



Jessup University
BSN Program Application Process and Admission Criteria and Rubric

All students seeking admission to the BSN Program must first be admitted into the university based on established university admission criteria. Once accepted into the university, qualified BSN Program candidates* can apply directly to the BSN Program. Admission into the BSN Program is competitive, therefore admission into the university, completion of the prerequisite classes, and the BSN Program application does not guarantee acceptance into the BSN Program. Domestic and/or international non-degree students will not be accepted into the BSN program, with the exception of the LVN-30 unit option which is based on space available. (Please see The LVN 30-unit option, non-degree applicant section below for more information)

- Our typical student is admitted as a freshman, completing 3 semesters of prerequisite and general education courses.
- Jessup Students will apply to the BSN Program in May at the end of their freshmen year.
- Transfer Students will apply between May and August each year for a spring nursing program start.
- Students who are accepted into the BSN Program begin their nursing classes the spring of their sophomore year with completion of the BSN Program requiring at least five semesters.
- Current Jessup students are given priority by receiving 5 points on the admission rubric, see pages 8-9 below)
- *Admission into the BSN Program is **conditional** until all in-progress prerequisite classes (those taken during the semester of application) are completed with a grade of "B" or higher.
- The BSN Program does carry a waitlist. Students will be on the waitlist for one application cycle. If not selected, they will have to reapply to the BSN Program. These students will be afforded extra points toward their next semester BSN Program application. Waitlisted students who are not accepted into the program are encouraged to work closely with their success coach and then reapply the following application cycle.
- Students must be at least 17 years of age before entering the BSN Program.
- Students considering a career in the healthcare or medical professions are encouraged to come prepared. A passion for knowledge and a strong college preparatory background in mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and Trigonometry) and the natural sciences (Physical Science, Biology, and Chemistry) are **recommended**.

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The following are the admission requirements and other qualifications expected of student applicants for the BSN Program. In order to provide the highest opportunity for success and ensure the most qualified candidates are accepted into the BSN Program, additional admission criteria and prerequisite courses are required. All successful applicants must:

- Meet all qualifications for admission to the BSN Program
- Be selected by the admission committee to be admitted to the BSN Program

([WJU Proposed BSN 4 year Curriculum Map](#))

Application to the Nursing Program

All qualified candidates may submit an application to the BSN Program for the following spring beginning May 1. The BSN Program admission committee will be looking at performance in BSN Program prerequisites, ATI TEAS scores, and the nursing application along with a personal written statement, and other academic information. Admission to the BSN Program is competitive and limited by the number of available openings.

BSN Program Application Process:

- Complete the William Jessup University Undergraduate application at jessup.edu/apply
- Send *unofficial* college transcripts to admissions@jessup.edu
- Complete the [NursingCAS](#) application
 - Request that official transcripts from all institutions attended be sent to NursingCAS
 - Upload a personal statement in the Documents section of NursingCAS
 - Request 2 letters of recommendation be sent through the NursingCAS recommender portal
- Request official ATI-TEAS score be sent to William Jessup University at <https://store.atitesting.com>

Application Dates:

Open: May 1 Close: August 1

Nursing Program Admission Requirements

In addition to the Jessup general admission requirements ([Jessup 2021-22 Academic Catalog](#)) students seeking admission to the BSN Program must meet the following requirements.



- 3.0 Cumulative GPA
- Meet or exceed BSN academic admission requirements
- ATI TEAS minimum score of 70% (TEAS test score must be within 18 months of BSN application)

The following nursing prerequisite classes or equivalents must be completed with a grade of "B" or better to gain full admission to the BSN Program. All science nursing prerequisites must be completed within the last 4 years prior to the start of the nursing courses. All non-science courses must be completed within 7 years prior to application to the nursing program.

- Human Anatomy with lab
- Human Physiology with lab
- Microbiology with lab
- Pathophysiology

Students are **expected** to have a grade of "B" or better in the following **courses**. However, one course grade of a "C" in the courses below may be considered for full admission to the BSN Program.

- Speech or Group Communication
- Nutrition
- Developmental Psychology (Lifespan Growth & Development)

Grades received for the prerequisite classes will be used to calculate a prerequisite GPA (3.0 minimum) and will be used, in part, to determine priority for conditional consideration to the BSN Program. If prerequisite courses are in-progress at the time of application, those courses are not included in the GPA calculation, but must still be passed with a grade of B or better for full acceptance into the BSN Program. All non-science courses being considered for credit to the nursing program must be completed within 7 years prior to application.

