

**Mercy College of Ohio**  
**Student Selection Criteria for Admission into the First Year Pre-Nursing Track - Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program**

**Students With No Previous College Credits**

Applicants who are seeking admission to the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing may be admitted to the First Year Pre-Nursing Track if they meet the following general requirements:

An applicant must either be a high school graduate with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.7, or a general equivalency diploma (GED) recipient with a score of 570.

An applicant should have completed and passed the necessary high school courses, or their college equivalents:

- English - three units (May include public speaking or journalism. Not required for GED recipients)
- \*\* Biology - one unit
- \*\* Chemistry with a lab - one unit
- \*\* Math - two units (One must be Algebra)
- Social Studies - two units (Not required for GED recipients)

All courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better; a grade of 'B' or better is preferred. Courses marked with \*\* must have been completed within the past seven years with grade of 'C' or better; a grade of 'B' or better preferred. For prerequisites, the seven-year time frame applies to all applicants, regardless of their previous academic performance. There is no waiving of the seven-year time frame for prerequisites, even for applicants who hold degrees or healthcare diplomas.

An applicant must have achieved the following testing scores:

- ACT composite score of 21, with a score of at least 20 on the mathematics sub-test and a score of at least 19 on the scientific reasoning sub-test, or SAT with a combined score of 950 or above.
- ACT/SAT testing will be waived for transfer applicants who have earned a minimum of 12 college semester hours at a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a minimum 2.7 GPA.

**Admission to BSN Pre-Nursing does not guarantee admission to the BSN Program/Clinicals that begin in the second year of the program. You are encouraged to work towards admission by:**

- Maintaining a 2.7 GPA or higher.
- Completing the required first year courses with a "C" or higher, "B" preferred
- Scoring at the Proficient level or higher on the TEAS test (Program admission testing)

**Note: Admission to the Nursing Program is competitive and is granted to the best qualified candidates. There are frequently more applicants than available spaces. Applicants will be reviewed only when application files are complete. All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to review. Students will be ranked based on a point system.**