



SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SCIENCES

LPN-BSN Advanced Acceptance Criteria

The LPN-BSN Advanced is an advanced placement option offered by the Nursing Department at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. The LPN-BSN Advanced student will receive **23** credits of advanced standing in nursing and have the option of challenging NURS 3823, Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family, and NURS 3923, Nursing Care of the Childrearing Family, for 6 additional hours of credit. The LPN-BSN Advanced student must take NURS 3143 Nursing Advanced and complete all junior-level general education courses with a "C" or higher and all junior-level nursing core courses with a "C+" or higher to have advanced standing credit applied to his/her transcript.

Advanced placement is designed to advance the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) educationally and professionally, as well as to prepare him/her to take the NCLEX-RN. The LPN-BSN Advanced student is subject to the same progression policies as those required of the traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

Planned Entry Pathways:

- Advanced standing placement into the traditional BSN Program, on a space available basis, at the junior level.
- In a cohort designed to matriculate throughout the calendar year.

Students are encouraged to have completed all general education requirements and are **required to have completed a minimum of 32 credits before entering the LPN-BSN Advanced Program.**

LPN-Advance Acceptance Requirements:

- Application and Admission to Oklahoma Wesleyan University
- Application and Acceptance to the Nursing Major (through the Nursing Department)
- Unencumbered license as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the State of Oklahoma
- Graduate of an ULNAC Accredited LPN Program, or at least 1 year of work experience as an LPN
- 32 college credit hours (does not include the 23 hours of advanced standing LPN credits)

Application

- Application to Oklahoma Wesleyan University- [Oklahoma Wesleyan University](#)
- Application to the Department of Nursing is found online at: [New Submission](#)

Application Essay

Within the nursing application, an essay is included. The essay must include the following items in order for a student to be considered for acceptance into the Oklahoma Wesleyan University Nursing Department. All essays will be scored according to the following rubric:

1. Why do you want to become a nurse? (2 points)
2. What qualifications do you feel you have that make you a good candidate for our program? (2 points)
3. What healthcare experiences do you have, professional or personal? (2 points)
4. What are your study habits, and how do you prepare for a test? (2 points)
5. How do you handle adversity/ stress? (2 points)
6. What strategies do you use to manage your time effectively when you have multiple deadlines and responsibilities? (2 points)

Academic criteria

Completion of a minimum of 32 college credit hours of study (this is **PRIOR** to LPN block credits being applied)

- Cumulative Adjusted GPA of 2.75 or higher, to be maintained throughout the nursing program.
- Completion of the following courses with a grade of “C” or better:
 - o English Composition I - 3 college credit hours
 - o English Composition II - 3 college credit hours
 - o General Psychology - 3 college credit hours
 - o At least two of the following general Science courses **WITH** labs:
 - Fundamentals of General and Organic Chemistry - 5 college credit hours
 - Microbiology - 4 college credit hours
 - Anatomy - 4 college credit hours
 - Physiology - 4 college credit hours

Note: All of the courses listed above must be completed with a grade of “C” or better to progress into the second year of nursing. Additionally, if a student receives a D or F in a pre-requisite course, it may be repeated only once. Failure of any pre-requisite course twice makes a student ineligible for acceptance into the Oklahoma Wesleyan University Nursing Department.

Testing criteria

The BSN entrance exam, known as the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), must be taken. All applicants must be able to reach the **TEAS benchmark score within three attempts** for acceptance in the Traditional BSN program. The current TEAS benchmark is a composite score of 70% or higher. TEAS testing is available weekly on campus during the Spring semester. Applicants who cannot test on-site will have to make arrangements to test through www.atitesting.com. Testing must take place at an official testing facility; NO at-home testing is permitted. *Note: If space is limited, additional consideration will be given to students’ ACT, SAT, GPA, and other test scores in making decisions for acceptance to the Nursing Department.*

Interview

A personal, phone, or online interview will be conducted once the student has been evaluated for meeting the academic criteria. The interview takes 15-20 minutes, and questions will be centered around whether the applicant is a good fit for nursing and, in particular, the OKWU BSN program. Students should dress professionally during their Nursing Interview for entrance into the Nursing Department.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants will submit two letters of recommendation to the OKWU Nursing Department. These letters may be written by a former or current pastor, teacher, employer, or someone in the medical field who knows the applicant well. References cannot be related to the applicant. Letters must be sent by the references to the Nursing Department via email (SchooOfNursing@okwu.edu) or via mail (OKWU Nursing Department, 2201 Silver Lake Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006). These letters must be received within the Nursing Department office before an interview can be scheduled.

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For more information, please contact the Nursing Department at:
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