



ABAC

**School of Nursing, Health
and Natural Sciences**

Nursing

Competitive Admissions Handbook

Associate of Science in Nursing





Hello Students!

We are thrilled that you are considering joining the School of Nursing and Health Science (SONHS) Associate Degree Nursing program! Our program is designed to provide you with a comprehensive education that combines rigorous academic coursework with hands-on clinical experience. You will be guided by our dedicated faculty, who are committed to helping you achieve your full potential.

We understand that choosing the right program is a significant decision, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Whether you have questions about the application process, curriculum, or career opportunities, our team is ready to assist you. To help you navigate the admission process, we have prepared a comprehensive guide that outlines the steps required to become part of our program. This guide provides valuable information on application requirements, deadlines, and tips for a successful application.

Thank you for considering our nursing program. We look forward to welcoming you and helping you achieve your dreams of becoming a compassionate and skilled Registered Nurse.

Sincerely,
SONHS Faculty

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The Associate of Science in Nursing and RN-BSN Programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing.



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ASN Traditional Program Curriculum Plan

PREREQUISITES CORE COURSES REQUIRED PRIOR TO STARTING PROGRAM (The most recent attempt in each course is used in calculating the Nursing Prioritization GPA.)			
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Total
ENGL 1101	Composition I	3	3
ENGL 1102	Composition II	3	3
POLS 1101	American Government	3	3
BIOL 2251 BIOL 2251L BIOL 2252 BIOL 2252L *5-year expiration rule	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab Human Anatomy & Physiology II Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	4 4	8
NURSING PROGRAM CORE COURSES (REQUIRED PRIOR TO GRADUATION)			
BIOL 2260 BIOL 2260L	Foundations of Microbiology Foundations of Microbiology Lab	4	4
Fine Arts /Humanities	Appreciation course/ Literature course/ Humanities	3	3
HIST 2111 or (2112)	United States History I or (History II)	3	3
MATH 1001 or (1111)	Quantitative Reasoning or (College Algebra)	3	3
PSYC 1101 or (2103)	Intro to Psychology or (Human Growth and Development)	3	3
PHED (exclude 1100)	Physical Education Activity	1 (NC)	1 (NC)
Total Credit Hours-Core Courses			33
NURSING COURSES			
Semester			
NURS 1108** NURS 1109**	Fundamentals Health & Physical Assessment	6 3	9
Semester II			
NURS 1110 NURS 1116	Medical/Surgical One Mental Health Nursing	6 3	9
Semester III			
NURS 2207 NURS 2208	Medical/Surgical Two Maternal-Child & Women's Health	6 3	9
Semester IV (NURS 2209/2210 are only offered in Spring and Fall semesters.)			
NURS 2209** NURS 2210 ** NURS 2212**	Pediatrics Medical/Surgical Three Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	3 6 1	10
Total Credit Hours-Nursing Discipline			37
Grand Total			70
Special Notes*			
*Students must have a minimum of 2.50 GPA to qualify for admission to the nursing program.			
*Students are encouraged to take as many required core classes as possible before attending the nursing program.			
*BIOL 2260/BIOL 2260L must be completed prior to being able to register for NURS 2207& 2208.			
*All Core Courses must be completed prior to beginning the last semester of the nursing program.			
*To advance to the sophomore sequence of the Traditional Track, students must successfully complete the Mid-Curricular Examination with a minimum score of 75%, equivalent to level three. Those who do not meet this requirement will need to enroll in the PNUR 1911 Concepts Enrichment Course.			
**NURS 1108, 1109, 2210 & 2212 are only offered in the Spring and Fall semesters.			



ASN Bridge Program Curriculum Plan

PREREQUISITES CORE COURSES (REQUIRED PRIOR TO STARTING PROGRAM)