Life factors which may enhance applicant's potential for admission include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Work experience of any kind. Employment in health care settings preferred.
- Volunteer experiences. Volunteer experience in health care settings preferred.
- Leadership activities in church, high school, work or college.
- Missions and other cross-cultural experiences.
- Special abilities such as: fluent in sign language or language(s) other than English (see list of accepted languages below), unique computer skills, etc.



- Jessup student extra curricular activities.

Transfer of Credit policies including the number of credits that students may transfer in

Students may transfer coursework from other regionally accredited institutions, provided the courses are relevant to the focus and philosophy of the program. The transfer course work will be evaluated by our specialized admissions team for appropriate academic correlation to determine acceptable transfer credit.

- A maximum of 50% of requirements for a major may be allowed in transfer, except nursing courses.
- A maximum of 70 total acceptable units for a bachelor's degree are allowed in transfer from other accredited institutions.
- A minimum of 12 units required each semester to remain within the BSN Program.

International Transfer Student Requirement

International students that meet the requirements for admissions listed in the [William Jessup Academic Catalog](#) after completion of prerequisites at William Jessup University, can apply to the BSN program. Each applicant will be evaluated for admission into the BSN Program on a case by case basis.

Healthcare Professional/Educational Transfer Information

Transfer nursing students, registered nurses (ASN), licensed vocational nurses (see below) and other applicants (military - see below) with health profession backgrounds will be individually assessed for transfer/challenge policies in addition to the exceptions stated below.

LVN/LPN Proficiency Testing Option

William Jessup University provides qualified LPN/LVN students with an opportunity to earn up to seven (7) credits in the BSN program through proficiency testing. Eligible applicants must be admitted to the BSN degree program before applying for LPN/LVN advance standing. They must meet the following criteria: Maintenance of an active unencumbered LPN/LVN license from a jurisdiction recognized by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), employed as an LVN/LPN within the last twelve months, and all other admission requirements of the program. To earn proficiency credits for NURS361 and NUR361P, students must successfully complete the Nursing Fundamentals standardized assessment and the nursing



skills validation. Students must take the assessment test to qualify for the skills assessment. Both competencies must be passed to receive credit for NURS361 and NURS361P. To earn proficiency credits for PSYC141, students must successfully complete the Lifespan Development proficiency exam.

Students interested in proficiency option testing should contact their student success coach immediately upon admission for more details.

The LVN 30-unit option, non-degree applicant is required to:

- Submit an official high school transcript with documentation of graduation or GED certificate.
- Submit official transcripts with documentation of completion from LVN program.
- Submit a copy of current California LVN license.
- Submit all department and clinical agency documents, including but not limited to, a criminal background check, drug screening, CPR for healthcare professionals, physical examination and immunizations and a valid California driver's license.
- Submit an academic and work experience portfolio. Applicant will be given credit for previous successful completion required courses at another accredited institution. Additional prerequisites may be required and are determined on an individual basis.
- Be subject to writing, theory, skills and math testing and additional faculty costs for indicated remediation.
- Intention for the 30 unit, non-degree option must be declared at the time of application and acceptance is limited to space available.

LVN to NCLEX Non-Degree Option Courses

Course Name	Units
BIOL245 Physiology	3
BIOL245L Physiology Lab	1
BIOL336 Microbiology	3
BIOL336L Microbiology Lab	1
NURS464 Adult Health II Theory	5
NURS464P Adult Health II Clinical Lab (Geriatrics Integrated)	4
NURS361 Nursing Fundamentals Theory	3
NURS361P Nursing Fundamentals Clinical Lab	1
NURS450 Faithful Leading in Nursing: Theory and Clinical	5

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NURS498 Nursing Capstone: Theory and Clinical	3
Total units= 29*	29

*30 units are not required in the 30-unit option

Please contact the BSN Program director for any questions about the application or program.

Residency requirements, if applicable:

- The standard WJU residency requirements apply to the BSN Program (36 semester units at the upper division level).

Clinical Requirements: Must be completed prior to first clinical experience.

Proof of identification (Current Passport, Drivers License, Real ID, Military ID)

Clearances:

- Background Check/Live Scan
- Health Clearance (Immunizations)
- Drug Testing
- CPR Certification
- Proof of health insurance
- Reliable form of transportation with proof of motor vehicle insurance

Military Personnel (Veterans)

Military Education and Experience — Evaluation/Challenge Process

United States (US) Veterans with military education and experience planning to enroll into nursing courses must first be accepted by and fulfill all matriculation requirements of Jessup University. The Department of Nursing should be contacted at the time of application to the University. All university requirements must be met for graduation.

