

## DIVISION OF NURSING

### Admission to Program

Admission to the Nursing Program at UWA may be either unconditional or conditional as outlined below.

1. Criteria for unconditional admission to the associate degree program in nursing are as follows:
  - a. \*A minimum composite score of 21 on the ACT.
  - b. Secondary or post-secondary biology with a minimum grade of "C".
  - c. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 in general education curriculum requirements completed prior to application for admission.
2. Criteria for conditional admission to the associate degree program in nursing are as follows:
  - a. \*A minimum composite score of 19 on the ACT, or a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in required general education courses.
  - b. Credit for secondary or post-secondary biology with a minimum grade of "C".
  - c. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 general education curriculum requirements completed prior to application for admission.
3. In the event that you do not meet the requirements for admission to the program, you may enroll at UWA in general studies. Upon achieving an acceptable ACT score, a 2.0 grade point average and a minimum grade of "C" in all general education courses required for the nursing major, you may then be considered for admission to Nursing.  
\*Students holding a baccalaureate degree in a field related to nursing from an accredited post-secondary institution may be considered for exemption to the ACT requirement.
4. Certification of instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, verification of a negative tuberculin skin test, completion of Hepatitis B vaccination or a signed waiver, and verification of a negative drug screen must be completed prior to admission to clinical nursing courses. The Division of Nursing reserves the right to refuse admission to any student who does not meet the established criteria. ADMISSION TO UWA DOES NOT IMPLY ADMISSION TO NURSING.

### Progression in the Program

Academic criteria for progression in the program are as follows:

- Achievement of a minimum grade of "C" in each general education and nursing course attempted.
- Maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in general education course requirements.

Non-academic criteria for progression are described in the "Criteria for Progression" which is available upon request from the Division of Nursing office. During the last semester of the program students must achieve a passing score on a nationally standardized exit examination in order to be eligible for graduation.

### The Educational Program

The nursing program at The University of West Alabama is an associate degree program approved by the State of Alabama and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. The curriculum consists of six consecutive semesters, two academic years and two summer semesters. Seven sequential nursing courses are required in the program. In addition, fifteen semester hours in biological science, six hours of social science and three hours in humanities/fine arts are required, as well as six semester hours of English. Upon completion of the required course of study, totaling 72 semester hours and achievement of a passing score on a nationally standardized exit examination, the student is qualified to receive the degree of Associate in Science and is eligible to apply for the registered nurse licensure examination (NCLEX-RN). Enrollees will be expected to meet these requirements and any other criteria established by the faculty of the Division of Nursing.

As a registered nurse, students may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Science degree program. The program is offered through the University of Alabama, but all curriculum requirements may be completed at UWA.



## First Year - Level I

(students must enter the program in June)

SUMMER SEMESTER .....	CR
EH 101 Written English I .....	3
PY 100 General Psychology .....	3
BY 231 Anatomy & Physiology I .....	4
Total .....	10

### FALL SEMESTER

EH 102 Written English II .....	3
PY 310 Developmental Psychology .....	3
BY 232 Anatomy & Physiology II .....	4
NS 101 Introduction to Nursing .....	2
Total .....	12

### SPRING SEMESTER

BY 233 Applied Nutrition .....	3
BY 240 Applied Microbiology .....	4
NS 102 Foundations of Nursing Practice I .....	6
Total .....	13

### SUMMER SEMESTER

Humanities/Fine Arts Elective .....	3
NS 103 Foundations of Nursing Practice II .....	6
Total .....	9

## Second Year - Level II

FALL SEMESTER .....	CR
NS 201 Maternal-Child Nursing .....	7
NS 202 Adult Health Nursing .....	7
Total .....	14

### SPRING SEMESTER .....

NS 202 Mental Health Nursing .....	5
NS 203 Advanced Adult and Critical Nursing .....	9
Total .....	14

## Summary of Credits ..... CR

Biological Sciences .....	15
Social Science .....	6
Humanities/Fine Arts .....	3
English .....	6
Nursing .....	42
Total Credit Hours .....	72

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Criteria for graduation include successful completion of all curriculum requirements as outlined in the university catalog for the nursing program. Students must also achieve a passing score on a nationally standardized exit examination administered during the last semester of the program. In addition, a minimum of one academic year in residence and a minimum of 28 semester hours in nursing courses earned at this institution are required. As many quality points as hours earned toward this degree at The University of West Alabama must be achieved for graduation.

A federal loan program provides funds for qualified nursing students. Information about such financial assistance can be obtained from the Director of Financial Aid.

Students in the nursing program are required to purchase the authorized nursing uniforms, name pins, school insignia, and white, low-heeled shoes. Approximately \$200 should be allocated for these items during the first quarter of the program. Travel to and from the clinical facilities for the nursing laboratory experiences must be arranged by the individual student.

Students are also responsible for the purchase of an individual liability insurance policy at a cost of approximately \$20.00 and a \$25.00 drug screen fee.

**For further information about the associate degree program or the baccalaureate degree program for registered nurses, call or write:**

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# THE IRA D. PRUITT DIVISION OF NURSING

## A P P L I C A T I O N

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last
First
Middle
Date of Birth

Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ White - Non-Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ Black - Non-Hispanic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Asian - Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ American Indian \_\_\_\_\_ International Student (Give Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street & Number
City
State
Zip
Phone Number

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street & Number
City
State
Zip
Phone Number

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name
Address
Phone Number

High School(s) Attended:

Name	Location	Attendance Dates	Graduation Date
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College or Universities Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ Degree & Date Conferred \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Location	From-To/Month/Year	Month/Year
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College Ability Tests	Date(s) taken or to be taken	Score
American College Test	_____	_____
Scholastic Aptitude Test	_____	_____

Have you previously submitted an application to The University of West Alabama? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Desired Semester of Admittance: \_\_\_\_\_ Summer, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Fall, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had previous education in nursing? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you ever been convicted of a felony other than a minor traffic violation? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

I hereby affirm that all information supplied in these blanks is complete and accurate.  
I understand that withholding information requested or giving false information may  
make me ineligible for admission and is reason for termination with loss of credit.

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_



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