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**Last Revised**March 2022**I. Statement of Policy**

Program applicants will be required to meet standardized criteria in order to apply for the program.

**II. Scope**

Applicants to the School of Nursing/ Faculty.

**III. Procedure**

A. Requirements for admission are as follows:

1. High School Education – A candidate must have completed work equal to a standard high school education. A Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma (CSSD) is accepted as a standard high school education. Candidates who obtained their CSSD (GED) out of the state of Pennsylvania are required to submit a Certificate of Preliminary Education from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. **An official High school transcript is required of all applicants.**
2. A points system is utilized for determining admission eligibility into the program (see attached point grid). The following areas are taken into consideration: GPA, entrance exam, previous medical experience/licensure, previous degrees/course work.
3. Grade Point Average (GPA) - GPA will be considered for all applicants. A minimum cumulative 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 is not acceptable).
4. Applicants will have completed work equivalent to a high school education with a minimum of 16 units, including *four units of English, three units of social studies, two units of mathematics (one of which is Algebra), and two units of science, (general biology and general chemistry) with a related laboratory or the equivalent.* Algebra taken at a post-secondary school must be a college algebra or intermediate algebra.
5. All applicants may take an entrance exam. The ATI TEAS test, National League for Nursing Preadmission Examination for RN, ACT, or SAT test is acceptable for consideration for admission for the program. No minimum score on these entrance exams is required, but the score is considered as part of the admission points review process.
6. Postsecondary Education - Applicants who have completed post-secondary coursework must submit a transcript(s) and detailed course description(s) for evaluation of academic achievement and possible credit transfer. Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above is preferred. (Note that all post-secondary coursework must be completed at an accredited university)
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.
8. 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.
9. Certain vaccinations may be required. Inquiries can be made with the admissions committee for current policies.

10. Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident of the USA.
11. Must be 18 years of age by the time of entrance into the program
12. FBI (federal criminal history/fingerprint based), PA State police, and child abuse clearances will need to be obtained within 6 months of start of the program. and show no relevant criminal history. Clearances are not required until after acceptance into the program and must be turned in prior to the start of classes. Acceptance into the program may be revoked if clearances show relevant criminal history. Final determination will be made by the admission's committee.

\*\*\*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) and opportunity to participate in the program.

B. Applicants will be reviewed for admission after the following forms (if applicable) have been received:

1. Completed School of Nursing application
2. Write a statement of purpose essay describing why you want to be a nurse (approximately 250 words). Essay can be uploaded in Empower or submitted via email to nursing program.
3. High School graduate transcript (past or current) and/or GED (if applicable)
4. College and /or post-secondary education transcripts (past and current) (if applicable)
5. LPN License (if applicable)
6. Report from TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language if applicable)

NOTE: Applicants are responsible for obtaining and submitting official high school, post-secondary education, and college transcripts to the School of Nursing. These can be directly sent from the Institution electronically or must be in an sealed envelopes with a signature across the seal. Attendance at any other institution must be reported at the time of application. Failure to indicate at the time of application that the individual has taken courses at another institution will result in denial of credit transfer from that specific institution. Any other misrepresentation or material omission of fact in an application will result in the denial or revocation of admission

C. If the above requirements are met, the student may be scheduled for an interview with faculty members to assess the applicant's motivation, personal qualities, academic potential, and aptitude for the nursing profession.

Upon acceptance to the GLHSON, see the post-admission requirements in the application packet on our website.

## Point System for Admission

# Points  
assigned

GPA (most recent)	2.5	1	Applicant Point Value
	3.0	2	
	3.5	3	
	4.0	4	

Prev Degree	Associates	1	Applicant Point Value
	Bachelor's	2	
	Master's	3	

Only 1 Type of testing will be used for scoring (the test resulting in the highest number of points will be used)

Keystones (Avg of 3 areas)	1439	1	SAT Composite Score	850	1	ACT Composite Score	15	1
	1500	2		1050	2		20	2
	1525	3		1200	3		25	3
	>1546	4		>1350	4		>29	4
NLN Score	50	1	TEAS Score	41.3	1	Applicant Point Value		
	60	2		58.7	2			
	70	3		78	3			
	>80	4		>90.7	4			

# of Gen Ed Courses Completed	2 courses	1	Applicant Point Value
	3 courses	2	
	4 courses	3	
	>4 courses	4	

Current LPN License	3	Applicant Point Value
Other Health Care Experience (PCA, CNA, Medic, Phlebotomy, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Tech, volunteer, etc.)	2	
Health Sciences/Medical Courses in High School within the last 5 years	1	

Minimum # of points for admission =4\*

Total Applicant Point Value
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A score of 5 points or above allows for offered admission upon application (if other required criteria is met).

Prospective students with a score of 4 points will be considered for admission with seats available.

Tentatively, a student with 4 points may be placed on a wait list if less than 5 seats remain available by July 1st of the current admission year.

\*Current High School students receiving 3 points will be considered for admission but an in-person interview will be required