

**Direct Admission to the Traditional
Prelicensure Clinical Nursing Program**

- **Purpose**

- Define the criteria for direct admission to the BSN Nursing program for first-year students.

- **Source**

- <https://webapp4.asu.edu/programs/t5/majorinfo/ASU00/NUNURDBSN/undergrad/false>

- **Applicability**

- First-year students interested in being admitted to Arizona State University with the BSN Nursing major submit an ASU application for admission and select BSN Nursing as their first choice of major. ASU Admission Services review applicants to determine eligibility for admission.
- Students with Direct Admission status must meet the Continuing Eligibility Criteria each semester to maintain this status. If direct admission is retained throughout the advancement process, these students are guaranteed placement into the clinical nursing program. Advancement of qualified Direct Admission students will take place within one year of the semester when all 17 critical courses are completed. Direct Admission students are not guaranteed their first preference. In the event in which more Direct Admission students request placement in a specific cohort than spaces are available, placement will be determined by random selection.

- **Policy/Procedure**

Applicants who have an associate degree in nursing and an RN license, or applicants who are enrolled in a community college RN program, should apply to the BSN nursing, online campus (for the RN-BSN or Concurrent Enrollment Program option).

The admission standards for the BSN Nursing major, Downtown Phoenix, in the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation are higher than minimum university standards. Effective Fall 2021, freshmen (first-year) admission requirements are:

Top 10% of high school graduating class or 3.50 in ASU competency courses (based on 4.00 grading scale) AND no math or science deficiencies.

OR

Top 25% of high school graduating class or 3.30 GPA in ASU competency courses AND either a 24 ACT or 1170 SAT combined evidence-based reading and writing plus math score.

English language proficiency for applicants whose native language is not English:

- Minimum score of 540 (paper-based), 207 (computer-based), or 76 (internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- Minimum overall band of 6.5 with no band below 5.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Students not admissible directly to the BSN Nursing program will be placed into the BS program in community health.

ASU Admission Services reviews first-year student applicant GPA, test scores, and competency courses to determine eligibility for direct admission. First-year students meeting the above criteria are admitted to ASU with the BSN Nursing major and Downtown Phoenix as their campus.

Students may provide updated high school transcripts and test scores until the first day of classes for the semester in which they are admitted to demonstrate meeting the requirements for direct admission.

First-year students not meeting the established direct admission requirements are defaulted to the community health major.

Transfer students: not eligible for direct admission.

Change of majors: not eligible for direct admission.

Students not eligible for direct admission may explore the competitive application process for a spot in a clinical nursing program.