Application Information Session
PN and AAS Programs
Prepare now for the application

- Learn in this workshop what you’ll need to do prior to applying to the Nursing program
- What materials to have ready when you do apply
- What the timeline is
- Where and who to go to for questions!
Make sure to complete all prerequisites:

B- or better required in all prerequisite courses:

- BIOL 2320
- BIOL 2420
- CHEM 1010 or CHEM 1110/1115 (where lab is available) - CHEM 1110 is accepted where lab is not available
- STAT 1040 or STAT 1045
- FCHD 1500 or HDFS 1500
- ENGL 1010
Additional prerequisite information:

- All remaining prerequisites must be completed by spring of the application year (e.g. Spring 2019 for Fall 2019 Program Cohort)

- Students applying for admission to the AAS program directly from a technical college PN program are excluded from this requirement
Personal Statements

- Your first impression
  - Can make or break an application
- Follow requirements for length and formatting
  - 2-pages, double space, 12 point font
- Grammar, spelling and punctuation
Personal Statements

- **Questions**
  - Why do you want to become a nurse?
  - What are your short term and long term goals in nursing?
  - What are specific strategies that you will use to be successful in nursing?

- **Highlight personal experience and skills you’ll bring to the program:**
  - Volunteer, experience, research, leadership, problem solving, critical thinking, team work.
Personal Statements

- Be conscious of providing Too Much Information (TMI)
- Be concise
- USU Career Services
  - suggestions, feedback and proof reading
ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Exam

- Required for PN program applicants only
- The TEAS consists of four content areas: Math, Reading, English, and Science. The Math subtest covers whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion. Reading covers paragraph comprehension, and passage comprehension. The English covers grammar, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation. The Science portion of the exam covers biology, chemistry, Anatomy, basic physical principles, and general science.
- Total testing time is 3 hours and 29 minutes.
TEAS Exam

- [https://www.atitesting.com/Home.aspx](https://www.atitesting.com/Home.aspx)
- Get informed with schedules and deadlines
- Test prep materials and programs
- Study
- Take exam and receive official score prior to submitting application to program.
  - May take test two times if first score is low.
- For test cost and scheduling, contact your local USU testing center or speak with your advisor.
Professional Resume

- Sales brochure about you
  - Abilities, experiences and education
- Chronological vs Skills
  - Demonstrates growth over time with skills, experience, and/or education
  - Focus on professional skills rather than when, where, or how acquired
- Limit to 1-page
- USU Career Coach for Nursing
  - Dannon Loveland
  - 435-797-8402 or dannon.loveland@usu.edu
Application Submission

- Have all documents in **PDF format** to upload
  - Personal Statement
  - TEAS score (PN applicants only)
  - Professional Resume
  - Receipt of application payment
- Submit by deadline
  - February 18, 2019
- Email verification of application received
Accessing the application

January 7 – February 18, 2019

- Link active only during application date range
- Link will be accessible on the USU Nursing homepage
- [https://nahp.usu.edu/nursing/how-to-apply](https://nahp.usu.edu/nursing/how-to-apply)
- Applicants should use Chrome or Firefox
- Application *must* be completed in one sitting
Who needs to apply?

- Pre-Nursing students need to apply to the PN program.
- PN students from other colleges who are applying to USU’s AAS Nursing program must complete the application in addition to being admitted to USU.
- USU students who completed the USU PN program more than a year ago must complete the application. They may also need to reapply to USU.

What about current USU PN students applying to the AAS Nursing program?

- Current USU PN students need to complete and return the letter of intent form that they should have been given by the Nursing coordinator or staff. They return forms to Nursing staff assistants not advisors.
- Current USU PN students do not need to complete the online application.
What does the application look like?

- Student logs in with student A number, and some identifying information is preloaded from Banner.
- Selects program.
- Selects location – can also select to be considered for other locations.
Application

Statistical Information

The Utah State University Nursing Program makes periodic reports to the National League for Nursing. The following questions are asked for statistical purposes only. Your response is optional and will in no way adversely affect your application.

Select Ethnicity: I do not wish to participate

Select Gender: I do not wish to participate

Mailing Address

Street Address: Street address

Street address line 2

City: City

State: Alabama

Zip Code: 12121

*Phone Number: (435) 555-1234
Supplemental Items

1. Personal Statement
2. Professional Resume
3. TEAS Exam Score
4. Professional License
5. Receipt of Application Payment
Files must be in PDF format.
Should include student name in the document title.
Should not type/copy document into Description text box.
Email address is required for each item – ensures each document is associated with correct applicant.
TEAS exam should be taken early. Can be retaken one time for program application. Best score should be submitted with application. AAS applicants do not need a TEAS score.
License is only needed for students applying to the AAS program – all others put “n/a” and leave expiration date as is.
Helpful Tips

- Once you hit “Submit”, do not hit the back button – it clears out what you’ve previously entered into the application and you’ll have to start over.
- Be prepared with all materials prior to beginning the application. Save all as PDF, including payment receipt.
- Once you submit and pay, you’ll receive email confirmation.
- You will not learn if you’ve been admitted until May.
- For clinical or Nursing profession questions, meet with Nursing faculty at your location. Faculty are a wealth of information and are happy to meet with students to discuss Nursing as a career.
- For prerequisite and major course questions, application questions, etc., please visit with your academic advisor. Advisors help with semester planning, and help connect students to resources such as tutoring.
- When it is time to apply for graduation, your academic advisor will help make sure you’ve met all graduation criteria.
Lastly

- Students offered a position in the program who do not turn in their signed acceptance letter, or turn it in after the deadline will not be admitted into the program.

- Follow-up on rejection letters with a thank you letter or email, and request feedback.

- Read all emails from the Nursing department and stay on top of admission requirements/deadlines such as vaccinations, purchase of required materials, etc.
Questions?

We are here to help.