COURSES INCLUDED IN THE PRIORITIZATION GPA			
Course Number	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	TOTAL
ENGL 1101	Composition I	3	3
ENGL 1102	Composition II	3	3
POLS 1101	American Government	3	3
BIOL 2251 BIOL 2251L BIOL 2252 BIOL 2252L *5-year expiration rule	*Human Anatomy & Physiology I *Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab *Human Anatomy & Physiology II *Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	4 4	8
COURSES REQUIRED PRIOR TO ENTERING PROGRAM BUT NOT USED IN PRIORITIZATION GPA			
MATH 1001 or (1111)	Quantitative Reasoning or (College Algebra)	3	3
BIOL 2260 BIOL 2260L	Foundations of Microbiology Foundations of Microbiology Lab	4	4
PSYC 1101 or (2103)	Intro to Psychology or (Human Growth and Development)	3	3
Fine Arts /Humanities	Appreciation course/ Literature course/ Humanities	3	3
HIST 2111 or (2112)	United States History I or (History II)	3	3
PHED (exclude 1100)	Physical Education Activity	1 (NC)	1 (NC)
		Total Credit Hours-Core Courses	33
NURSING COURSES			
Semester I			
NURS 1109B NURS 1115B	Health & Physical Assessment Transition to Associate Degree Nursing	3 3	6
Semester II			
NURS 2207B NURS 2208B NURS 1116B	Medical/Surgical II Maternal-Child & Women's Health Mental Health Nursing	6 3 3	12
Semester III			
NURS 2209B NURS 2210B** NURS 2212B**	Pediatrics Medical/Surgical III Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	3 6 1	10
		Total Credit Hours-Nursing Discipline	28
		Articulation Credit*	9
		Grand Total	70
Special Notes*			
*All coursework must be completed before applying to the ASN Bridge program.			
*Articulation credit for NURS 1108 is awarded to the student upon successful completion of NURS 1115B.			
*Must pass the Program Specific Competency Exam with a 75 to be eligible for the program within two attempts.			
*Students must have a minimum of 2.50 GPA to qualify for admission to the nursing program.			
**NURS 2210 and 2212 are only offered in the Spring and Fall semesters.			



Nursing at Night (ABAC-Bainbridge ONLY) ASN Traditional Program Curriculum Plan

PREREQUISITES CORE COURSES (REQUIRED PRIOR TO STARTING PROGRAM)			
Course Number	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	
ENGL 1101	Composition I	3	3
ENGL 1102	Composition II	3	3
POLS 1101	American Government	3	3
BIOL 2251 BIOL 2251L BIOL 2252 BIOL 2252L *5-year expiration rule	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab Human Anatomy & Physiology II Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	4 4	8
NURSING PROGRAM CORE COURSES (REQUIRED PRIOR TO GRADUATION)			
BIOL 2260 BIOL 2260L	Foundations of Microbiology Foundations of Microbiology Lab	4	4
Fine Arts /Humanities	Appreciation course/ Literature course/ Humanities	3	3
HIST 2111 or (2112)	United States History I or (History II)	3	3
MATH 1001 or (1111)	Quantitative Reasoning or (College Algebra)	3	3
PSYC 1101 or (2103)	Intro to Psychology or (Human Growth and Development)	3	3
PHED (exclude 1100)	Physical Education Activity	1 (NC)	1 (NC)
Total Credit Hours-Core Courses			33
NURSING COURSES			
Semester I (Spring)			
NURS 1108 NURS 1109	Fundamentals Health & Physical Assessment	6 3	9
Semester II (Fall)			
NURS 1110 NURS 1116	Medical/Surgical One Mental Health Nursing	6 3	9
Semester III (Spring)			
NURS 2207 NURS 2208	Medical/Surgical Two Maternal-Child & Women's Health	6 3	9
Semester IV (Fall)			
NURS 2209 NURS 2210 NURS 2212	Pediatrics Medical/Surgical Three Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	3 6 1	10
Total Credit Hours-Nursing Discipline			37
Grand Total			70
Special Notes*			
*Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 to qualify for admission to the nursing program.			
*Students are encouraged to take as many required core classes as possible before attending the nursing program.			
*BIOL 2260/BIOL 2260L must be completed before registering for NURS 2207 & 2208.			
*All Core Courses must be completed prior to the start of the last semester of the nursing program.			
*To advance to the sophomore sequence of the Traditional Track, students must successfully complete the Mid-Curricular Examination with a minimum score of 75%, equivalent to level three. Those who do not meet this requirement will need to enroll in the PNUR 1911 Concepts Enrichment Course.			
**NURS 1108, 2210 and 2212 are only offered in the Spring and Fall semesters.			



Associate of Science in Nursing Program Traditional Track Acceptance Procedures

To be admitted to the Associate of Science in Nursing Program at ABAC, students must meet the admission requirements as outlined by ABAC. Admission to the nursing program is academically competitive and is based on academic qualifications. *Achievement of the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.*

Application Deadlines*

- Tifton Campus ASN application deadlines:
 - October 1: Spring admission
 - July 1: Fall admission
 - March 1: Bridge admission
- ABAC-Bainbridge ASN application deadlines:
 - October 1: Spring admission (Nursing at Night-Odd Numbered Years Only)
 - July 1: Fall admission
 - March 1: Bridge admission

*Applications and admission requirements submitted after the posted deadlines may be held and reviewed for the next available class.

