APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following describes the application process for prospective students. Admission to the Idaho State University (ISU) College of Nursing (CON) is competitive and meeting the application and admission criteria does not assure acceptance into the program. You must be admitted to Idaho State University before you can apply to the College of Nursing. Please read all information in this Application Instructions packet carefully.

The online application process must be completed and all documents submitted by 5:00pm on February 10, 2019 to be considered for Summer 2019 admission. After the review process, the College of Nursing will notify all applicants of admission decisions via email by early March 2019.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for application and consideration for acceptance to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing Program:

1. Application/acceptance to Idaho State University
   a. Applications are available on the ISU website at www.isu.edu/apply. The ISU application fee is $50.00. Upon acceptance to ISU, a student identification number is assigned. This ID number is required on the CON application.
   b. Official transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted to the ISU Office of Admissions as part of the ISU application process.
   c. Note: the Accelerated Nursing Program is an undergraduate program and applicants should apply to ISU as Post-Baccalaureate Student/Nursing Pre-Program.
   d. For applicants who have remaining Set B courses to complete, it is recommended to apply to ISU in the fall term for spring admission.

2. Completion of Prior Baccalaureate Degree
   a. Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree in an area other than nursing prior to submitting the College of Nursing application. Students attending the College of Idaho and interested in the ISU-CI Cooperative Program should contact the Academic Adviser for information.

3. Completion of College of Nursing Set A prerequisite courses
   a. Set A prerequisite courses must be successfully completed and appear in the applicant’s transcript at the time the College of Nursing electronic application is submitted.
   b. Each Set A course must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.
   c. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher among the Set A prerequisite courses.
      i. Only SET A prerequisite courses are included in the GPA calculation for application ranking.

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Set A Prerequisite Courses Continued: | Credits
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CHEM 1101 Introduction to General Chemistry or CHEM 1111/1111L General Chemistry with Lab | 3 or 5 cr.
PSYC 1101 Introduction to General Psychology | 3 cr.
PSYC 2225 Child Development | 3 cr.
Cultural Diversity Course | 3 cr.

d. Please understand that any remaining Set B nursing prerequisites must be successfully completed prior to starting the Summer 2019 semester. See the list of Set B courses below.

Set B Prerequisite Courses: | Credits
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Must be successfully completed prior to starting the Summer 2019 semester
BIOL 3305 Introduction to Pathobiology | 3 cr.
CHEM 1102 & 1103 Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry with Lab | 4 cr.
LLIB 1115 Introduction to Information Research | 3 cr.
MATH 1153 Introduction to Statistics | 3 cr.
NTD 3340 Nutrition for Health Professionals | 3 cr.
PHIL 2230 Medical Ethics | 3 cr.
PPRA 3315 Pharmacology for Nursing | 4 cr.

4. Submission of College of Nursing Course Petitions by January 18, 2019 (if needed)
   a. Nursing Course Petitions may be required for the College of Nursing to consider a given transfer course(s). A course title that is different than the ISU course title specified, out-of-state credits that do not transfer in as equivalent to the given ISU course(s), and/or a combination of two or more courses that together cover the material for an ISU course could require completion of a petition.
      i. For applicants looking to submit a College of Nursing Course Petition Form for any nursing prerequisite(s), the student must submit the petition and supporting documentation by January 18, 2019.
      ii. Consult the SON Academic Adviser for the Accelerated program at 208-373-1784 or conadvis@isu.edu well in advance of applying to the program regarding transfer equivalency and the petition process.
   b. The petition process usually takes up to 2-3 weeks, and approved petition decisions for Set A and Set B courses must be finalized and on file before the application is submitted.
      i. We strongly recommend you meet with an adviser to review your transcripts and your need for petitions well in advance of the January 18, 2019 petition deadline. Not having all of your required petitions submitted on time could mean you miss the application deadline.
   c. Applicants are required to submit documentation of all APPROVED College of Nursing petitions in the nursing application by the nursing application deadline of February 10, 2019.

