

ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Admission to the Nursing Program is competitive and meeting the admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Also, you must be accepted for admission to George Fox University before you can begin the School of Nursing Program.

Applicants are admitted in the spring once yearly to begin nursing school as sophomores the following fall. Applications are available to download at <http://nursing.georgefox.edu>.

The Fall 2017 Application deadline for all applicants is April 2, 2017 at 5:00pm

- Students applying for **Priority Consideration** for Admission and **Regular Admission** have the same deadline to submit complete applications. Incomplete admission applications will not be reviewed.
- **All Transfer and 2nd degree students:** Official transcripts for your current courses must be submitted to the GFU School of Nursing office no later than June 24, 2017 at 5:00pm. Verification of course enrollment (unofficial transcript) must be submitted with your application.

Final applicant selection notification will be communicated as follows:

- All applicant decisions will be communicated by May 8, 2017. For all transfer/2nd degree applicants, final acceptance will be contingent upon successful completion of any prerequisite courses in process at time of the application.

ALL applicants for admission to the GFU School of Nursing Bachelor of Science, nursing major program must have fulfilled the following minimum criteria:

- Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better on all required math and science courses
- Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better in all nursing prerequisite courses
- Completion of the HESI Admission Assessment (A²) Exam

It is strongly recommended that all science prerequisite course work be completed within the last five years, as much of the course material is built on this foundation.

Minimum cumulative prerequisite and math/science GPAs of 2.8 do not guarantee admission into the nursing program. GPA is only one of multiple significant predictors of future nursing school success which are considered by the nursing admissions committee.

Admission Criteria

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for consideration for admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing (BSN) Program:

Prerequisite Courses

ALL first year prerequisite classes must be successfully completed (grade of C or better) before applying to the program:

- a. General, Organic & Biological Chemistry – 1 year with lab - (CHEM 151, 152)
- b. Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 year with lab - (BIOL 331,332)
- c. College Algebra (Math 180) – does not include Statistics
- d. General Psychology (PSYC 150)
- e. Intro to Communication (COMM 100)
- f. LIBA 100 Writing Competency or Freshman Composition College Writing

Official Transcripts

It is the responsibility of each applicant to make sure all official transcripts for courses taken at other colleges or universities (either by classroom, correspondence or online) are on file with the GFU Registrar Office before a final decision can be made regarding their application for admission to the BSN program. Course grades must be on transcripts.

All applicants: Official transcript evaluation must be completed through the Registrar Office for all prerequisite courses not taken at GFU prior to application.

Transfer / Second-degree students: Transfer credit evaluation must be completed by the GFU Registrar for all *previous* course work before an application is submitted. Verification of current courses must be submitted with the application packet. An official transcript of current courses must be submitted to the nursing office by June 24, 2017.

HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A²)

Each applicant must complete this **mandatory** entrance examination.

- The HESI A² consists of questions pertaining to: Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry, Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Critical Thinking and questions to determine Learning and Personality styles.
- The HESI A² may be taken one time only per application period.
- All applicants must complete the HESI A² Exam by April 1, 2017.

Selection Process

Priority Consideration for Admission

Students who entered George Fox University as a freshman may receive consideration for priority admission status by meeting the following criteria:

- Obtain a 3.3 minimum cumulative grade point average in all prerequisite classes
- Maintain a 3.3 minimum cumulative grade point average in math and science classes including MATH 180, CHEM 151 & 152, and Anatomy & Physiology BIO 221 & 222.
- Meet all nursing application criteria.
- Demonstrate evidence of good citizenship and responsibility.
- Maintain full time student status at George Fox University.
- Admission is not guaranteed and depends on the competitive applicant pool from year to year.
- Once admitted into the nursing program, continuation in the program is not guaranteed.

Regular Admission

The following criteria must be met for admission of George Fox students and transfer/second degree students:

- Obtain a 2.8 minimum cumulative grade point average in all prerequisite classes.
- Obtain a 2.8 minimum cumulative grade point average in math and science classes including MATH 180, CHEM 151 & 152, and Anatomy & Physiology BIO 221 & 222 (or their equivalents).
- It is strongly recommended that all science prerequisite course work have been completed within the last five (5) years.
- Meet all nursing application criteria.
- Demonstrate evidence of good citizenship and responsibility.
- Once admitted into the nursing program, continuation in the program is not guaranteed.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 does not guarantee admission into the nursing program.