Minimum Requirements for Admission to the Nursing Program

- Admission to ABAC as a student.
- Must be 18 years of age at the time of program entry.
- Overall GPA must be 2.5 or higher.
- Nursing Prioritization GPA must be 2.5 or higher.

Course Specific Information

- BIOL 2251/BIOL 2251L and BIOL 2252/BIOL 2252L must be completed within five years of applying and being accepted into the nursing program.
 - Example: BIOL 2251/BIOL 2251L, which is good for 5 years, is taken in Fall of 2020. It will be in date through the Fall of 2025. Students can use that course to meet requirements for admission into the Spring 2026 cohort, but after that, the course would need to be repeated.
- If a student fails BIOL 2251/BIOL 2251L or BIOL 2252/BIOL 2252L twice, all failures must be greater than 2 years old before the student can be considered for admission.
- If a student receives two failures in a nursing program (including ABAC), the student will not be eligible for admission **unless the failures are more than two years old.**
 - Please see the note on page 1 for examples.
- Pre-licensure ASN/BSN nursing (NURS) courses completed by students at other institutions do not transfer to ABAC.

Academic Renewal

Students who are either returning to ABAC or transferring from a regionally accredited institution of higher education to ABAC may be eligible for Academic Renewal. Academic Renewal for the student signals the initiation of a new grade point average to be used for determining academic standing. This provision allows University System of Georgia degree-seeking students who earlier experienced academic difficulty to make a fresh start and have one final opportunity to earn an



associate or bachelor's degree. Academic renewal is allowed for students interested in applying for the nursing programs within the SONHS. Students must work closely with the Registrar's office to ensure all standards for academic renewal are met. The application for Academic Renewal is available through the Registrar's Office or online at http://apps.abac.edu/registrar/Student_Resources/AcademicRenewal.pdf. Please contact the Registrar's office (registrar@abac.edu) if you have additional questions.

Competitive Admissions Prioritization System

Often, the school of nursing has more eligible applicants than positions available in the program. The following guidelines are used to prioritize students academically. The highest prioritized students are admitted to the program.

Guidelines for Calculating Nursing GPA: (Nursing GPA Calculator Available on Website)

- The following courses are used to calculate the prioritized nursing GPA:
 - ENGL 1101
 - ENGL 1102
 - POLS 1101
 - BIOL 2251 and corresponding lab (Must be less than 5 years old).
 - BIOL 2252 and corresponding lab (Must be less than 5 years old)
- The highest grade achieved will be used in the calculation of this grade point average.

Appeal Process

Admissions decisions made by the ABAC Nursing Program are final and cannot be appealed. While the program carefully evaluates multiple factors, providing specific feedback on why an applicant was denied admission may not always be feasible. Consequently, the Department of Nursing is not obligated to disclose the reasons for a denial. If you receive a denial notice, you will need to submit a new application for consideration in the next cohort, adhering to the specified deadline.

Admission Process

To aid interested individuals in the admission process, a 5-step process has been developed:

STEP 1:

Apply to and be accepted by Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

- Please visit www.abac.edu/admissions for admissions requirements based on student type. The application for admission to ABAC is found at GAfutures.org | Georgia Student Finance Commission.
- Submit official transcripts for high school diploma/GED and **ALL** colleges and/or technical colleges (transferable credit or not).
- Submit official SAT or ACT scores, if applicable.
 - ACT Code—0781
 - SAT Code—11675
- Upon acceptance as a Transfer or Readmit Student, an Advisor is assigned to assist with schedule planning and the nursing admissions process. All other students will receive information regarding the registration process.
- For specific questions regarding admission to ABAC, please email admissions@abac.edu.



STEP 2:

Achieve an **overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher** as calculated by the College and listed on the student transcript and in Degree Works.

- Overall GPA includes all college courses attempted.

STEP 3:

Achieve a **prioritized nursing GPA of 2.5 or higher**.

- The nursing prioritization GPA consists of the most recent grade in the following courses:
 - ENGL 1101
 - ENGL 1102
 - POLS 1101
 - BIOL 2251 and corresponding lab (Must be less than 5 years old)
 - BIOL 2252 and corresponding lab (Must be less than 5 years old)

STEP 4:

Achieve additional admission points.

