FAQs FOR PRE-NURSING STUDENTS

11 NURSING PREREQUISITES:

*BIOL 191/191L (Biology)  
(BIOL 190, 201 or 200/200L accepted)

*CHEM 121/121L (Chemistry)  
(Chem 131/131L accepted)

*BIOL 221/221L (Anatomy & Physiology 1)

*Biology 222/222L (Anatomy & Physiology 2)

*BIOL 215 (Microbiology)  
(BIOL 315 accepted)

*Math 115 (College Algebra)  
(MATH 119 or 211 or 273 accepted – No statistics will substitute)

*English 102 or 190 (Composition 1)

*Sociology 101 (SOCI 102)  
*Psychology 101 (PSYC 102)

*Health 331 (Nutrition)  
*Psychology 203 (Lifespan Development)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLYING TO THE NURSING MAJOR:

Admission to the University as a Pre-Nursing Major does not guarantee admission to the Nursing Program

- **Students are eligible to apply for admission to the nursing major only after:**
  1. Completion of 42 undergraduate credits (minimum)
  2. AND completion of a *minimum* of 3 out of the 5 prerequisite science courses
  3. AND completion of English 102 (English Composition 1)

- **Students applying with the minimum application requirements MUST:**
  - Have a plan to complete the remaining prerequisite requirements prior to their intended admission semester
  - Successfully complete all 11 prerequisites including both lecture and lab portions of science courses prior to starting the program
  - Achieve a grade of C (2.00) or higher in ALL prerequisite courses

- Students are reviewed and admitted to the nursing major in both spring and fall semesters.
  - Fall applications for the Nursing Program are due January 15th
  - Spring applications to the Nursing Program are due August 15th

- The Nursing Department does not accept late applications.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Towson University Nursing Program is highly competitive**

- The Nursing Program is a competitive screened major. Applicants are considered on a space available basis with program acceptance decisions based on the following equal rubric criteria:
  - **Cumulative GPA** = combined GPA of courses from **ALL** institutions attended
  - **Science GPA** = ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and top 3 prerequisite science course grades
  - **TEAS test score**  
    Track your science GPA here: ______/______ _______ ______

- The *average competitive* Cumulative GPA of admitted students is typically a 3.55 – 3.75
- The *average competitive* Science GPA of admitted students is typically a 3.55 – 3.75
- The *average competitive* TEAS score is typically an 86%.
- The TEAS exam may be taken twice per application with only the highest score used
### University CORE Requirements And Program Requirements

| Core 1 | Towson Seminar (student choice of topic) |  | Core 2 | English Composition - ENGL 102 or ENGL 190 |  | Core 3 | Mathematics - MATH 115 (MATH 119 or MATH 211 or MATH 273 also accepted) |  | Core 4 | Creativity & Creative Dev. (must be different discipline from Core 5) |  | Core 5 | Arts & Humanities (must be different discipline from Core 4) |  | Core 6 | Social & Behavioral Sciences – PSYC 101 and SOCI 101 |  | Core 7 | Biological & Physical Sciences – BIOL 191/L or 200/L |  | Core 8 | Biological & Physical Sciences - CHEM 121/L or 131/L |  | Core 9 | Advanced Writing Seminar – NURS 333 (Registration requires acceptance to the Nursing Program and J2 status) |  | Core 10 | Metropolitan Perspectives (student choice course) |  | Core 11 | The United States as a Nation (student choice course) |  | Core 12 | Global Perspectives (student choice course) |  | Core 13 | Diversity and Difference - NURS 416 (Requires junior standing and part of Nursing Program J2 semester sequence) |  | Core 14 | Ethical Issues & Perspectives (student choice course) |  |
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### Nursing Program Prerequisites

- **Core 2**: ENGL 102 or ENGL 190 - English Composition
- **Core 3**: MATH 115 - College Algebra (Math 119 or 211 or 273 OK)
- **Core 4**: STATISTICS – MATH 231 or MATH 237 or PSYC 212 (Statistics is a required prerequisite for NURS 435)
- **Core 5**: SOCI 101 – Introduction to Sociology (SOCI 102 OK)
- **Core 6**: PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 102 OK)
- **Core 7**: BIOL 191 and 191L or BIOL200 and 200L - Biology
- **Core 8**: CHEM 121 and 121L or CHEM131 and 131L - Chemistry
- **Core 9**: BIOL 221/221L - Anatomy & Physiology 1 (A & P 1) – (Prerequisites: BIOL191 and 191L or BIOL200 and 200L)
- **Core 10**: BIOL 222/222L - Anatomy & Physiology 2 (A & P 2) – (Prerequisites: BIOL221 and 221L)
- **Core 11**: BIOL 215 - Essentials of Microbiology – (Prerequisites: BIOL191 and 191L or BIOL200 and 200L and CHEM 121 and 121L or CHEM 131 and 131L)
- **Core 12**: PSYC 203 – Human Growth & Development Lifespan (Prerequisite: PSYC 101)
- **Core 13**: HLTH 331 - Nutrition for Health Professionals – (Prerequisites: BIOL191 and 191L or BIOL200 and 200L)

***ALL PREREQUISITE COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A GRADE OF C (2.00) OR HIGHER. FOR SCIENCE PREREQUISITES, BOTH THE LECTURE AND THE LAB MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A GRADE OF C (2.00) OR HIGHER TO PROGRESS TO NEXT COURSE LEVEL***

**Students MUST complete at least the minimum requirements to apply to the Nursing Program and have made a plan to complete all remaining prerequisites prior to the beginning of the semester for which they have applied. Students MUST apply and be admitted to the Nursing Program in order to progress to the Nursing Program Degree Completion Requirements. Students who have applied and been admitted to the Nursing Program MUST successfully complete all remaining prerequisites with a grade of C (2.00) or higher prior to starting the Nursing Program. A statistics course must be completed prior to NURS 435 but not prior to the program start**