



UNITED NURSING COLLEGE

Associate Degree Nursing Admission Criteria Point System

Admission Requirements:

1. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in the science prerequisites.
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in the general education prerequisites.
3. Must receive a 70% or higher composite score on the Health Education Systems Incorporated Admissions (HESI A2) exam.
4. Must be 18 years old.
5. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
6. Must be a legal resident of the United States.

Criterion 1: Grade point average in pre-nursing science courses or equivalents.

Documentation Required & Point Distribution:

1. Anatomy or Anatomy/Physiology I
2. Physiology or Anatomy/Physiology II
3. Microbiology

The cumulative grade point average (GPA) is computed for the three pre-nursing science courses (or their equivalents). Applicant must earn an overall minimum GPA of 2.5 to be considered for admission to this program. Courses with substandard grades may be repeated until a passing grade of C- or better is achieved.

Science courses can be retaken for an improved grade. Courses should not be taken for Credit/No Credit. If a course has already been taken for Credit, and the Credit was equivalent to at least a grade of C or better, we will assume a grade of C for such course(s) in the calculation of the GPA.

If your Anatomy and Physiology courses are 5-6 years old, we recommend taking UNC's A&P I and A&P II refresher courses. If your Anatomy and Physiology courses are greater than 7 years old, we require that students take UNC's A&P I and A&P II refresher courses. Microbiology does not expire.

GPA	Points
4.0	35 points
3.5-3.99	30 points
3.0-3.49	25 points
2.5-2.99	20 points

Points: _____ / 35

Criterion 2: Grade point average in pre-nursing general education courses or equivalents.

Documentation Required & Point Distribution:

1. Oral Communication
2. English Composition
3. Math (Intermediate Algebra or higher)
4. Psychology
5. Sociology
6. Humanities

The GPA is computed for the pre-nursing general education courses (or their equivalents). Applicant must earn a C- or better each course and an overall minimum GPA of 2.0 to be considered for admission to this program. Courses do not expire and may be retaken for a better grade. A Humanities course is required but not used to calculate GPA. The higher grade between Psychology and Sociology will be used to calculate GPA. AP exam scores are accepted but not used to calculate GPA. Courses may be repeated for a higher grade.

GPA	Points
4.0	15 points
3.5-3.99	13 points
3.0-3.49	11 points
2.5-2.99	9 points
2.0-2.49	7 points

Points: _____ / 15

Criterion 3: Health Education Systems Incorporated Admissions (HESI A2) composite score

Documentation Required & Point Distribution:

All applicants are required to take the HESI A2 exam. No other assessment will be accepted in lieu of the HESI A2 exam. Applicants must score a minimum of 70% as their composite score on this exam in order to be considered for admission to this program. Each applicant will be allowed a total of two attempts.

If unsuccessful on the first exam attempt, UNC recommends that the applicant complete a HESI remediation and retake the exam after 30 days.

Score	Points
95.0-100	20 points
90.0-94.9	16 points
85.0-89.9	13 points
80.0-84.9	10 points
75.0-79.9	7 points
70.0-74.9	4 points

Points: _____ / 20

Criterion 4: Academic degrees earned (US degrees only)

Documentation Required & Point Distribution:

Points are awarded for the highest US academic degree earned. Applicants cannot earn points for multiple degrees.

Degree	Points
MS/MA	10 points
BS/BA	10 points
AS/AA	5 points

Points: _____ / 10

Criterion 5: Relevant health certifications

Documentation Required & Point Distribution:

Points are awarded for one certification only. Provide a copy of certification or DD214.

Accepted allied health certifications: Medical Assistant (MA); Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA); Emergency Medical Technician (EMT); Paramedic; Phlebotomist; Surgical Technician; Respiratory Therapy Technician.

Certification	Points
Military Healthcare Occupation/LVN	6 points
Allied Health Certification	5 points

Points: _____ / 6

Criterion 6: Relevant work experience or volunteer experiences

Documentation Required & Point Distribution:

To earn points, applicant must provide documentation of a minimum of 100 hours of relevant work or volunteer experience within the last 3 years.

Relevant experience (work or volunteer) will only be accepted if completed in an acute care (hospital), skilled nursing facility, clinic setting providing direct patient care, or hospice facility and must involve personal interaction with patients or residents. Hours can be accumulated from multiple locations, and they can include hours performed during high school and anytime thereafter.

Points: _____ / 4

Criterion 7: Life experiences and special circumstances

Documentation Required & Point Distribution:

- a. Active-duty military or veteran (also applies to spouse)
Provide a copy of your or your spouse's military ID or DD214.
- b. Disabilities
Provide a copy DAC evaluation, letter from physician, letter from Veteran's Affairs, etc.
- c. Low family income
Provide a letter of eligibility/award of financial aid, CCPG, Federal Pell Grant, EOPS, Cal Works, EDD, Cal Fresh, Medi-Cal, etc.
- d. First generation to attend college
Provide a written statement, 100 words minimum.
- e. Need to work during prerequisites

Provide a letter signed by an employer on company letterhead verifying dates of employment or W2 for year worked or paystubs that align with prerequisite dates.

- f. Social or educational disadvantages
Provide a written statement, 200 words minimum.
- g. Difficult personal or family circumstances
Provide a written statement, 200 words minimum.
- h. Refugee
Provide a copy of card indicating refugee status.

Points: _____ / 7

Criterion 8: Proficiency in language other than English

Documentation Required & Point Distribution:

To earn points, applicant must provide documented proficiency or advanced level coursework in a language other than English. See below for documentation options:

- High school transcripts including language courses (1/2 point per year)
- Unofficial college transcripts including language courses (1 point per semester; 1 point per level)
- Letter from employer verifying language(s) spoken at work (3 points)
- Written statement in English and fluent language, 200 words minimum (3 points)

Points: _____ / 3

Criterion 9: UUN/UNC alumni and/or Trinity Health Academy alumni

Documentation Required & Point Distribution:

Points are awarded for documentation provided indicating status as alumni of Trinity Health Academy or UUN/UNC. Applicant must provide unofficial copy of CNA, RNA, HHA, or MA certification from Trinity Health Academy or unofficial copy of certification/degree from UUN/UNC. Alumni from UUN/UNC MA courses must have completed Front Office, Back Office, and Practicum.

Experience	Points
UUN/UNC Alumni	1 bonus point
THA Alumni	1 bonus point

Bonus Point: _____ / 1

TOTAL Application Points: _____ / 100