- Students will receive an additional 1 point to their overall ranking score for completing all core classes included in the Nursing Prioritization GPA at ABAC.
- Students will receive an additional 1 point to their overall ranking score for living within a 100-mile radius of either Tifton or Bainbridge based upon either their mailing or permanent addresses.

STEP 5:

Apply to the Associate Degree Nursing Program via the ABAC Nursing School website.

- Visit the following website to apply for admission to the nursing program
https://www.abac.edu/academics/schools/nursing_health_science/index.html
- You must be accepted by ABAC to apply. You will need to have your ABAC email address and 918 student ID number.
 - Students admitted as Transient Students must request admission as a Transfer Student prior to admission to the nursing program.
 - If you are applying to the ASN Bridge Program, you will need to supply your license or certification number.

Associate of Science in Nursing Program Bridge Track Acceptance Procedures

Candidates for the one-year bridge program include Licensed Practical Nurses, Paramedics, Respiratory Therapists, and military personnel.

A candidate for the one-year bridge track must meet **ALL** the requirements listed above for admission to the traditional track, with the following additions. Documentation is required at the time of the application submission.

- Licensed Practical Nurse, Respiratory Therapist, or Paramedic.
 - Must have a current license or certification.
- Military personnel include Hospital Corpsmen, Army Medics, or Air Force Medical technicians.



- Must have an honorable discharge, reserve, guard, or active military status.
- Must submit a DD214 and a Joint Service Transcript (JST).
- Must have civilian or military direct patient care work experience within the last 12 months.
 - Verified by a letter of reference on letterhead from a supervisor with a job description.
- Must complete **all** nursing core course requirements prior to entering the program.
- Must have a minimum of 2.50 GPA to qualify for admission to the nursing program.
- Must successfully complete the comprehensive validation exam prior to admission into the program.
 - Two attempts to score 75% or higher on the comprehensive exam.
 - The comprehensive validation exam contains content from the pharmacology course as well as traditional track nursing courses NURS 1108 and NURS 1110.
 - The successful completion of the One Year RN track comprehensive and pharmacology validation exam is only applicable for one year.
 - If a student is not accepted due to limited program space and GPA prioritization, both exams must be retaken with future applications.
- Students transferring all core course credits from another institution must take a minimum of 28 semester hours at ABAC to be eligible for graduation.
- Pre-licensure ASN/BSN nursing (NURS) courses completed by students at other institutions do not transfer to ABAC.
- Additional days may be required to complete nursing activities aside from the regularly advertised class day.

Acceptance to the Nursing Program

Students will be notified of acceptance to the nursing program via his/her ABAC Stallions email account on the last day of the semester prior to admission. **Students must accept their seat by the deadline stated in the admission email.** Students who do not accept their seat by the deadline will forfeit their seat.

Students accepted to the traditional ASN program track must accept their seat by visiting this website: [Seat Acceptance](#)

Students accepted to the bridge ASN program track must accept their seat AND submit a license or certification number by visiting this website: [Seat Acceptance and Document Submission](#)

Ineligibility/Denial to the ASN Program

Typically, there are more qualified applicants than space available in our nursing programs. Therefore, our process is competitive, and we have to deny admission to some students with good academic records.

All applications are reviewed by program-specific admissions committees, which are comprised of faculty and staff. Committee members read applications prior to a committee meeting, where all applicants are discussed.



Even when taking many factors into consideration, it is sometimes difficult to provide specific feedback on why a student has been denied admission; thus, the SONHS is not required to provide a reason for denial. Students who are deemed ineligible or denied admission to the program are encouraged to work closely with their nursing advisor to identify and correct any problem areas if possible.

Students who receive two failures in a nursing program (including ABAC) will not be eligible for admission **unless the failures are more than two years old.**

For example:

First failure:

Fall 2023

NURS 1109 Health Assessment (D)

Second Failure:

Spring 2024

NURS 1110 Medical Surgical One (F)

Following the two-year rule (Year One- Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025; Year Two Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026), the student would be eligible to apply for admission in Summer 2026.

Students who are not accepted to the ASN program due to ineligibility or denial must re-apply for admission to the program.

Students who are accepted into the ASN program but decline their seat for whatever reason must re-apply for admission to the program.

