

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Regional Nursing Program Traditional (Bachelor of Science) Program for Licensure

Frequently Asked Questions about the E-Track Pre-Nursing Program

Q. What is the E-Track Pre-Nursing Program?

A. The E-Track Pre-Nursing Program is a new option for students who are seeking to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE), while attending classes located on Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) campus.

Q. How does it work?

A. Beginning in Fall 2009, a limited number of SIUC Pre-Nursing students will be selected for the "E-Track". Freshman students will typically have a predetermined, set course of study. Transfer and continuing students will also be considered for this track and will have an individualized curriculum. Forty students from the E-Track will be selected to enter the SIUE Nursing program, beginning in the fall of their sophomore year. The courses will be taught on the SIUC campus by SIUE faculty. The B.S.N. degree will be awarded by SIUE.

Q. How can I qualify for the E-Track?

Admission to the Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) Pre-Nursing E-Track program is competitive and will be determined based on a holistic, individual review for each applicant.

SIUC **prefers** the following qualifications for highest consideration for entering freshman admission to the E-Track Pre-Nursing program:

- Completion of the following high school course pattern requirement:
 - o 4 years of English
 - o 3 years of Math (minimum of College Preparatory Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry suggested)
 - o 3 years of Science (minimum of College Preparatory Biology 1, Biology 2, and Chemistry suggested)
 - o 3 years of Social Science
 - o 2 years of Electives
- ACT/SAT test scores that reflect the average composite score for successful nursing students (22 or above).
- Grade point average of 3.00 or higher in high school course pattern

Q. How do students apply for the E-Track?

A. For Fall 2009, all admitted new freshmen with a declared Pre-Nursing major will be reviewed for the E-Track. Current SIUC students or transfer students who have completed college course work should contact Gail Robinson, grobin@siu.edu, to determine whether the E-Track will fit their academic needs. Students accepted into the E-Track will receive notification through the mail.

Students who have not yet applied at SIUC should visit admissions.siu.edu to complete an application, noting Pre-Nursing as the desired major. Questions about admission to SIUC should be directed to Undergraduate Admissions at joinsiuc@siu.edu.

Q. How will E-Track Pre-Nursing/SIUE Nursing students be billed for academic costs?

A. Pre-nursing students enrolled at SIUC will pay SIUC tuition and fees. Nursing program students will pay SIUE tuition and nursing fees, and SIUC housing and campus fees.

Q. What courses are required of E-Track students?

A. Pre-Nursing E-Track students will take a curriculum strong in laboratory sciences during the freshman year. In addition, students will be expected to take one additional science course during the summer between their freshman and sophomore years.

Q. How do E-Track students apply for the SIUE B.S.N program?

A. Applications will be due by March 1 of the freshman year. This includes having completed the HESI nursing entrance exams. These are scheduled through the SIUC Testing Services and more information will be provided regarding this. Admission is very competitive.

Q. What if an E-Track Pre-Nursing student is not accepted into the SIUE Nursing program?

A. Due to limited space and the competitive nature of the program, not all E-Track students will qualify for admission into the SIUE Nursing Program. Some students will choose to complete a second year of Pre-Nursing coursework before applying to the traditional B.S.N. program located on the SIUE campus, or to another program. Other students will choose from the myriad of health care-related majors offered at SIUC.

Q. Where will clinical placements be located?

A. All clinicals will take place in the Southern Illinois region. We anticipate using health care facilities in Nashville, IL to the southern tip of Illinois.

Q. Can I participate in the E-Track program if I am admitted to SIUC through the Center for Academic Success?

A. Students entering SIUC through the Center for Academic Success will not qualify for the E-Track. Specific courses are required of CAS students during the first year, which make it impossible to complete the courses which are required of E-Track students. Students should plan to enter Pre-Nursing during the sophomore year, in order to build the academic portfolio needed to apply to the nursing program located on the SIUE campus, or another program.

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