



School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Nursing

Associate of Science in Nursing



Competitive Admissions Handbook



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 you need to take to become a part of our program. This guide will provide you with 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 nurse.

Sincerely,
SONHS Faculty

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Accreditation and Approvals

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
PNUR 1104 *2 year expiration rule	Pharmacology for Health Professions (Required to be completed at ABAC prior to admission into the program.)	2	2
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			35
NURSING COURSES			
Semester I (NURS 1108/1109 are only offered in Spring and Fall semesters.)			
NURS 1108 NURS 1109	Fundamentals Health & Physical Assessment	6 3	9
Semester II			
NURS 1110 NURS 1116	Medical/Surgical One Mental Health Nursing	6 2	8
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	Pediatrics Medical/Surgical Three	3 6	9
Total Credit Hours-Nursing Discipline			35
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 and 2210 are only offered in Spring and Fall semesters.

ASN Bridge 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 2260 BIOL 2260L	Foundations of Microbiology Foundations of Microbiology Lab	4	4
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
PNUR 1104 **2-year expiration rule	**Pharmacology for Health Professions (Required to be completed at ABAC prior to admission into the program.)	2	2
COURSES REQUIRED PRIOR TO ENTERING PROGRAM BUT NOT USED IN PRIORITIZATION GPA			
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
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			35
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 2	11
Semester III			
NURS 2209B NURS 2210B	Pediatrics Medical/Surgical III	3 6	9



Total Credit Hours-Nursing Discipline		26	
	Articulation Credit*		9
	Grand Total	70	70
Special Notes*			
*All course work must be complete 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 are only offered in Spring and Fall semesters.			

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

PREREQUISITES CORE COURSES REQUIRED PRIOR TO STARTING PROGRAM (MOST RECENT ATTEMPT IN EACH COURSE IS USED IN CALCULATING 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
PNUR 1104 *2 year expiration rule	Pharmacology for Health Professions (Required to be completed at ABAC prior to admission into the program.)	2	2
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		35	
NURSING COURSES			
Semester I (Spring)			
NURS 1108 NURS 1109	Fundamentals Health & Physical Assessment	6 3	9
Semester II (Fall)			



NURS 1110	Medical/Surgical One Mental	6	
NURS 1116	Health Nursing	2	8
Semester III (Spring)			
NURS 2207	Medical/Surgical Two	6	
NURS 2208	Maternal-Child & Women's Health	3	9
Semester IV (Fall)			
NURS 2209	Pediatrics	3	
NURS 2210	Medical/Surgical Three	6	9
Total Credit Hours-Nursing Discipline			35
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.			
*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 and 2210 are only offered in 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 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 that is good for 5 years is taken in Fall of 2020. It will be in-date through 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.
- PNUR 1104 must be completed within two years of applying and being accepted into the nursing program.
 - Example: PNUR 1104 is completed in Fall 2020, the course can be used for admission through Fall 2022.
- 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 note on page 14 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 ABAC 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)
 - PNUR 1104 (Must take a course at ABAC and be less than 2 years old)
- The highest grade achieved will be used in the calculation of this grade point average.

Appeal Process

Decisions regarding admission made by the ABAC Nursing Program are final and cannot be appealed. 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 ABAC SONHS is not required to provide a reason for denial. 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.

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 here: [ABAC Admission Application](#)
- Submit official transcripts for high school diploma/GED AND **ALL** colleges and/or technical colleges (transferrable 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 110

- 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)
- PNUR 1104 (Must take course at ABAC and be less than 2 years old)

STEP 4:

Achieve additional admission points.

- Students will receive an additional 2 points to their overall ranking score for completing all core classes included in the Nursing Prioritization GPA at ABAC.
- Students will receive an additional 2 points 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: [Apply to the Nursing Program](#)
 - 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 a Transient Student 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 Acceptance Procedures

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:

- Must possess a current license or certification to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse, Respiratory Therapist, or Paramedic.
- 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.
 - If the minimum grade is not achieved on the exam within two attempts, the student is no longer eligible for the One Year RN track program, but may apply for the traditional track.
 - Following a two-year time period, the student may apply for admission to the One Year RN program again.
 - 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 credit 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 regular advertised class day.

Appeal Process

Decisions regarding admission made by the ABAC Nursing Program are final and cannot be appealed. 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 ABAC SONHS is not required to provide a reason for denial. 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.