Application

All applicants must complete an application online and email the completed application to the nursing program administrative assistant, Caroline Wildhaber at nursing@georgefox.edu. The application deadline is April 2, 2017 at 5:00pm.

The fillable application can be found at <http://www.georgefox.edu/academics/undergrad/departments/nursing/Prospective%20Students/index.html>

The application includes the following components:

- Personal Information
- Education
- Prerequisite Course Status
- Essay
- Signature

Personal Information

Provide current contact information, both local and permanent mailing addresses. If a change of address occurs between the time of applying and when the decisions are announced, it is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the nursing program administrative assistant of the change.

Education

List all education (high school and college) as noted on the form. If a degree was earned, note that as well in the appropriate section.

Prerequisite Course Status

Complete information for all courses listed. If a course is in progress at the time of application, indicate "CT" in the Grade column. Also, enter mid-term grades (if available) for those courses currently in progress. If a course was not taken, enter N/A in each required field. Transfer credit evaluation must be completed through the Registrar office prior to submitting the application. Official transcripts for courses currently in progress at time of application must be submitted to the GFU School of Nursing office by June 24, 2017.

One Written Essay

Within the electronic application form, there is a section for the applicant to submit a 300 word maximum essay, answering the following two questions:

- 1) *Why do you want to pursue nursing as a profession?*
- 2) *Why are you choosing George Fox University for your nursing education?*

HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A2)

Each applicant must complete this *mandatory* entrance examination.

The HESI A² will be offered at George Fox University at the following times:

- March 18, 2017 9:00am – 1:30pm
- March 21, 2017 5:30pm – 9:00pm
- March 23, 2017 5:30pm – 9:00pm

Non-George Fox students are welcome to take the exam at George Fox University for no extra charge.

HESI A2 Exam reservation requests can be submitted via the registration link found on the GFU School of Nursing website.

Applicants not able to test at GFU Newberg will need to take the exam at a Prometric Testing Center. Applicants can locate a Prometric Testing Center at Prometric.com

Recommendation and Appraisal Form

Two Recommendation and Appraisal Forms must be submitted by the application deadline of April 2, 2017. Forms are available at: <http://nursing.georgefox.edu>. It is required that the forms be completed as follows:

- a. One from a university professor (preferably science).
 - b. One from someone who knows the applicant's aptitude for the nursing profession.
- All forms are to be sent directly to the nursing department (email and physical address provided on the form).
 - Letters of Recommendation may be submitted, but will not replace the two required Recommendation and Appraisal forms.

More Information

General Education Requirements

Nursing students must meet the general education requirements of the University for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Wait List

A wait list may be implemented when there are more qualified applicants than placement capacity for an incoming class. Applicants who are placed on the wait list will be notified by mail. If positions become available to accommodate additional eligible students, the wait list will be activated. Applicants are only on the wait list for the year of application.

Re-Application (Applying to the Nursing Program for the second time)

All students reapplying to the George Fox University Nursing program must meet the current admission criteria (cumulative grade point average and completion of prerequisite courses) and follow all steps detailed in the application procedure in order to be eligible for admission. Reapplication does not guarantee re-admission.

Upon acceptance into the program

Students accepted into the program will receive more information in their acceptance packet regarding the following requirements.

- Criminal Background Check and Mandatory Drug Screen: Final acceptance into the nursing program is contingent upon a background check and drug screen.
- Immunizations: Official documents will be required to validate students are current with all immunization requirements.
- CPR Certification: Students accepted into the program must have current certification from the American Heart Association. Only “**BLS for Healthcare Provider CPR/AED**” program certification will be accepted.

Application Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/>	Application submitted prior to April 2, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal information• Education• Prerequisites• Essay• Signature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official Transcript evaluation completed by GFU Registrar office
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official Transcripts for in progress courses submitted prior to June 24, 2017
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two (2) Recommendation and Appraisal forms submitted April 2, 2017

