



Frequently Asked Questions

Undegraduate Program (Traditional)

- **What type of GPA do I need to enter the nursing program?**
First, you must have an overall cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for admission. Secondly, you must be able to finish all of the pre-requisite courses that are required for admission into the SIUE School of Nursing. Those courses can be found at: <http://www.siu.edu/NURSING/programs/basic.html> - the required courses are listed in the Freshman level fall and spring semesters. Third you must also have a GPA of 2.7 in the required prerequisite courses. Admission is competitive, so simply meeting the stated minimums does not infer or guarantee admission.
- **How do I go about completing the HESI?**
The SIUE School of Nursing requires that all applicants take the HESI A2 Admission Assessment as part of the application process. The HESI A2 tests will begin in October and will be offered multiple times each month through March. The HESI is completed on campus through our testing services office. More information about the exam can be found at HESI's website <http://www.hesitest.com/testing/exams/entrance.asp>

It makes no difference whether you have applied to the School of Nursing when you take that test. To register for the test, go to this website and register for a date to take the test: <http://www.siu.edu/IS/TEST/Nursing/>
- **I am an international student and would like to be accepted into the nursing program.**
Before an international student can be accepted into Nursing, they need to be accepted into the University. All questions regarding undergraduate codes, TOEFEL, etc. should be directed to the Admissions office.
- **Enrollment in the University.**
Admission to the university expires two semesters after your last active enrollment.
- **Does the nursing program accept transfer students?**
It is possible to transfer into SIUE's Nursing program, but you would still have to start at the beginning of our nursing curriculum. SIUE's program requires 6 semesters of Nursing coursework.
- **When do you admit students?**
Traditional nursing majors are admitted only in the fall semester of every year.
- **What is the general class size for lecture courses?**
Our average lecture course size for Nursing courses is approximately 50, but all labs associated with those courses have a maximum of 12 students in each. In the clinical setting, the maximum is 8.
- **What is the NCLEX pass rate?**

Currently our NCLEX pass rate is 97%.

- **Do you have to be a CNA to apply for the nursing program?**
Absolutely not! At this point I know that some of the community colleges do require it – but SIUE does not offer a formal CNA program.
- **Do you accept any CLEPS?**
You will need to check the University CLEP website to review exactly what we do and do not accept at <http://www.siu.edu/IS/TEST/CLEP/>
- **Does SIUE offer any of the nursing courses at night?**
We offer two Options for students who do not already possess an RN license: 1) A Traditional four-year baccalaureate option that is a full-time, day school program, and 2) an Accelerated Option for students who already possess a bachelors degree in another field. It is a 15 month, full-time day program. At this time there are no plans to add an evening or weekend only BSN Option.
- **How do we get on a waiting list for your program?**
The Undergraduate Traditional (4 year) Option at SIUE does not have a waitlist.
- **What steps do I need to take in order to apply to the university and the School of Nursing?**
We do not admit students into our Nursing program as freshmen. You will need to apply to the university as you return to school as a high school senior. You will need to get your paperwork started as soon as possible ,being a high school senior, and try not to miss any deadlines. Hopefully you have been following a pre-college curriculum while in high school. To be better prepared for nursing, we suggest that you take three years of science (at least), three years of math, three years of English (at least) and four strong years of electives. Students need to complete a compulsory list of prerequisite general education courses for admission consideration and enrollment.
- **I am currently serving in the Military over seas. I'm participating in a program called MECP. SIU is on my list of suggested schools and I need someone to look over my transcripts to see if I qualify for your nursing program.**
We will review applicants for the MECP program. Please contact our assistant director, Karen Montgomery, at kmontgo@siue.edu