5. Meeting with College of Nursing Adviser by January 18, 2019 to determine eligibility
   a. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply to ISU and meet with a SON adviser well in advance of the January 18, 2019 petition deadline to ensure the Set A courses are completed and accepted by the College of Nursing. Application to the College of Nursing will not be considered without verification of meeting with the adviser and verification of successful Set A course completion.
   b. ISU SON Academic Adviser for the Accelerated program: 208-373-1784 or conadvis@isu.edu
   c. Applicants MUST meet with adviser in person or by phone for review of transcripts and assessment of application criteria. Applicants must show successful completion of Set A courses and completion
or current progress of Set B courses.

d. Applicants are requested to bring a copy of their ISU Degree Works account that includes prior academic history. The applicant must provide unofficial transcripts for any courses not listed in their ISU Degree Works account.
   i. For students not yet admitted to ISU, the applicant can also bring unofficial copies of all college transcripts to the in-person meeting with the adviser, or send copies of unofficial transcripts via email to the adviser prior to a phone meeting.

   e. Course petitions may be required to determine equivalency and transfer into ISU and/or the College of Nursing. Processing of petitions usually takes 2-3 weeks; please see 4-A for more details.

6. Submission of Advising Certification Form

   a. After meeting with the adviser and determining eligibility, the adviser will sign the Advising Certification Form on pages 6-7 to verify the applicant’s completed Set A prerequisite courses, cumulative GPA among the Set A prerequisite courses, and completion or current progress of Set B prerequisite courses.

   b. The Advising Certification Form must be the first document submitted electronically as a part of the CON application. The applicant will not be able to access the remaining online application items until the Advising Certification Form has been submitted by the applicant and processed by College of Nursing staff.

7. Completion of the College of Nursing electronic application by 5:00 PM on February 10, 2019

   a. After meeting with the adviser and determining eligibility, eligible applicants will be given access to the electronic application and instructed on the process for electronic submission of required documents.
      i. Application is available at https://elearn.isu.edu/community/.
      ii. Application Password: Absn2019!
      iii. Application and documents for the application process can be submitted through this site.
      iv. Please allow up to 72 hours for College of Nursing staff to process application materials.

         Students will be notified via email of any issues or errors with their submissions.

   b. Application and all supporting documents must be submitted by 5:00 pm on February 10, 2019 to be considered for acceptance to the College of Nursing.

   c. Please ensure that your name matches on your application information, documents, and the application fee. If your name has changed, include any alternate names in your application.

8. Submission of ISU Degree Works Account and/or Unofficial Transcripts

   a. Unofficial copies of ISU Degree Works print out and/or unofficial transcripts with completed Set A prerequisite courses and completed/enrolled Set B prerequisite courses visibly highlighted must be submitted with the application to the College of Nursing.
      i. Applicant must show original course numbers for all Set A and Set B courses. These will be listed in the ISU Degree Works account; if using unofficial transcripts, provide a transcript from each institution showing the original course number(s).
      ii. Applicant must provide unofficial transcripts for any courses not listed in their ISU Degree Works account.

   b. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all official transcripts of courses taken at other colleges or universities (either by classroom, correspondence, or online) are on file with the ISU Admissions Office at the time of nursing application submission. Course grades for all Set A prerequisite courses must be on the transcripts. If there is no record of the transcripts on file with the ISU Admissions Office by February 10, 2019, student will not be considered for admission to the College of Nursing.

