:**
 - a. Applicant Information asks for contact information, emergency contact information, optional demographic information, and degree information. NOTE: *Please ensure that your name matches on your application & the application fee. If your name has changed, include any alternate names in your application.*
 - i. Physical Addresses: Your Permanent Address is your home address you provided to Idaho State University and where you could be contacted throughout the entire program.
 - ii. Your Current Address is where you live at the time of application/while attending Idaho State University only if it is different than the Permanent Address.
 - iii. Email Addresses: Please list an alternate email address besides your ISU emails so we have a way to reach you in case of emergencies.
 - b. Essential Abilities for Nursing students

- c. Clinical Partner Requirements and Placement Policy
- d. Application Eligibility Calculator-this is the document sent from your advisor. Be sure to review for accuracy and sign.
- e. ROTC Verification: *ROTC students should mark "Yes" in Applicant Information to have the ROTC Verification submission folder activated. Applicants not in ROTC should mark "No".*
- f. \$50 nursing application fee: *Save the E-mail confirmation of fee payment in case it is needed to confirm payment.*
 - i. Please ensure that your name matches on your application & the application fee. *If your name has changed, include any alternate names in your application.*

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SELECTION CRITERIA

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

1. Prerequisite GPA – the cumulative GPA among the Set A Prerequisite courses – maximum of **65 points**.
2. Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) Total Score - maximum of **35 points**.

ALTERNATE STATUS

Admission to the School of Nursing is competitive. An alternate admission list is implemented when more applicants meeting the admission criteria have applied than there are available positions. If space becomes available to accommodate additional eligible applicants, the alternate list will be activated. **Alternate status is recognized only for the current application admission cycle. Applicants who receive alternate status and were not admitted must reapply for future consideration.**

Applicants who were not accepted to the program may reapply the next semester and will be reviewed for admission with the new group of applicants. Applicants are encouraged to talk with the nursing adviser for feedback on their application.

Clinical Experience Requirements

Clinical Placement is an important component of the nursing education. The applicant will be assigned clinical placements based on availability and program needs. Keep that in mind and plan accordingly in case you must accommodate to these requirements.

- A. Traveling
Students may be expected to travel up to 200 miles and spend the night as necessary for clinical experiences.
- B. Scheduling
Students may be scheduled for evenings, weekends or overnights necessary for clinical experiences.