

## Admissions Criteria for the Traditional BSN Program

Because the professional nurse deals with the lives of adults and children it is essential that nursing students exhibit a high caliber of academic and personal performance. Criteria for entrance into the School of Nursing are established in an attempt to ensure our students and graduates meet the profession's high standards. These criteria cover five major areas: *application, academic, testing, letters of recommendation, and applicant interview.*

### Pre-Admittance Criteria – Application, Essay, Testing, Academic, Letters of Recommendation, and Interview

#### Application

- Applicants must be admitted to Oklahoma Wesleyan University prior to admission to the nursing program. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the applicant's file is complete
- Complete an online application at: <https://lfforms.okwu.edu/Forms/BSN-Admissions-Application>
- Deadline for internal applicants is March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Deadline for external applicants is June 1<sup>st</sup>

\*(applications submitted but not completed will not be processed)

#### Application Essay

Within the nursing application, an essay is included. The essay must include the following items, in order for a student to be considered for admission into the Oklahoma Wesleyan University School of Nursing. All essays will be scored according to the following rubric:

1. Why do you want to become a nurse? (2 points)
2. What qualifications do you feel you have which makes you a good candidate for our program? (2 points)
3. What healthcare experiences do you have, professional or personal? (2 points)
4. What are your study habits and how do you prepare for a test? (2 points)
5. How do you handle adversity/ stress? (2 points)
6. What strategies do you use to manage your time effectively when you have multiple deadlines and responsibilities? (2 points)

#### Entrance Testing

The BSN entrance exam, known as the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) must be taken. All applicants must be able to reach the **TEAS benchmark score within three attempts** for acceptance in the Traditional BSN program. The current TEAS benchmark is a composite score of 70.3 or higher. TEAS testing is available on the Bartlesville campus starting in February through June. Applicants who cannot test on-site will have to make arrangements to test through [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

*Note: If space is limited, additional consideration will be given to students' ACT, SAT, GPA, and other test scores in making decisions for admission to the School of Nursing.*

## **Academic**

- Completion of a minimum of **32 college credit hours** of study;
- Cumulative **GPA of 3.0 or higher, and maintain a 2.75 or higher while in the nursing program;**
- Completion of the following courses with a **grade of “C” or better:**
  - **English Composition I - 3 college credit hours**
  - **English Composition II - 3 college credit hours**
  - **General Psychology - 3 college credit hours**
  - **At least two of the following general Science courses:**
    - Fundamentals of General and Organic Chemistry - 5 college credit hours
    - Microbiology - 4 college credit hours
    - Anatomy - 4 college credit hours
    - Physiology - 4 college credit hours

*Note: All of the courses listed above must be completed with a grade of “C” or better to progress into the second year of nursing. Additionally, if a student receives a D or F in a pre-requisite course, it may be repeated only one time. Failure of any pre-requisite course twice makes a student ineligible for admission into Oklahoma Wesleyan University School of Nursing.*

## **Letters of Recommendation**

Applicants will submit two letters of recommendation to the OKWU School of Nursing. These letters may be written by a former or current pastor, teacher, employer, or someone in the medical field that knows the applicant well. References cannot be related to the applicant. Letters must be sent by the references to the School of Nursing via email ([seaton@okwu.edu](mailto:seaton@okwu.edu)) or via mail (OKWU School of Nursing, 2201 Silver Lake Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006). These letters must be received within the School of Nursing office before an interview can be scheduled.

## **Applicant Interview**

A **personal or phone interview** will be conducted once the student has been evaluated for meeting the academic criteria. The interview takes 15-20 minutes and questions will be centered around whether the applicant is a good fit for nursing and, in particular, the OKWU BSN program. Students should dress professionally during their Nursing Interview for entrance into the School of Nursing.

**For more information please contact the School of Nursing at:**  
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