Policy and Procedure

SON OP 30.310 - Undergraduate Admission Policy

PURPOSE Based on this policy, the Admissions Committee for the undergraduate tracks makes determinations about student admissions and placement within the curriculum.

REVIEW This policy shall be reviewed by the Associate Dean for the Academic Programs by Sept. 1 of every odd-numbered year. Final approval of the policy is given by the Dean.

Accelerated B.S.N. Track

Admission Requirements:

All applicants to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) track complete an online application (Nursing CAS), as directed on the Accelerated B.S.N. website. Students must meet the minimum requirements listed below to be considered for admission:

- Demonstrate a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- All non-nursing course prerequisites must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to enrollment. At the time of application submission, applicants must have completed a minimum of 40 credit hours of the required non-nursing prerequisite courses, including at least three of the four required sciences.
- Completion of the standardized admission examination is also required for admission.

Criteria Considered in Admission Process:

Academic Considerations:
- Cumulative GPA – calculated using all courses completed at all regionally accredited colleges/universities attended, particularly grades earned in core sciences: chemistry, anatomy, and physiology, and microbiology
- Science GPA
- Repetition of prerequisite courses, especially science coursework
- Admission examination results
- Test of English as a Foreign language (TOEFL) score, if applicable (minimum score: 80)

Non-academic Considerations:
- Essay (personal statement)
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Military service and/or training
- Performance in a face-to-face interview with faculty

Applicants are reviewed by the Admissions Committee and evaluated both individually and holistically; therefore, no single attribute may be the determining factor in the admission decision. The actual number of students offered admission is dependent on a variety of factors, such as financial resources, classroom space, and available clinical experiences.
Student Criminal Background Checks:

In compliance with TTUHSC El Paso and Texas Board of Nursing policy, all applicants who have received offers of admission will be required to clear a criminal background check before being allowed to attend the first day of class. A history of criminal conduct or convictions may result in withdrawal of the admission offer. See the “Criminal Background Checks” section of the GGHSON Student Handbook for the GGHSON policy pertaining to criminal background checks. TTUHSC El Paso policy is outlined in HSCEP OP 10.20.

Drug Screenings:

Drug screenings may be required per contractual agreement with clinical sites.

Drug screenings may be requested and conducted at any time during the student’s tenure.

Readmission:

Readmission occurs when students have been admitted and attended at least one term of the GGHSON program but have been absent for two or more subsequent semesters. All requests for readmission must be made within two months of the application period in which readmission is requested. The minimum cumulative GGHSON GPA for readmission consideration is 2.5. Students seeking readmission must complete an application indicating the expected readmission term. The Associate Dean, along with the Admissions Committee, will meet to review all such requests and may take one of the following actions regarding readmission:

- Eligible and readmit
- Eligible, with final decision to be based on availability of nursing courses and date of readmission application (compared to other applications for readmission)
- Not eligible

The Associate Dean and Admissions Committee may assign requirements to be met as a condition of readmission, e.g. successful completion of a comprehensive examination, renewed criminal background check and drug screening, etc.

Transfer Admission:

The Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing does not accept nursing transfer credits for courses taken at other schools of nursing.

Credit/Course Audit:

The Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing does not allow students to audit courses.

Offers of Admission:

Offers of admission will be made approximately 8 to 10 weeks following the application deadline. Applicants are required to respond to the offer of admission by the deadline stated in the letter. Acceptance of the offer is established once the student pays the non-refundable placement fee. Failure to respond by the deadline will result in withdrawal of the offer of admission.
RN to B.S.N. Track

Admission Requirements:
- A 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA is required for admission consideration. All non-nursing courses should be completed with a grade of C or higher prior to enrollment.
- All general education requirements must be documented on official transcripts prior to enrollment in nursing courses.
- Students must have National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) results prior to enrollment.

R.N. to B.S.N. applicants are reviewed by the Admissions Committee.

Other R.N.to B.S.N. Admission Information:

Waiver: In some instances, applicants may be eligible to apply for a waiver, which grants a one-semester period during which any outstanding admission requirements (detailed above) may be completed. Applicants must complete and submit their waiver within 2 weeks of the semester start date. The Associate Dean for Academic Programs will either approve or deny the waiver request. If approved, the student must complete the prerequisite within the time allotted, or further registration will be denied.

Computer:

All students admitted to either program are required to have a computer.

Offers of Admission:

Offers of admission will be made approximately 8 to 10 weeks following the application deadline. Applicants are required to respond to the offer of admission no later than the deadline stated in the letter. Acceptance of the offer is established once the student pays the non-refundable placement fee. Failure to respond by the deadline will result in withdrawal of the offer of admission.