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# Pennsylvania College of Technology

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## SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES AND ADMISSIONS OFFICE Associate of Applied Science Nursing, RN Preparation Selective Admission Criteria

### **Pre-Program Requirements for All Students**

All applications are processed and acceptance to the college is initially granted under the “pre-major program.” To be considered for selection into the major, applicants must have met the admission and technical standards established by the Nursing Program.

1. High school graduate or GED credential
2. Completed remediation of any deficiencies in math, English, and/or reading
3. Standard high school coursework with a minimum of 16 units to include:
  - a. 4 units of English
  - b. 3 units of social studies
  - c. 2 units of mathematics (1 of which is algebra)
  - d. 2 units of science with a related laboratory or the equivalent

### **Selection Requirements for High School Students**

This major has limited capacity. In cases where there are more qualified applicants than available seats, priority for admission to the major will be given to the applicants who meet each of the following criteria:

1. TEAS Exam Score: 70% or higher
2. High school cumulative GPA 85% or higher

High school students who are offered a reserved seat are required to maintain the math/science grade calculation of 2.75 and the cumulative graduation GPA of 2.5 prior to entering the first nursing course.

- Math/science grade calculation will be based on the following courses or equivalents: BIO 115, BIO 125, BIO 201, and one MTH course (highest grade from MTH 124, MTH 151, MTH 153, MTH 160, MTH 180, or a transfer math course equivalent such as MTH 100A, B, C, or D)

If a student does not maintain the required grade calculations, the student will relinquish his/her seat and be placed into the pre-nursing major (NRA). Re-selection into the major will be required during the next selection period and would follow the selection criteria for pre-nursing, transfer and change of major students.

### **Selection Requirements for Pre-Nursing, Transfer, and Change of Major Students**

Priority for admission will be given to applicants who meet each of the following criteria:

1. TEAS Exam Score: 70% or higher
2. Math/science grade calculation of 2.75 or greater. Math/science calculation will be based upon

the following courses: BIO 115, BIO 125, BIO 201 and one MTH course (highest grade from MTH 124, MTH 151, MTH 153, MTH 160, MTH 180, or a transfer math course equivalent such as MTH 100A, B, C, or D)

3. Cumulative graduation GPA of 2.5 or higher

This major has limited seating. In cases where there are more qualified applicants than available seats, entrance into the major will be determined by ranking applicants for selection first by TEAS score, then by math/science grade calculation and lastly by cumulative graduation GPA. In cases where there is a tie, applicants with the highest criteria in the order listed will be offered acceptance.

### **Selection Dates & Application Deadlines**

Selection occurs twice a year in June and December. All pre-program student and selection requirements must be completed and received by **June 1** for June selections and **December 1** for December selections. Students transferring from other Colleges will have their completed nursing credits evaluated after acceptance into the major.

### **Appeals Process**

A student may appeal a selection decision. The student must submit a written summary of circumstances to the Dean of the School of Nursing & Health Sciences no later than five business days following the student's receipt of written notification of non-selection into the major. To be considered, appeals must be typed, signed, dated and include a current mailing address. A selection appeal committee will be convened to review the appeal. The student will receive a written notification of the decision within five business days following the dean's receipt of the formal appeal. Decisions by the Appeal Committee are final with no further appeal.

### **Other Related Information**

1. Pre-nursing students will not take NUR program specific courses until accepted into the major.
2. Students with fewer than 12 college credits will be evaluated for selection based upon the High School selection criteria.
3. Prospective students can register for the TEAS exam through [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) by creating a student account and purchase exam through the online store. The TEAS exam is offered at Pennsylvania College of Technology several times per semester. See ATI testing store for other testing dates and locations. Students may take the TEAS exam up to three times, with a minimum of 30 days between attempts, in a one year time period. The TEAS exam score is valid for one year.

\*The College reserves the right to change the selection requirements at any time during the student's term of enrollment.