



SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SCIENCES

Because professional nurses care for the lives of adults and children, it is essential that nursing students demonstrate a high caliber of academic and personal performance. Criteria for entrance into the Nursing department are established to ensure our students and graduates meet the profession's high standards. These criteria cover five major areas: *application, academic, testing, letters of recommendation, and applicant interview.*

Traditional BSN Advanced Acceptance Criteria

Application

- Applicants must be admitted to Oklahoma Wesleyan University prior to acceptance to the nursing program. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the file is complete*
 - Complete an online application at: <https://lfforms.okwu.edu/Forms/BSN-Admission-Application>
 - The deadline for **internal** applicants is **March 1**
 - The deadline for **external** applicants is **May 15**
- *(applications submitted but not completed will not be processed)

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 with multiple deadlines and responsibilities? (2 points)

Entrance Testing

The BSN entrance exam, known as the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), must be taken. All applicants must achieve a TEAS benchmark score within three attempts to be accepted into 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 need to make arrangements to take the test through www.atitesting.com. Testing must take place at an official testing facility; NO at-home testing is permitted. Scores must be sent to **OK Wesleyan U** directly from ATI. *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*

Academic

- Completion of a minimum of **32 college credit hours** of study;
- Cumulative **GPA of 3.0 or higher, and maintain a 2.75 or higher while in the nursing program;**
- Completion of the following courses with a **grade of “C” or better:**
 - **English Composition I - 3 college credit hours**
 - **English Composition II - 3 college credit hours**
 - **General Psychology - 3 college credit hours**
 - **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 prerequisite course, it may be repeated only once. Failure of any pre-requisite course twice makes a student ineligible for acceptance into Oklahoma Wesleyan University 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. These letters should be sent via email (mlittle1@okwu.edu) or 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.

Applicant Interview

A personal, virtual, or phone interview will be conducted once the student has been evaluated and determined to meet the academic criteria. The interview lasts 20-30 minutes, and questions will focus on whether the applicant is a good fit for nursing, particularly for the OKWU BSN program. Students should dress professionally during their nursing interview.

For more information, please contact the Nursing Department at:

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BSN Program



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