Eligible Criteria:

- Be a veteran of the United States military (honorably discharged and provide a DD form 214 "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" showing proof of healthcare specialist rating) as referenced in the Jessup Academic Catalog or
- Be serving in active duty status with the United States military and provide proof of healthcare specialist rating or
- Be classified with a healthcare specialist rating (i.e., Navy HM, AF 4N0X1, Army 68W) while serving in the military



- Submit proof of a minimum of 2 years or equivalent experience as a healthcare specialist or comparable role within the past 3 years

A separate application is made to the nursing department. Applicants must complete all pre-clinical nursing requirements and be accepted into the BSN Program, meeting the same eligibility requirements as other applicants. Placement into clinical nursing is on a space available basis.

All applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 for all college-level courses taken.

All required non-nursing prerequisites as outlined in the four year curriculum map for nursing, should be completed before entering clinical nursing courses. Transfer credit for non-nursing courses will be granted by the Registrar's Office as indicated in the university catalog.

Generic military credit is not given. If admitted to the BSN Program, veterans may submit a portfolio to demonstrate theoretical and clinical learning, and work experience. The portfolio will be the basis of determining challenge eligibility.

The portfolio will include the following:

- Documentation of Military Health Care Occupation (Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP), Army HealthCare Specialist (68W Army Medic) or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4N0XIC) with an honorable discharge
- Official military transcript with ACE recommendations
- Copy of any licenses or certifications
- Two references: One from a commanding officer and one work recommendation from an immediate supervisor who has worked with the applicant for at least 5 months.
- Educational and work resume of accomplishments outside of the military

Per university policy, a minimum of 30 credits must be taken at Jessup with at least 15 credits of upper division courses in the major field. The challenge student will be evaluated and provided personalized course advisement on how to complete requirements unique to Jessup such as ENGL 101A English Composition and transition into the BSN role.

Military Corpsmen will usually be eligible for a challenge option of NURS 361 Nursing Fundamentals Theory, and NURS 361P Nursing Fundamentals Clinical Lab.

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- NURS 361 Nursing Fundamentals Theory will be challenged through a written test. Upon challenge confirmation students will be given course materials (syllabus, content outline, bibliography/textbook list).
- NURS 361P Nursing Fundamentals Clinical Skills Lab challenge will require the validation of skills included in the NURS 361P course curriculum.
- To earn proficiency credit, students must pass the written exam before being allowed to schedule validation of clinical skills with the instructor. Students must pass both parts of the challenge process to earn proficiency credits.

The Advanced Army Medic, Independent Duty Corpsman, or Advanced Air Force Medic may be eligible for additional challenge credit to be arranged on an individual basis.

The cost of the Evaluation/Challenge Process will be \$350.

Application Denied:

Applicants denied academic eligibility by the Jessup admission committee are denied for the semester for which they applied. Applicants may reapply the following application cycle from denial. Applicants who receive two denials are no longer eligible for further reapplication.

BSN Program Admission Rubric				
Fixed Criteria		Points Allocated		Total:
GPA	3.0	Overall GPA	Science Course GPA:	40
		3.76 - 4.00 = 30 3.51 - 3.75 = 20 3.26 - 3.50 = 10 3.0 - 3.25 = 5	+ 3.75 - 4.00 = 10 3.50 - 3.74 = 6 3.25 - 3.74 = 3 3.00 - 3.24 = 1	
TEAS Minimum Score	70%	90% or ↑ = 15 80% - 89.9% = 10 70% - 79.9% = 5		15
Total Fixed Criteria Points:				55

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Guiding Principles Criteria		
	Points Allocated (Number listed is Maximum)	
Required		
Personal Statement	2 reviewers will allocate up to 2 points per reviewer	4
Letters of Recommendation	2 (Academic, Community, Church, Character)	2
Recommended		
Local Area Student	(Greater Sacramento Region)	6
Current Jessup Student		5
Relevant Work, Volunteer, Leadership, or Mission Experience		5
First Generation College Student		4
Veterans or current Military		4
Bilingual Language Proficiency	Approved Languages: Spanish, Chinese, Southeast Asian languages, Russian and other Slavic languages, Farsi, Arabic, Tagalog, Hindi and Punjabi and other Indic languages. These languages were chosen based on the needs of our regional, clinical agencies and census data. We regret points are not awarded for French, German, or other languages where a “need” has not been identified. American Sign Language – Completion of a 4th-semester, college-level ASL course required; or 3 years of high school course work.	3
Underserved Community		3
Federal or State Assistance		3
Bachelor's Degree or higher Healthcare related		3
Bachelor's Degree or higher Non Healthcare or Associate Degree Healthcare		2
Associate Degree Non Healthcare		1
Total Guiding Principles Criteria Points or %:		45
Total Fixed Criteria Points:		55
Total Possible Points:		100