Financial Aid Information

ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

The process of applying for financial aid can be simplified by following our Top Three Tips:

- Be sure your financial aid applications are error-free.
- Read applications carefully and respond to the questions asked as thoroughly as possible.
- Pay careful attention to all the communications you receive from our office.

Steps to Apply for Financial Aid

1. Use the following students to complete the financial aid application process:
2. Complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\) | USAgov](#) using ABAC's School Code: 001541
3. Submit any requested documents to the Financial Aid Office immediately upon request to expedite the financial awarding process.
4. Use your previous year's tax information to complete the FAFSA.
5. Learn more about Neighbor Waivers if you are a resident of Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Tennessee.
6. Access your eStallion (payment app) and ABAC email accounts to confirm that the office has received all the necessary information.



Available Options for Financial Aid

To help defray educational expenses at ABAC, the following funding sources are available through the Office of Financial Aid:

- Direct Loans
- Federal Work Study
- Grants
- HOPE

Additional information on these options may be found.

- https://www.abac.edu/admissions/financial_aid/types-aid.html

Scholarships Available

There are multiple scholarships available to nursing students at ABAC through Foundation Scholarships.

- <https://www.abac.edu/admissions/abac-scholarships.html>

All students are encouraged to apply for scholarships regardless of financial aid status and GPA.

Contact Information

Please use the following information to contact the office of Financial Aid at ABAC:

- https://www.abac.edu/admissions/financial_aid/index.html

Phone: 229.391.4910

Fax: 229.391.4871

Email: finaid@abac.edu

Mailing Address for All ABAC Sites:

ABAC 23, 2802 Moore Highway, Tifton, GA 31793

Approximate Cost of Attendance

The following chart has been created to provide you with information regarding the cost of the **ASN Traditional Program** at ABAC.

Semester	Courses	Costs		Total
First	NURS 1108 Fundamentals NURS 1109 Health and Physical Assessment	Tuition and Fees	1462	
		Books	600	
		Lab Supply (Voucher)	350	
		Uniforms and Supplies	200	
		Estimated First Semester Total		2,612
Second	NURS 1110 Medical Surgical II NURS 1116 Mental Health Nursing	Tuition and Fees	1,355	
		Books	396	
		Lab Supply (Voucher)	350	
		Estimated Second Semester Total		2,101
Third	NURS 2207 Medical Surgical III NURS 2208 Maternal Child and Women's Health	Tuition and Fees	1,462	
		Books	150	
		Lab Supply (Voucher)	350	
		Estimated Third Semester Total		1,962
Fourth	NURS 2209 Pediatrics NURS 2210 Medical Surgical III NURS 2212 Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	Tuition and Fees	1462	
		Books	200	
		Lab Supply (Voucher)	350	
		Estimated Fourth Semester Total		2,012
Total Estimated Program Costs				8,687

*The costs listed above are approximate values. The student is responsible for all costs associated with the ASN program.

Approximate Cost of Attendance

The following chart has been created to provide you with information regarding the cost of the **ASN Bridge Program** at ABAC.

Semester	Courses	Costs		Total	
Summer	NURS 1109B Health and Physical Assessment 1115B Transition to Associate Degree Nursing	Tuition and Fees	1,142	2,173	
		Books	481		
		Lab Supply (Voucher)	350		
		Uniforms and Supplies	200		
		Estimated Total First Semester			
Fall	NURS 1116B Mental Health Nursing NURS 2207B Medical Surgical II NURS 2208B Maternal Child and Women's Health	Tuition and Fees	1,676	2,421	
		Books	395		
		Lab Supply (Voucher)	350		
		Estimated Total Second Semester			
Spring	NURS 2209B Pediatrics NURS 2210B Medical Surgical III NURS 2212B Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	Tuition and Fees	1,462	2,012	
		Books	200		
		Lab Supply (Voucher)	350		
		Estimated Total Third Semester			
Estimated Total Program Costs				6,606	

*The costs listed above are approximate values. The student is responsible for all costs associated with the ASN program.

Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions Related to All Nursing Program Options

What is the most common reason an applicant is not accepted into the nursing program?

A low-grade point average (GPA) or failure of a required core course. It is suggested that if a student is not accepted for the semester which they apply, they should meet with their advisor to plan courses to take to bring up their GPA.

What if I failed another nursing program? Am I eligible for ABAC's Nursing Program?