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9. Completion of Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS)
   a. The applicant must complete the ATI TEAS (6th edition) exam between August 10, 2017 and February 10, 2019. The applicant is required to submit documentation of the ATI TEAS score in the nursing application by the nursing application deadline of February 10, 2019.
      i. Applicants will be permitted to take the ATI TEAS exam up to 3 times per calendar year (January 1 to December 31) with at least 30 days in between ATI TEAS exams.
      ii. For those applicants who have taken the ATI TEAS more than once, we will use the best “BSN Percentile Rank” score for this application.
   b. Please contact the Testing Center of your choice directly regarding scheduling, pricing, and exam retakes, as well as sending your results to ISU if applicable.
      i. ISU administers the ATI TEAS at the Testing Centers in Pocatello and Idaho Falls. We also will proctor the TEAS exam at the ISU Meridian campus (see page 8).
         1. ISU Meridian College of Nursing: Contact the nursing adviser at 208-373-1784 for details.
         4. ISU Twin Falls Campus: Contact the Administrative Assistant at 208-933-2300 for details.
      ii. Applicants located elsewhere may contact the Nursing Adviser regarding taking the TEAS at a different site. Applicants may also contact ATI Testing at 800-667-7531 for additional testing sites.
         1. For students who complete the TEAS outside of ISU, select to send your scores to “ID STATE U Meridian” in your ATI account when you take the TEAS.
         2. Please note that there is an additional fee to send your score to ISU if you send it after taking the exam.
   c. Photo ID and payment are required at the time the exam is taken. The ATI TEAS exam typically costs around $55-60 in addition to the cost of the proctor site.
   d. Please arrive 30 minutes before the ATI TEAS begins to allow adequate time for the check-in and payment process.
      i. If you are retaking the ATI TEAS exam (not the TEAS V), please inform the testing center staff how many times you have taken the ATI TEAS exam previously and when your most recent exam was completed.
   e. Notify the Testing Center you are applying to a BSN nursing program (and you want to send your scores to ISU, if applicable). If given the option, select “BSN” as the Program Type when logging in to begin the ATI TEAS. We use the “BSN Program Percentile Rank” score for our nursing application; the “ADN” score is not accepted for the Accelerated nursing application process.
   f. The ATI TEAS takes approximately 4 hours and includes 170 questions total in 4 areas: Reading, English and Language Usage, Science, and Math. It is recommended that the student uses the study guide for the ATI TEAS that is available for purchase at the ATI website: https://www.atitesting.com/Solutions/pre-program/TEAS.aspx.
      i. ATI Testing implemented an updated ATI TEAS, 6th edition exam that began on August 31, 2016. For students planning to take the updated ATI TEAS, we recommend you use the updated 6th edition study guide.
   g. Applicants are required to submit documentation of their TEAS BSN Percentile Rank score in the nursing application by the nursing application deadline of February 10, 2019.

10. Submission of the College of Nursing $50 application fee
   a. Submission of a non-refundable SON application fee of $50.00. The application website includes a link for online payment. E-mail confirmation of fee payment is provided.
11. Personal Interview for Competitive Applicants
   a. A select group of competitive applicants will be selected based on GPA and TEAS score. This select group of competitive applicants will be contacted for an interview upon receipt of the completed application and determination of statistical competitiveness among all applications received through February 10, 2019.
   b. Interviews allow applicants to meet members of the faculty and staff with whom they will interact throughout their studies, to ask questions about the program, and to assess if this program is a good fit for the student and their academic and career goals. Interviews also give faculty an opportunity to meet competitive applicants, learn about their achievements and goals, and to consider if the student is a good fit for the program.
   c. Interviews will be conducted in the Accelerated Nursing Department (in person or by ZOOM) and will be a determining factor for competitive applicants in the ranking process. All applicants may not be asked to complete an interview.
   d. Being offered an interview is not a guarantee of admission to the Accelerated Nursing Program – the results of the interview may exclude an applicant from acceptance, despite GPA, TEAS, and/or Total Application score.

12. Additional Information
   a. If accepted to the College of Nursing Undergraduate Accelerated program, the student may be expected to travel 200 miles and spend the night as necessary for clinical experiences.

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**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Applicant ranking and selection is based upon 3 weighted criteria totaling 100 points.
1. Prerequisite GPA – The cumulative GPA among the Set A Prerequisite courses – 55%
2. Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) – The BSN Program Percentile Rank score on the ATI TEAS – 25%
3. Personal Interview – A select group of competitive applicants will be contacted for an interview —20%

**ALTERNATE STATUS**

An alternate admission list is implemented when more applicants meeting the admission criteria have applied than there are available positions. If space becomes available to accommodate additional eligible applicants, the alternate list will be activated. **Alternate status is recognized only for the Spring 2019 application for Summer 2019 admission.**

Applicants who were not accepted to the Accelerated nursing program may reapply the next year and will be reviewed for admission with the new group of Accelerated applicants. Applicants who are not admitted to the Accelerated program may also apply to the Traditional program in the current spring semester or any following fall or spring semesters if interested. Applicants are encouraged to talk with the nursing adviser for feedback on their application.
ADVISORY CERTIFICATION FORM

1. The applicant must schedule an appointment (in person or by phone) with a College of Nursing adviser.
2. The application will not be processed if this form is incomplete.

Bachelor’s Degree completed _____ Degree _____ Date Conferred _____________________________ Institution

Prerequisite Course Institution(s):

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**Cumulative Set A and Set B Credits & GPA**

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Notes:

I have met with a College of Nursing adviser to review my eligibility and discuss my application to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. I understand that all application requirements must be submitted prior to the February 10, 2019 application deadline.

Student Signature: ______________________________ Date: ________________

Adviser Signature: ______________________________ Date: ________________