Frequently Asked Questions
About the Application Process to Enter
Southern University School of Nursing (SUSON)

Writing Proficiency Exam must be completed before graduation

Biology must be a series (i.e. Human Anatomy and Human Physiology OR Anatomy & Physiology I and Anatomy Physiology II)

Nursing courses cannot be over five (5) years old

Q: When are School of Nursing Applications accepted?
A: Applications are available February 1st thru March 1st for the fall semester and August 1st thru August 31st for the spring semester.

Q: What is the minimum overall grade point average to apply?
A: The minimum overall grade point average is 2.6.

Q: When is the deadline to have this grade point average (CGPA)?
A: The overall GPA must be at least 2.6 at the time of submitting the application for admission.

Q: When should the first three semesters of the curriculum be completed to apply to the School of Nursing?
A: The first three semesters of the School of Nursing curriculum should be completed at the time the application is submitted for admission or the courses will be completed by the end of the summer semester for fall admittance or the courses will be completed by the end of the fall semester for spring admittance. All course credits to be applied to the School of Nursing curriculum must be on file and in the Southern University-Baton Rouge (SUBR) Registrar’s Office (i.e. SUBR credits and transfer credits) at the time of submitting an application to the School of Nursing; otherwise the admission review process will be incomplete.

Q: Is there an application fee?
A: No, there is no application fee to apply to the School of Nursing.

Q: If I applied last semester and was not accepted because I did not meet the criteria, will I need to reapply?
A: Yes, you will need to complete another application.

Q: If I applied last semester and was not accepted because there were too many qualified applicants than could be accepted, will I need to reapply?
A: Yes

Q: Are there any other documents that need to be turned in with the application?
A: Yes, a copy of ACT/SAT scores and a copy of current semester schedule must be submitted.

Q: If I am a transfer student, will I need to submit to the School of Nursing official transcripts from each school I have attended?
A: Yes.

Q: If I have been convicted of a felony, am I eligible to apply to the School of Nursing?
A: The nature of the felony will have to be reviewed by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) and a decision regarding the applicant’s eligibility to practice as a student nurse will need to be submitted from the LSBN to the School of Nursing. It is also a mandate that all students admitted to the School of Nursing be finger printed and have a background check completed by LSBN.
Q: If I was previously admitted to another School of Nursing and I am able to return, what documents need to be submitted to the BSN Program Office?
A: You must submit an official letter of good standing from the Dean/Chairperson/Head of Program from your previous School of Nursing prior to applying for admission to SUSON.

Q: What documents need to be submitted if I would like to transfer nursing courses from my previous School of Nursing? (Only courses from a BSN Program will be considered)
A: (1) You must submit a letter of good standing from your previous School of Nursing. This letter must come from the School of Nursing, not the Registrar’s Office. (2) You must submit a syllabus for each nursing course you have taken, (3) a copy of the course description from your university catalog, (4) a letter addressed to the Admissions Committee requesting the committee to review the aforementioned documents and (5) a copy of your transcript. These documents must be presented prior to submitting an application.

Q: If I was previously admitted to another School of Nursing and I am unable to return to that School of Nursing, am I eligible to apply to this School of Nursing?
A: No, you must be able to return to your previous School of Nursing to apply at SUSON.

Q: If I am admitted to the School of Nursing can I attend school part-time?
A: Yes

Q: If I am only missing one prerequisite, can I take it along with my first semester clinical?
A: No, all prerequisite courses must be completed prior to admission.

Q: How long will it take for me to find out if I have been accepted into the School of Nursing?
A: Once the admission review process is completed, applicants will be notified by mail regarding their admission status.

Q: What criteria are used to determine who gets admitted into the nursing program and who is denied?
A: All students must meet the following criteria for admission to upper division nursing:

- Meet the requirements for general admission to Southern University-Baton Rouge.
- Completed the ACT or SAT and submit the scores to the University.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.60 on all University course work completed.
- Have a minimum grade of “C” in all prerequisite nursing courses.
- Have successfully completed or received credits for all required courses listed for the first three semesters of the nursing curriculum plan.
- Be accepted by the Admissions Committee and the dean of the School of Nursing.

Qualified applicants will be admitted without discrimination in regard to sex, race, ethnic identity, creed, age or marital status. The number of applicants admitted to the upper division nursing major is dependent upon the availability of required resources. If there are more qualified applicants than can be accepted at the time of request, the admission pool will be made up of applicants who have met the criteria for admission, have given evidence of reasonable prospect of success in the nursing major, and who best represent the mission and goals of the University. The School of Nursing reserves the right to admit and retain only those students who demonstrate the cognitive, sensory, affective and psychomotor skills necessary to perform safe acts of nursing care.