

Effective Fall 2013

Change in pre-nursing, change of major and admission to the major standards for the BSN program based on course/ program revisions currently being reviewed and approved by the various University Committees

Rationale: The department of nursing began a 4-year review of the curriculum as its first class of BSN graduates was completing their senior year. There were some identified overlaps and gaps based on a review of the courses and input from the students and partner agencies. We have tried to align course and clinical credits, add a senior synthesis course and remain current with a changing health care arena. Based on these program revisions, we have also reviewed the admission criteria. Since we have not accepted any student with a GPA less than 2.70, it was felt that to be honest about a student's chance of being admitted, the cumulative GPA should be raised to 3.00. We added an additional measure to evaluate a student's ability of success in a nursing program, the TEAS V. Both Southern Connecticut State University and the Community College system use the TEAS V as an additional admission criteria (See attached info sheet).

CURRENT: Undergraduate Standards for admission to the Nursing Program

- Submission of all application materials to the Nursing program by March 1
- Matriculation at CCSU
- Completion of a minimum of 14 credits
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70 at CCSU and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70 for all undergraduate coursework taken at all institutions (including CCSU)
- A grade of "C" or better in CHEM 150: Chemistry of Allied Health I
- A grade of "B-" or better in NRSE 110: Introduction to Nursing Theories

PROPOSED: Undergraduate Standards for admission to the Nursing Program

Admission to the Nursing Program is expected to be highly competitive and meeting the following minimum criteria does not guarantee admission. Since we only admit 50 students into the major, meeting the minimum requirement does not mean that you are a strong candidate. Over the past few years, the average GPA of students admitted into the major has been over 3.20.

1. Application to the University by December 1st for Fall admission
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 for coursework taken at CCSU, as well as an overall minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 for all course work taken at all institutions (including CCSU)
3. Minimum grade of "C+" or higher in CHEM 150: Chemistry of Allied Health I or equivalent
4. Minimum adjusted individual total score of 65% or higher for the TEAS V
5. Completion of or enrollment in EXS 207 or its equivalent.

The process of application to the nursing major is as follows:

1. Applicants must obtain an application form from the Department of Nursing.
2. The completed application, including all **official transcripts**, must be received by the Department of Nursing by February 15 to be considered for admission to the nursing major in the forthcoming fall semester. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

3. Applicants must have taken the TEAS V test prior to application deadline. Applicants must have official results sent by ATI to the department by the application deadline. The TEAS V test will be offered multiple times at various testing locations but may only be taken twice between November 1 to February 1, with a one month wait period between testing if needed.
4. Admission decisions are based on cumulative GPA, entry testing, and may include but not limited to overall academic record, i.e. course withdrawals, course repeats. Interviews, letters of recommendation, and outside work are not considered in the nursing admission decisions.
5. Admission to the nursing major is competitive and is by application to the Department of Nursing. The decision to admit an applicant to the nursing major is made by the Department of Nursing.
6. All nursing course prerequisites (EXS 207, BIO 111/BMS 111/BMS 102, CHEM 150 and CHEM 152) must be completed prior to enrolling in nursing major courses.
7. Students who are admitted as pre-nursing majors and fail to be admitted to the major in the spring will be removed from pre-nursing status.

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- Eligibility to enroll in CHEM 150: Chemistry of Allied Health I
 - For first year students, that is a math score of 550 or higher on SAT or 24 on the ACT
- OR, AP credit for CHEM 161 and 162
- For transfer students and re-entry students only,
 - A cumulative GPA of 2.70 or better
 - A grade of "C" or better in any required science courses, if completed
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- A completed change of major request form which is available February 1st in the Nursing Department and is due back by March 1st for fall acceptance consideration. Decisions are based on student's academic record, related criteria, and space available. Decisions will be made by March 20th prior to fall academic advising. Students must have completed one full semester of course work at CCSU in order to be considered for a change of major.
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- A completed change of major request form that is available November 1st in the Nursing Department and is due back by December 1st for fall acceptance consideration. Decisions are based on student's academic record, related criteria, and space available. Decisions will be made by January 30th following posting of the fall semester academic grades. Students must have completed one full semester of course work at CCSU in order to be considered for a change of major.
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Important Information about the TEAS V

1. What is the TEAS?
The TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is a multiple-choice test that evaluates the following skills: math, science, reading and english. The objectives assessed on the TEAS exam are those which nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants.
2. What is new about the TEAS?
The TEAS V is now being used in nursing programs across the country. Previous versions of the test results will not be accepted.
3. What score do I need to be eligible to apply to the CCSU BSN nursing program?
CCSU will begin administering the TEAS V for nursing program applicants in the fall 2013. Applicants must obtain an adjusted individual total score of 65%.
4. How will CCSU use my TEAS score in application to the major?
The adjusted individual total score will count as 25% of your total admission application. This will be factored in with your Chemistry grade and your cumulative GPA.
5. How do I register to take the TEAS?
You will register and pay the \$XX.00 testing fee online. There are various testing dates and testing centers identified for CCSU nursing program applicants.
6. How many times can I take the TEAS?
You may take the TEAS test twice between November 1 and February 1. It is important therefore, that you obtain a study manual and take the online practice assessments prior to sitting for your exam.
7. Is there a book I can use to study for the TEAS?
The TEAS study manual and online practice assessments are available through www.atitesting.com
8. Who do I contact if I have questions about the TEAS?
Questions about the TEAS can be directed to the nursing department at 860-832-0032.