



Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN): Pathways to Acceptance

The Department of Nursing at Southern Connecticut State University now offers two admission pathways into the nationally recognized Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program. Students will have the opportunity to apply for: 1) direct admission into the nursing program as incoming freshmen or 2) admission into the nursing program during their sophomore year after completing required LEP and prerequisite courses at Southern or another college or university.

The direct admission application pathway is available to all high school senior students who are applying to Southern. Admission offers for direct admission are based on the student's high school transcript and standardized test scores. No additional application materials are required for the application for direct admission into the B.S. in nursing degree program. Applicants should apply to the university through the Common App for Early Action and indicate nursing as their major of first choice.

Fall 2019 freshman applications submitted by November 1, 2018 will be considered for Early Action notification. Completed applications will be notified of admission beginning December 15, 2018. Direct Admissions are limited due to program capacity.

Students who are accepted to Southern but not accepted for direct admission into the B.S. Nursing program are encouraged to attend Southern as a pre-nursing major and apply for admission into the nursing program at the end of their sophomore year.

How many students will Southern accept into the B.S. nursing program in 2019?

Students complete the nursing courses within the B.S. nursing curriculum throughout their junior and senior year after completing all of their Liberal Education Program and nursing prerequisite courses. Southern's nursing program can accommodate 80 junior nursing students; approximately 50% will be admitted through the direct admission pathway and approximately 50% through the sophomore year application pathway.

What is the criteria for Direct Admission?

Highly qualified high school applicants with a minimum GPA above 3.2 and combined SAT score above 1070 (or overall ACT score of over 21) and math SAT of at least 560 (or ACT Math sub-score of least 23) may be invited for direct admission.

Is there a deadline for the direct admission application process into the B.S. Nursing degree program for fall 2019?

All applicants who apply by November 1, 2018 will be given full consideration for direct admission into the B.S. Nursing degree program for fall 2019.

Am I required to submit any additional application materials if I am applying for direct admission into the B.S. Nursing degree program for fall 2019?

No additional application materials are required as part of your application. Students should follow all instructions provided by the Office of Admissions for Southern Connecticut State University.

What criteria must direct admit students achieve in order to progress into the BSN upper division major

courses in the B.S. Nursing program?

Students, who are admitted to the B.S. Nursing Program through the Direct Admission application pathway, must achieve the following by end of Fall semester of Sophomore year in order to progress into the BSN upper division major courses:

- 1) Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 [and]
- 2) Completion of at least 7 of the 11 required pre-requisite courses with a C+ or greater [and]
- 3) No more than 2 pre-requisite course repeats due to grade less than C+

Students, who do not meet the above criteria, will need to re-apply for admission as outlined in Step 2 of the Dual Admission pathway application process. This includes the following:

- 1) Complete BSN Nursing Application, which is accessible on the Nursing Department's home page, and submit by February 1st. All information pertaining to the application will be provided on the application itself.
- 2) TEAS exam completed through ATI testing with score submitted by February 1st

NOTE: Admission to the nursing program is competitive. Although the minimum CUM GPA required for the application is 3.0, the average CUM GPA is much higher for those admitted to the program. Qualified applicants may not be accepted because of a limit in the number of clinical placements. CUM GPA, GPA in just the prerequisite courses, and the TEAS exam score will be used as a way of evaluating students for acceptance into the nursing program. The number of repeated pre-requisite courses are also taken into consideration. If a student has more than 2 pre-requisite course repeats due to grade less than C+, the student is not eligible to apply via the Dual Admission application pathway.