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 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 ABAC 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 2019

NURS 1109 Health Assessment (D)

Second Failure:

Spring 2022

NURS 1110 Medical Surgical One (F)

Following the two-year rule (Year One-Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023) then (Year Two Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024), the student would be eligible to apply for admission in Summer 2024.

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

For students who are accepted into the ASN program but decline their seat for whatever reason, the student 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 communications you receive from our office.

Steps to Apply for Financial Aid

Use the following students to complete the financial aid application process:

1. Complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) using ABAC School Code: 01541
2. Submit any requested documents to the Financial Aid Office immediately upon request to expedite the financial awarding process.
3. Use your previous year tax information to complete the FAFSA.
4. Learn more about Neighbor Waivers if you are a resident of Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Tennessee.
5. 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 here: [Available Financial Aid Options](#)

Scholarships Available

There are multiple scholarships available to nursing students here:

ABAC Foundation Scholarship <https://www.abac.edu/funding/abac-scholarships/#ABACFoundation-Scholarships>

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:

Website: [ABAC Financial Aid Office](#)

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	Tuition and Fees	1462	
		Books	600	
	NURS 1109 Health and Physical Assessment	Lab Supply (Voucher)	350	
		Uniforms and Supplies	200	
			Estimated First Semester Total	2,612
Second	NURS 1110 Medical Surgical II	Tuition and Fees	1,355	
		Books	396	
	NURS 1116 Mental Health Nursing	Lab Supply (Voucher)	350	
			Estimated Second Semester Total	2,101
Third	NURS 2207 Medical Surgical III	Tuition and Fees	1,462	
		Books	150	
	NURS 2208 Maternal Child and Women's Health	Lab Supply (Voucher)	350	
			Estimated Third Semester Total	1,962
Fourth	NURS 2209 Pediatrics	Tuition and Fees	1462	
		Books	200	
	NURS 2210 Medical Surgical III	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	Tuition and Fees	1,142	2,173
		Books	481	
	1115B Transition to Associate Degree Nursing	Lab Supply (Voucher)	350	
		Uniforms and Supplies	200	
	Mental Health Nursing	Estimated Total First Semester		
Fall	NURS 2207B Medical Surgical II	Tuition and Fees	1,676	2,421
		Books	395	
	NURS 2208B Maternal Child and Women's Health	Lab Supply (Voucher)	350	
		Estimated Total Second Semester		
Spring	NURS 2209B Pediatrics	Tuition and Fees	1,462	
		Books	200	



	NURS 2210B Medical Surgical III	Lab Supply (Voucher)	350	
			Estimated Total Third Semester	2,012
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 that they apply, they should meet with their advisor to plan courses to take to bring up their GPA.

If I failed out of 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 2021, following the two year rule (Year One-Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022) then (Year Two-Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023), the student would be eligible to apply for admission in Summer 2023.

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 a 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 to the program, students must complete a criminal background check through a company designated by the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. 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 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. All students admitted to the nursing program must complete a drug screen through a company designated by the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. In addition, students are subject to drug/alcohol screens randomly or for cause throughout the program. A refusal to test or the inability to provide a sample for drug testing at any point in the program will be considered a positive drug screen. A positive drug screen at any point in the program will result in a "W" in the appropriate nursing course regardless of the earned theory grade. The student



will have the option to re-apply for a subsequent semester upon 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 rotation. 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 is needed to complete the nursing application. An application without this information will be discarded. A student who applied 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, although I will not have my core coursework completed by the deadline date?

Yes. Students must apply by the deadline 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.

If I am accepted into the program, what can I expect to happen on the first day of class?

Typically, you will first take your drug calculation competency exam consisting of abbreviations, equivalents, and basic drug calculations, like PO and parenteral medications. You are strongly encouraged to review for the drug calculation competency exam prior to taking it! In addition,



you will also be provided vital information and resources to aid in the success of your nursing school journey.

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 I 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, ABAC/ABAC-Bainbridge cannot confirm whether the nursing programs offered to meet requirements for professional licensure in your state. Please check with the appropriate licensing board in your state to determine whether these programs meet 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 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—irregardless 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, clinicals, 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 one-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 one-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
 - 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 from 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 a 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 a 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 to not only meet the needs of our healthcare partners, but also to offer an alternative to students who want to be a nurse but cannot attend the program during the day because of 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: <https://www.abac.edu/departments/nursing/nursing-asn/> then scroll down to the Deadlines and Application section.



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