

LPN-BSN Advance Admissions Criteria

The LPN-BSN Advance is an advanced placement option offered by the School of Nursing at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. The LPN-BSN Advance student will receive 20 credits of advanced standing in nursing and have the option of challenging NURS 3823, *Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family* and NURS 3923, *Nursing Care of the Childrearing Family* for 6 additional hours of credit. The LPN-BSN Advance student must take NURS 3143 *Nursing Advance* and complete all junior level general education courses with a “C” or higher and all junior level nursing core courses with a “C+” or higher to have advanced standing credit applied to his/her transcript.

Advanced placement is designed to advance the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) educationally and professionally, as well as to prepare him/her to take the NCLEX-RN. Two pathways of entry are planned. The LPN-BSN Advance student is subject to the same progression policies as those required of the traditional Bachelor Science in Nursing (BSN).

Planned Entry Pathways:

- Advanced standing placement into the traditional BSN Program, on a space available basis, at the junior level.
- In a cohort designed to matriculate throughout the calendar year.

All LPN-BSN Applicants who desire a cohort option need to indicate that interest on the application form. **The availability of the cohort classes will depend on sufficient numbers of qualified LPN-BSN students ready to commit to a cohort and the availability of adequate faculty.**

Students are encouraged to have completed **all** general education requirements and required to have completed a minimum of 32 credits before entering the LPN-BSN Advance Program.

LPN-Advance Admission Requirements:

- Application and Admission to Oklahoma Wesleyan University
- Application and Admission to the Nursing Major (through the School of Nursing)
- Unencumbered license as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the State of Oklahoma
- Graduate of an ULNAC Accredited LPN Program **Or** at least 1 year of work experience **as an LPN**

Application

- Complete an online application at: <https://lfforms.okwu.edu/Forms/BSN-Admissions-Application>
- Deadline for application is November 1 or June 1

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)

Academic criteria

- Completion of a minimum of **32 college credit hours** of study;
- Cumulative **GPA of 2.75 or higher, to be maintained throughout 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.

Testing criteria

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% 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.

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.

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.

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) 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.

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