Students who receive two failures in a nursing program (including ABAC) will not be eligible for admission *unless the failures are more than two years old*. For example, if the second failure occurred in Spring 2023, following the two-year rule (Year One: Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024), then (Year Two: Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025), the student would be eligible to apply for admission in Summer 2026.

If I withdraw from a nursing program (other than ABAC) and do not have two failures on my transcript, am I eligible for ABAC's Nursing Program?

Students are eligible for admission to the ABAC nursing program if they have withdrawn from another nursing program, granted they have not received two failures in said nursing program. Students who have two withdrawals from the ABAC nursing program will not be eligible for admission *unless the withdrawals are more than two years old*.

How many students do you admit to the traditional program?

The number of students admitted is based on the current student/faculty ratio as well as the number of available clinical spaces for student placement.

Once admitted into nursing, what grades does the student have to achieve to stay in the program?

To exit a nursing course, the student must achieve a minimum grade of C (which is a 75 average for nursing).

If I have a criminal background, does this mean I do not qualify for the nursing program?

No. Upon acceptance of the program, students must complete a criminal background check through a company designated by the SONHS. Additionally, students are subject to criminal background checks and drug/alcohol screens randomly or for cause throughout the program. If a student is denied access to any clinical agency at any point in the program based on the criminal background check, the student may receive a failure in the appropriate nursing course regardless of the theory grade earned. It is important to note that the clinical agencies determine if a student is eligible for clinical placement in their facility, not the nursing program or nursing faculty.

Am I required to have a drug screen to attend clinical?

Yes. Students must undergo drug and alcohol screening by a designated company, either randomly or for cause, throughout the duration of the program. Refusing or failing to provide a sample is treated as a positive result. Any positive drug screen leads to a "W" in the related nursing course, regardless of the grade, but the student may reapply in a later semester with proof of an acceptable drug screen.

When does clinical begin?

Clinical activities begin in the first semester of nursing. Students are assigned to healthcare facilities throughout the area for clinical experiences supervised by clinical instructors. A variety of locations, shifts, and activities are planned to enhance the overall experience for the student. Students are assigned their clinical rotations. Special accommodations due to work schedules, family responsibilities, and childcare cannot be made due to large student numbers.

What will happen if I do not submit my nursing application by the posted deadline dates?

A student must gain acceptance to the college prior to completing the online nursing application. The student's ABAC ID number (918#) and stallion email address are needed to complete the nursing application. An application without this information will be discarded. A student who applies after the deadline date will not be considered for admission.

Do I have to have health insurance while in the program?

Yes. Students enrolled in the nursing program must have health insurance. You may use your personal insurance coverage from your parents, employers, etc. However, if you do not have personal insurance, you will either have to purchase it from an insurance vendor or purchase insurance offered through the school by the University System of Georgia.

Do I have to have liability insurance while in the program?

Yes. However, you do not need to purchase this on your own. Your student voucher fee will cover the liability insurance costs while you are in the nursing program.

Should I apply to nursing even though I will not have my core coursework completed by the deadline date?

Yes. Students must apply by the deadline date, even if coursework is still in progress. The final class is not selected until the end of the semester, prior to the expected program start.

Is it possible for me to complete the entire nursing program and not receive a nursing license?

Unfortunately, yes, this is a possibility. The Georgia Board of Nursing determines whether or not an applicant may be licensed as a nurse in the state of Georgia.

When will I know if I am accepted into the nursing program?

After the application deadline, all applications are preliminarily reviewed. If a student does not meet or is not in the process of meeting the minimum requirements, a denial letter is sent via email. Acceptance letters are emailed at the end of the semester prior to the semester of admission.

How will the nursing program communicate with me?

The SONHS faculty, staff, and advisors communicate via your Stallions Email. You are strongly encouraged to check this email frequently. This will also be the way you should communicate with the nursing program.

Other than this competitive admissions requirement handbook, is there another source available to provide additional information?

Yes. The nursing faculty encourages you to review the SONHS Student Handbook, as it contains important policies and procedures while in the nursing program. The SONHS Student Handbook is located on the SONHS website.

What if I attend the ABAC ASN program and live or plan to work in a state other than Georgia?

If you are not a resident of Georgia, and you are enrolled in an Associate of Science in Nursing Degree Program leading to professional licensure, the SONHS cannot confirm whether the nursing programs offered meet requirements for professional licensure in your state. Please check with the appropriate licensing board in your state to determine whether these programs meet the requirements for licensure in your state. It is your responsibility to confirm program eligibility for licensure in any state other than Georgia. For additional information regarding a specific state board of nursing, please visit the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website, <https://www.ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm>.

