**WCU ABSN Applicant Information**

This document is intended to guide applicants interested in the **Accelerated BSN (ABSN) program at WCU**. The most updated guidance regarding application requirements can be found on [absn.wcu.edu.](https://www.wcu.edu/learn/departments-schools-colleges/HHS/nursing/undergrad-programs/accbsn/)

**ABSN Admission Requirements**

1. Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Exam
   1. This exam can be taken at a testing center of your choice, and [testing is available at WCU](https://www.wcu.edu/engage/professional-enrichment/testing-center/index.aspx)
   2. [Information about the TEAS test](https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register)
   3. Official scores must be sent to WCU Nursing from Assessment Technology Institute (ATI) and must be submitted with your application.
   4. Starting June 2022 TEAS version 7 will be released. Either TEAS 6 or TEAS 7 results will be accepted through the next application period.
2. Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university
3. 3.0 minimum GPA from last 60 hours of coursework
4. Course Prerequisites, all grades must be a C or higher. No time limits on prerequisites.
   1. There are four science courses that are pre-requisites to *start* the program. To apply, three of them must be completed by the application deadline. There are no exceptions.
      1. CHEM 132: Introductory Chem with Lab (4 sem. Credits)
      2. BIO 291: Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/Lab (4 credits)
      3. BIO 292: Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab (4 credits)
      4. ENVH 260/261: Etiology of Infectious Disease w/ lab (3 credits) Note: this is a Microbiology course
   2. Nursing Prerequisites pre-requisites to *start* the program
      1. ND 330 Human Nutritional *ND 338 – Normal & Therapeutic Nutrition is acceptable.*
      2. NSG 346 Pathophysiology for Nursing *Recommend taking at WCU; Equivalent 300 level course may be accepted. Email* [*wcunursing@wcu.edu*](mailto:wcunursing@wcu.edu)*.*
      3. MATH 170 Applied Statistics
      4. Psychology 150 -General Psychology (3 credits)

**Common Questions**

* ***Will my course credits meet the prerequisite requirements***? Use the [WCU tools](https://www.wcu.edu/apply/distance-online-programs/future-students/dlp-transfer.aspx) to find out. There are two tools, [one for community college courses](https://ssbprod-wcu.uncecs.edu/pls/WCUPROD/bzsktrac.P_Display_Courses) and [one for schools across the country](https://ssbprod-wcu.uncecs.edu/pls/WCUPROD/bzsktrar.P_Disp_States).
  + Use these tools for classes already taken AND prior to enrollment at another institution
  + Please note: the WCU course is listed in the MIDDLE of the LookUP Tool pages, and the other schools’ courses are on the left.
* ***My course is not in the LookUP tool. What do I do?*** Email [registrar@wcu.edu](mailto:registrar@wcu.edu)
  + In the email include the school’s name, course # and name, credit hours, semester/year taken, letter grade earned, and whether the course uses the semester system.
  + If the course you took is equivalent to a higher-level course at WCU (e.g., we require Chem 132, and your course matches Chem 139—a higher course number) then, you might have already completed or exceeded our requirement; confirm this via email [registrar@wcu.edu](mailto:registrar@wcu.edu) to see if you have met/exceeded the requirement.

* ***What about exam credit or courses taken at companies like StraighterLine, SOPHIA Learning, Study.com, or Saylor Academy?***
  + Reach out to the Registrar’s Office to confirm that the course will transfer [registrar@wcu.edu](mailto:registrar@wcu.edu)
* ***How do I know I have met the liberal studies requirement?*** The WCU Registrar's Office will determine if your bachelor’s degree has sufficient general education coursework to waive the WCU [**liberal studies**](https://www.wcu.edu/learn/academic-enrichment/liberal-studies-program/)requirement. This is determined when you apply to WCU.
  + Transcript evaluations of liberal studies can be done prior to admission with an email to the WCU Registrar’s office [registrar@wcu.edu](mailto:registrar@wcu.edu)

**Planning for Success**

* Things to consider in planning your prerequisite timeline:
  + What year do you want to start the ABSN?
  + Can you have the required admission materials submitted by the January deadline?
  + Can you have all the required prerequisites completed by the August start date of the admission year you wish to begin?
* It is recommended that you keep a copy of all correspondence related to confirmation of prerequisite or liberal studies credit and upload it as part of your NCAS application
* Many prerequisites can be taken at a community college (verify by using the LookUP tool). Nursing 346 and Nutrition 330 usually *cannot* be taken at a community college as 300 level courses; they are often only available at a college or university. Although not required, many ABSN applicants take these two courses online from WCU the summer prior to entry.