Admissions Requirements
Nursing, B.S.

PLAZA COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF NURSING

There are two pathways to entry for the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing:

Direct Entry: Students who possess a prior degree (Associate or Bachelor) or at least 60 college credits and have taken the required prerequisites courses may apply for direct entry into the B.S. program.

Foundational Entry: First-time college students and those who do not possess a prior degree/60+ credits and/or the required prereqs may apply for acceptance into the Allied Health Science program to complete the requirements to qualify to apply to the B.S. program.

How do you determine for which program you are qualified to apply?

Applicants with:	and:	Should apply for:
An earned Associate or Bachelor degree	All nursing prereqs* completed within the past 5 years *(included in or in addition to their degree)*	Nursing, B.S.
An earned Associate or Bachelor degree	None or some nursing prereqs* completed within the past 5 years	Allied Health Science, A.S.**
An earned Associate or Bachelor degree	All or some nursing prereqs* were completed more than 5 years ago	Allied Health Science, A.S.**
60+ college credits but no prior degree	All nursing prereqs* completed within the past 5 years	Nursing, B.S.
60+ college credits but no prior degree	None or some nursing prereqs* completed within the past 5 years	Allied Health Science, A.S.**
60+ college credits but no prior degree	All or some nursing prereqs* were completed more than 5 years ago	Allied Health Science, A.S.**
Under 60 college credits	All, some, or no nursing prereqs* completed within the past 5 years	Allied Health Science, A.S.**
Under 60 college credits	All, some, or no nursing prereqs* were completed more than 5 years ago	Allied Health Science, A.S.**
No college experience		Allied Health Science, A.S.**

**Students enrolling in the Allied Health Science, A.S. with transfer credits may only be required to take the prereqs they need in order to qualify to apply to the Nursing program. Determination of exact courses required will be dependent upon an academic review of all prior transcripts.

Nursing Prerequisite Courses

Applicants to the Nursing program must have completed the following prerequisite courses with a demonstrated cumulative GPA of 3.0 and earned grades of B or better in all science prerequisites. Courses marked with asterisks* must have been taken within the past 5 years:

- Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab (4 credits)*
- Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab (4 credits)*
- Microbiology with Lab (3 Credits)*
- General Chemistry (3 Credits)*
- Biochemistry and/or Organic Chemistry with Lab (3 Credits)*
- Biostatistics/Statistics (3 Credits)*
- Social Sciences (6 Credits)
- English and Composition, including one course at the 300 or 400 level that the required students to conduct a research paper (9 credits)

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- Complete an application for admission
- Provide documentation of a high school diploma or other official proof of graduation from an institution providing secondary education, or the equivalent of such graduation, as recognized by the State of New York
- Provide college transcripts for any courses the student is requesting transfer credit
- Complete financial aid forms
- Take the Wonderlic SLE exam
- Take the HESI A2 exam
- Be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. Permanent Resident (due to licensure requirements)
- An applicant must achieve a minimum score of 20 on the Wonderlic SLE exam.
- An applicant must achieve a minimum overall score of 80 on the HESI A2 exam, with designated minimums on the following subtests:
    - Reading Comprehension (minimum score of 80)
    - Vocabulary and General Knowledge (minimum score of 80)
    - Grammar (minimum score of 80)
    - Math (minimum score of 80)
    - A&P (minimum score of 80)
- All applicants who meet minimum scores will be required to submit a writing assignment, a personal statement detailing why they want to enter the nursing profession. A standardized rubric will be utilized to score candidates on the writing assignment.
- An applicant must provide two letters of recommendation, as well as a professional resume detailing their work experience.
- All applicants that meet minimum scores will be offered an interview time with the BSN Admissions Committee. The Committee will be composed of the Director of Admissions, Director of Enrollment Management, the Dean of Nursing, and a BSN faculty member. Other members may include a General Education/Liberal Arts and Sciences faculty member or a member of the administration. A standardized rubric will be utilized to score candidates on the interview.

For additional information on the Nursing, B.S. program and its admissions requirements, please visit plazacollege.edu/nursing.