EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
The School of Nursing and Health Sciences offers educational opportunities to qualified individuals who seek a career in nursing. A student pursues a planned course of study which will help him/her develop intellectually, emotionally, and socially in preparation for nursing practice as a registered nurse (RN). The nursing program provides curriculum which assists an individual in giving safe, effective nursing care for culturally diverse patients in a variety of health care settings. The registered nurse functions as a member of the healthcare team in promoting and restoring optimal wellness. In addition to classroom hours, the student will participate in clinical, skills and high fidelity simulation, computer laboratory experiences. A grade of 75 or higher in each nursing course must be maintained and all nursing courses must be successfully completed within four years of admission into the nursing program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Achievement of the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Minimum requirements for consideration for admission are as follows:

1. A student must be 18 years of age at the time of admission into the nursing program.
2. The first step in the admission process will be evaluation of a student’s overall grade point average (as articulated by ABAC). A student whose overall grade point average is 2.50 or higher will be conditionally accepted. A student must achieve a minimum grade of a “C” in all core courses applicable to the nursing program specifically). A student who has received two failures at another nursing program. A student whose overall grade point average is 2.50 will be denied acceptance to the program.
3. The School of Nursing and Health Sciences utilizes the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) as a tool to assess the readiness of prospective nursing students for both the Generic and One Year Registered Nurse program tracks. The HESI Admission Assessment (A2) consists of five computerized content exams including: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Anatomy and Physiology, and Critical Thinking. Students must score a minimum 75% on all content exams and the composite score. The composite score received and the student’s nursing grade point average will be utilized to determine admission into the ABAC nursing program. The composite score and the nursing grade point average will count 50% each and determine an admission score by which students will be ranked. The testing procedure, process for registering for the exam, and other details about the assessment are found on the School of Nursing and Health Sciences’ website at www.abac.edu/academics/schools/nursing.
4. A student must achieve a minimum grade of a “C” in all core courses applicable to the nursing program.
5. When space limits the acceptance of all qualified applicants, those meeting the minimum requirements will be ranked according to their admission score as determined by the nursing grade point average (any attempt at the core courses applicable to the nursing curriculum) and the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) composite score. This ranking will determine admission status.
6. Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II and the corresponding labs must have been completed within the five (5) years prior to initial admission into the nursing program.
7. Pharmacology for Health Professions must have been completed within one (1) year prior to initial admission into the nursing program. This course is not transferable from another institution and must be taken at ABAC.
8. Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II and Microbiology and the corresponding labs and Pharmacology for Health Professions may be repeated one time only. Failed courses that are more than two (2) years old can be repeated. After successful completion of the course(s), the student may apply to the nursing program.
9. A student who has received two failures at another nursing program(s) will not be eligible for admission into ABAC’s nursing programs. Exceptions may occur if a student’s failures are older than two years.
10. Students are required to complete a CPR course, immunizations required for clinical, a criminal background check and drug screen upon admission into the nursing program. Denial to a clinical agency due to a background check or a positive drug screen will lead to dismissal from the program.
11. A candidate for the Generic Track must meet all of the above admission requirements (#1-10) plus the following additional requirements:
   a. A student is eligible to enter the program after successful completion of the following with a minimum grade of C or better:
      - ENGL 1101 Composition I 3 hrs
      - PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology 3 hrs
      - PSYC 2103 Human Growth & Development 3 hrs
      - MATH 1001 Quantitative Reasoning OR MATH 1002 College Algebra 3 hrs
      - MATH 1111 College Algebra OR MATH 1004 College Math for Health 3 hrs
      - PNUR 1013 Pharmacology for Health 3 hrs
      - BIOL 2011 & lab Human Anatomy & Physiology I 4 hrs
      - BIOL 2012 & lab Human Anatomy & Physiology II 4 hrs
   In addition to the overall GPA, a minimum nursing GPA of 2.50 evaluating all attempts of the above courses is required. All other core course requirements may be successfully completed along with the nursing sequence. If a student has completed other required core courses in addition to the minimum, those courses will also be used to calculate the nursing admission GPA.
   b. Only core courses required for the associate degree nursing program will be used to calculate the nursing grade point average. Grades achieved in each attempt will be used in the calculation of this grade point average.
   c. Students who have been rejected due to limited program space may have BSN level and PNUR core courses counted in the calculation of their GPA if all program core courses have been completed.
   d. Students must successfully complete the Pharmacology Validation Examination prior to final acceptance into the program.

Refer to the college catalog for additional admission requirements and academic regulations for the nursing program.

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