

WCU ABSN: Admission Requirements and Criteria

Western Carolina University's School of Nursing offers nationally ranked, accredited, highly affordable undergraduate and graduate programs. Our undergraduate nursing programs set out to meet the continually growing demand for baccalaureate-prepared nurses across the state of North Carolina.

Applicants must submit 2 applications: one to WCU *AND* one to the ABSN program.

- The deadline to apply to the University is **January 5, 2022 (10 days prior to submitting NursingCAS application)**.
 - Students who have not yet completed NSG 101, NSG 346, and ND 338 are encouraged to apply for admission to the summer semester to allow enrollment in these prerequisites.
- The deadline to submit the ABSN NursingCAS application is **January 15, 2022**.

Admission is extremely competitive as spaces are limited. While there are no early admissions, prospective students are encouraged to begin the application process early.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Further details of program admission requirements and information can be found on the [ABS N program website](#). *Note: The ABSN program is highly competitive. Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee admission into the program.*

To be considered for the ABSN program applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

1. Submit a complete application to Western Carolina University by January 5, 2022.
2. Be accepted to WCU. [Please understand that if you apply close to January 5, 2022 to Western Carolina University, the Admissions Office will not send you a decision by the January 15 NursingCAS application deadline. Thus, applicants must complete the other steps while awaiting decisions on general admission to WCU. If you apply during the Fall of 2021, you may receive your WCU decision before the NursingCAS application deadline.]
3. Demonstrate graduation from an approved, regionally-accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in a different discipline (not nursing) that contains a rigorous portion of general education and liberal studies coursework.
 - If an applicant's degree is determined to not provide a Liberal Studies Waiver by WCU's registrar's office, all Liberal Studies courses must be completed for admission.
4. Submit a complete ABSN NursingCAS application by January 15, 2022. [Application review takes time, so please know that decisions are not issued under Mid-March. Interviews for invited applicants will be in February.]
5. Complete the following prerequisite courses or their approved equivalents with a grade of 'C' or better.

- **Science Prerequisites (as listed on the ABSN website)** - 3 of 5 must be completed *prior to submitting* the program application. The remaining 2 may be completed during the spring semester.
- **Nursing Prerequisites (NSG 101, NSG 330/338-Nutrition, and NSG 346)** - These are frequently completed the summer before matriculation by accepted and waitlisted students.
 - NSG 101 must receive a grade of 'B' or better.
 - NSG 330/338 may be transferred in (must be equivalent course)
 - NSG 346 must be taken at WCU the summer before starting the program or come from an approved equivalent course (equivalency is rarely granted)
- **Math and Social Science Pre-requisites** – must be completed prior to program start.
 - PSY 150: General Psychology
 - Math 170: Applied Statistics (or Math 130: Pre-calc or higher)
- Within the NursingCAS Application, you will be asked to complete a Pre-requisite Completion Plan, indicating how you have or will complete all of the above

Note: Students are permitted only one repeat for NSG 101 and NSG 346 for grade replacement.

Admission Selection Criteria

Applicants who satisfy the requirements above are scored as described below. Traditionally, most applicants who satisfy the minimum requirements will be offered a face-to-face interview with the ABSN Admissions Committee.

- **Last 60 hour GPA (25%)** - Based on the most recent 60 hours of academic credit (undergraduate and/or graduate). The minimum for consideration is 3.0.
- **Science GPA (25%)** - Three of the five required sciences will be used to calculate a GPA. If the applicant has completed more the highest grades will be used in this calculation.
- **TEAS Admission Assessment Exam Score (25%)** - If taken at a location other than WCU, list WCU as a recipient when registering. If you do not do this, you must request that official scores be sent to WCU Nursing from the Assessment Technology Institute (ATI). To learn more, visit WCU's [TEAS website](#).
- **Interview with the ABSN Admissions Committee (if granted) (25%)** - Interviews will be conducted in February. Due to limited times, applicants are encouraged to keep their schedules open for an appointment. Resume and Cover Letter will be taken into account in this score.

Please attend an information session for general information on the application program. If you have any specific questions about the NursingCAS application or pre-requisites, contact Student Services, wcnursing@wcu.edu If you have questions regarding the general WCU application you may contact [Undergraduate Admissions](#).

Applicants are personally responsible for confirming their academic records and applications are complete and correct. The School of Nursing is not required to review the applications prior to the deadline to confirm the accuracy and/or completion. The School of Nursing does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex; sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, political affiliation or veteran status in either the selection of students for participation in the educational program or as to any aspects of the clinical training. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the school provides reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified applicants or students with disabilities. The decision regarding appropriate accommodations will be based on the specifics of each case.

Program Details

- City: **Asheville**
- Delivery: **On Campus**
- Graduate Level Track: **Not Applicable**
- Start Year: **2022**
- Start Term: **Fall**
- Program Name: **ABSN - Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing**
- Degree Type: **BSN/BS (2nd Degree) for Non-Nurses with a Bachelor's degree**
- State: **NC**
- Deadline: **January 15, 2022**