If I completed courses in an RN or BSN program previously, will those courses be transferred to the ABAC nursing program?

Pre-licensure ASN/BSN nursing (NURS) courses completed by students at other institutions do not transfer to ABAC.

If I've been denied admission to the ASN or RN-BSN program, can I appeal the decision of the admission committee?

No. Decisions regarding admission made by the ABAC Nursing Program are final and cannot be appealed. If you receive a notice of denial for admission, you must resubmit a new application for consideration in the upcoming cohort by the stated deadline.

I really want to do the nursing program, but money is tight. Will I be able to apply for scholarships?

Yes!! In fact, all students are encouraged to apply for scholarships at ABAC, regardless of receiving financial aid or personal financial status. You may do so by visiting this website: <https://www.abac.edu/funding/abac-scholarships/>

Area hospitals, clinics, and health care facilities also have opportunities available to students for employment. Included in that employment is the availability of funds to pay for nursing school.

General Questions Related to the Traditional Nursing Program

What is the typical schedule for a Traditional Track nursing student?

First Semester

- NURS 1108 Fundamentals
- NURS 1109 Health & Physical Assessment
 - Class is typically two half-days and one whole day per week. Skills lab and clinical assignments are required for both nursing courses and will be assigned by the course coordinator.

Second Semester

- NURS 1110 Medical/Surgical One
- NURS 1116 Mental Health Nursing
 - Class is typically two half-days per week. Skills lab and clinical assignments are required for both nursing courses and will be assigned by the course coordinator.

Third Semester

- NURS 2207 Medical/Surgical Two
- NURS 2208 Maternal-Child & Women's Health
 - Class is typically two half-days per week. Skills lab and clinical assignments are required for both nursing courses and will be assigned by the course coordinator.

Fourth Semester

- NURS 2209 Pediatrics
- NURS 2210 Medical/Surgical Three.
- NURS 2212 Transitions to Professional Nursing Practice.
 - Class is typically two half-days per week. Skills lab and clinical assignments are required for both nursing courses and will be assigned by the course coordinator.

Students should plan on attending class, skills labs, and clinical activities four to five days per week.

General Questions Related to the Bridge Nursing Program

Who is eligible for the One Year Registered Nurse bridge program?

This is a bridge program for students with prior health-related degrees. Students with a degree from an accredited institution and who hold a license or certification as a practical nurse, paramedic, or respiratory therapist are eligible. This track requires the Program Specific Entrance exam as part of the admission criteria.

For the bridge program, do I need to have a specific GPA for admission? Yes.

The minimum GPA for admission is 2.50.

For the bridge program, do I need to have all prerequisite courses completed prior to admission to the nursing program?

Yes. All core classes are required before entering the One Year Registered Nurse Nursing Program.

Is the bridge program really one day a week?

Yes. However, additional days may be required to complete nursing activities aside from the regular advertised class day.

If accepted to the bridge program, do I receive any articulation credit?

Yes. Nine hours of articulation credit for NURS 1108 is awarded to the student upon successful completion of NURS 1115B.

Is there an admission exam for the bridge program?

Yes. Applicants for the bridge program must pass the Program Specific Competency Exam with a 75 to be eligible for the program within two attempts.

Do I have to work a year as an LPN, Paramedic, or Respiratory Therapist before I am eligible for the ASN Bridge program?

While it is preferred that you have a minimum of one year's experience in your field, it is not a requirement for admission.

General Questions Related to Nursing at Night

Why was the Nursing at Night program developed?

ABAC Bainbridge decided to offer this program not only to meet the needs of our healthcare partners but also to provide an alternative for students who want to become nurses but cannot attend the program during the day due to work, childcare responsibilities, or other obstacles. The program allows students to continue to work during the day or utilize other forms of childcare, providing the opportunity to pursue a new career or advance their current career.

What is the typical schedule for the Nursing at Night student?

The curriculum for the evening classes mirrors the curriculum of the traditional nursing program offered during the day. Classes, skills labs, and clinicals will begin at 6 p.m. and will be offered three to four nights a week.

Is the Nursing at Night program available at Tifton?

Currently, the Nursing at Night program is only being offered at ABAC-Bainbridge.

How do I apply for the Nursing at Night program?

Visit this website [index | Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College](#), then scroll down to the Deadlines and Application section.

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