

**ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM**

TITLE OF POLICY: **ADMISSION: REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS**

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POLICY: All applicants to the University of Pittsburgh, School of Nursing are to apply through the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, located in Alumni Hall.

Applicants are required to supply the following credentials:

- a. Official Secondary School Record
- b. Official scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT)
- c. Official transcript of any courses taken at a university or college
- d. Any additional information or testing as deemed necessary

The following academic courses are required for admission:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Units</u>
English	4
Algebra	1
Plane Geometry or Algebra II	1
Additional Math	1
Social Studies	3
Science with a related laboratory (one unit must be Chemistry)	2
Additional Science (no laboratory required)	1
Academic Electives	<u>5</u>
	18 Units

An interview may be requested by either the applicant or the School of Nursing but is not routinely required.

Interviews with the School of Nursing representative are required for applicants who plan to attend the University after the completion of the junior year in high school. Exceptionally able applicants may apply for admission to the University and skip the senior year in high school if they have the following:

- a. completed their junior year in high school
- b. completed academic course requirements for admission to the School of Nursing.
- c. taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT)

As a general rule, applicants should be competitive in their high school education and in their requisite admission test (e.g. SAT or ACT).

Applicants are advised that once admitted Act 33/34 (Criminal Record Check/Child Abuse History) Clearances, FBI Fingerprinting, a drug screen and/or additional testing will be required by some clinical facilities.

Applicants who plan to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (as well as most other states) are advised that upon application for the Registered Nurse Licensure Examination, the Board of Nursing will inquire as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, felonious act, an illegal act associated with alcohol, or an illegal act associated with substance abuse(s).

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