

Important Updates to Nursing Program Admissions Requirements - Fall 2026 Entry

We are pleased to announce important updates to the admissions requirements for the Nursing-Traditional program, effective for Fall 2026 entry and forward. These changes are designed to enhance the quality of our program and ensure our graduates are well-prepared for the evolving demands of the healthcare field.

Updated Admissions Prerequisite Requirements

General Education ACTS Code	New Requirement (Effective Fall 2026)	Credit Hours
BIOL 2404*	Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab	4
BIOL 2414*	Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab	4
BIOL 2004*	Microbiology with Lab	3
MATH 1113*	Quantitative Literacy or equivalent/higher math	3
ENGL 1013*	English Composition I	3
ENGL 1023*	English Composition II	3
PSYC 1103	Psychology	3
SOCI 1013 OR PSYC 2103	Sociology OR Developmental Psychology	3
No ACTS code	Nutrition	3
TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS		30

Nursing-Traditional Track (AAS)

The Nursing-Traditional Track begins twice a year and offers two options depending on the applicant's college experience.

- **Traditional Track:** Enter directly into the 1 ½ year nursing program with six of the nine required general education courses which must include Anatomy & Physiology I & II w/labs, Microbiology w/lab, Quantitative Literacy or equivalent/higher math, and English Composition I & II. **Courses with asterisks above must be completed or in-progress at the time of application.*
- **Traditional Track plus Gen Ed Prep:** Enter the 2 year program as a general education prep student with four of the nine general education courses which must include Composition I, Quantitative Literacy or equivalent/higher math, Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab, and one additional required science course with lab.

Application Requirements

Below are the minimum requirements for the Nursing-Traditional track. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance. Applicants are ranked based on overall academic history. It is the applicants responsibility to turn in all required items for the program application process. Any additional requirements will be listed on your MyBHCLR account.

- Completed online application
- Must be a high school graduate or have a GED and submit official high school or GED transcript.
- Must submit official transcripts from ALL previously attended institutions.

Entrance Exam Requirements

- ATI TEAS – 60% minimum Composite and a 66% minimum Reading subset **OR** ACT – 19 minimum Composite and a 19 minimum Reading subset.
- ATI TEAS exam scores must be no more than two (2) years old and ACT scores must be no more than ten (10) years old.
- ATI TEAS exams must be taken in an on-campus, proctored environment.
Remotely proctored exams will not be considered.
- BHCLR “superscores” the ACT by using the highest subset from each exam to calculate the composite score.

The BHCLR Schools of Nursing operate under a rolling admissions cycle and applicants are considered for admission as their files become complete. As a result, applications completed at or near the deadline are considered as space is available.

Important Dates

- **Application Period Opens:** Aug 20, 2025
- **Application Deadline:** Jun 1, 2026
- **File Completion Deadline:** Jun 15, 2026

Contact Us

For more information or to speak with an admissions counselor, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions3@bhclr.edu or visit our website at <https://www.bhclr.edu/academics/programs/nursing-traditional/>. We look forward to welcoming you to Baptist Health College Little Rock!