

What are My Options?

Students who do not meet the GPA requirement for Southern's nursing program or who were eligible to apply, but were not admitted have several options to consider...

1. Complete your Bachelor's Degree in another program

- Explore majors/programs/occupations through:
 - i. [FOCUS](#) An online personal assessment tool
 - ii. [Explorehealthcareers.org](#)
 - iii. [Southern's online Undergraduate Catalog](#)
 - iv. [Scheduling an appointment to meet with a career advisor](#)
 - v. [Contacting departments of interest for more information](#)
- Some programs that you may be interested in at Southern are:
 - i. [Child Life Specialist](#) (2.25 SCSU GPA requirement)
 - No application or pre-reqs
 - Direct patient care
 - Program is within the [Recreation, Tourism, and Sports Management Department](#)
 - ii. [Recreational Therapy](#) (2.25 SCSU GPA requirement)
 - No application or pre-reqs
 - Direct patient care
 - Program is within the [Recreation, Tourism, and Sports Management Department](#)
 - iii. [Public Health](#) (2.75 SCSU GPA requirement)
 - No application or pre-reqs
 - iv. [Communication Disorders](#) (3.0 CUM GPA requirement)
 - No application; must have earned a B or higher in ENG 112; email [Dr. Mabry](#) to learn if you would be eligible to take more than 2 entry level CMD courses
 - Master's degree required for direct clinical patient care (graduate programs are competitive)
 - v. [Social Work](#) (2.5 CUM GPA to be eligible to apply)
 - Must apply; has pre-reqs with grade requirements
 - Competitive
 - Master's degree required for most jobs (undergraduate degree in SWK is not required for graduate school admission)
 - vi. [Athletic Training](#) (2.7 minimum GPA)
 - Must apply
 - Not all students with a minimum 2.7 GPA are admitted
 - Direct patient care – [What is an Athletic Trainer?](#)

- vii. Exercise Science: [Human Performance](#) (2.7 minimum GPA)
 - Must apply; has pre-reqs with grade requirements
 - May prepare students for an advanced degree in Physical Therapy
 - Program is within the [Exercise Science Department](#)
- viii. Southern will be offering two new health programs in the near future. Please email Angela in the spring of 2019 for more information.
- ix. [Any science to prepare for a medical professional school](#)
- x. [Special Education](#) (2.7 CUM GPA requirement)
 - Must apply

2. Consider a different nursing path at Southern Connecticut State University after earning an Associate's in Nursing and/or a Bachelor's degree

- [RN-BSN program](#): for students who hold an Associate's Degree or Diploma in Nursing (from another school) and want a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing
 - i. Pass the NCLEX exam
 - ii. 2.7 minimum CUM GPA
 - iii. C+ minimum in each nursing pre-requisite course
 - iv. RN-BSN program is approximately 27 nursing credits (mostly online) in addition to however many non-nursing university requirements you have remaining
 - v. Must have a minimum of 30 credits completed at Southern to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree from Southern
 - vi. If you already have your Bachelor's Degree, non-nursing university requirements are waived
 - vii. [Dual Admission Agreement](#) exists for those accepted to a CT Community College Nursing Program and would like guaranteed enrollment in Southern's RN-BSN program.
- [ACE program](#): for students who already hold a Bachelor's Degree in any non-nursing program
 - i. 3.0 minimum CUM GPA (3.4 CUM is more competitive)
 - ii. C+ minimum in each nursing pre-requisite course
 - iii. 1 year to complete (includes summer and winter sessions)
- [Graduate program](#): for students who hold a Bachelor's Degree and are already Registered Nurses
 - i. Must have a Bachelor's Degree
 - ii. Must be a Registered Nurse
 - iii. A [bridge program](#) is required from Associate's in Nursing to the Master's in Nursing

3. Consider other nursing programs in CT

- The *CT League for Nursing* has a Guide for Nursing Education at www.ctnursingguide.com, which will allow you to search for different types of nursing programs within the state of CT. You would be a “new” student searching for either an Associate Degree or Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing at this point in time.
- For more information about the CT Community College nursing program application, visit: <http://www.ct.edu/academics/nursing>.
- Make an effort to visit websites and make calls to find out the competitiveness of the programs, if they take transfer students, what their requirements and deadlines are.
- Apply to multiple programs as soon as you are eligible to. It’s better to have more options than no options.