Admissions Policy

All program applicants will be required to meet standardized criteria in order to apply for the program. The education requirements for admission are as follows:

1. High School Education – A candidate must have completed work equal to a standard high school education. A general equivalency diploma (GED) is accepted as a standard high school education. **Official High School transcript is required of all applicants.**

2. High School Class Rank - Class rank will be considered for high school applicants and recent graduates. Rank in the upper half of the class is preferred.

3. Grade Point Average (GPA) - GPA will be considered for all applicants. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is preferred, with a “C” grade or better (required) in algebra, general biology, and general chemistry and each must be one full credit. (C-minus not acceptable).

4. Applicants will have completed work equivalent to a high school course with a minimum of 16 units, including three units of English, three units of social studies, two units of mathematics (one of which is algebra I), and two units of science with a related laboratory or the equivalent (general biology & general chemistry.)

5. All applicants will be required to take the National League for Nursing Preadmission Examination for RN applicants, and a score in at least the 60th percentile is preferred.

6. Post-secondary Education - Applicants who have completed post-secondary coursework must submit a transcript(s).

7. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for applicants whose first language is not English. Acceptable scores must be documented. Minimum passing score for the TOEFL iBT is 84 or higher total score, with a minimum speaking score of 26. Minimum passing score for the TOEFL PBT is 540 or higher total score. TOEFL code is 0205.

8. Applicants must have a cleared/clean record of all criminal and child abuse clearances in order to apply. Clearances are not required until after acceptance into the program and must be turned in prior to the start of classes.

9. All Geisinger facilities are tobacco free. In accordance with Geisinger policy, all applicants who are offered admission will be required to have a nicotine screening. If results are positive, the offer for admission will be rescinded.

10. Must be a U.S. Citizen.

***It is the policy of the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing to provide equal opportunity for all applicants without regard to race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, non-job related handicap, disability, or age. The Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing is committed to offering students who are disabled (as defined by Section 104 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) an opportunity to participate in the program.

**THIS POLICY WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.**