I. Admission to the program

1. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) from an accredited college or university (if transferring in any courses).

2. The applicant must contact an ACCESS Academic Advisor prior to application submission.

3. The student must complete the following courses or course equivalents either at DeSales University or another accredited college or university within five (5) years of entry into the ACCESS Evening-Weekend BSN Nursing Program. The student must have received a grade of “C” or better. The student can only have repeated the courses listed below one (1) time.

   - Biology 263 Anatomy and Physiology I with lab component (4 credits)
   - Biology 264 Anatomy and Physiology II with lab component (4 credits)
   - Chemistry 107 Physiological Chemistry with lab component (4 credits)
   - Biology 154 Microbiology with lab component (4 credits)
   - Math 111 Probability and Statistics (3 credits)
   - Psychology 109 Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
   - Psychology 240 Human Development (3 credits)

4. In addition, the ACCESS student must complete required courses prior to the beginning of the nursing curriculum professional phase as outlined in the ACCESS Undergraduate Transfer Policy.

5. The applicant must have two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter must be from someone qualified to gauge the applicant’s academic aptitude (i.e. a former teacher or professor). The other letter may not be from a personal friend or family member.

6. The applicant must submit a minimum of a two (2) page essay that outlines their career goals and speaks to their interest in becoming a nurse.

7. Prior to the acceptance of the professional nursing phase, students must successfully complete the interview process with the ACCESS Evening –Weekend BSN Nursing Coordinator.

8. Once accepted into the ACCESS Evening-Weekend BSN Nursing Program, the student must complete all further coursework at DeSales University.

9. Students will remain under the advisement of the ACCESS Academic Advisors until they reach the professional phase of the curriculum. Once students reach the professional phase, then they will be advised by the ACCESS Evening-Weekend BSN Program Coordinator.
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**Academic requirements:**

To continue as a Nursing Major students must remain in good academic standing as described under the “Acceptable Academic Standing” in the Undergraduate Catalog. In addition to these general requirements, ACCESS evening-weekend BSN nursing students must be continuously enrolled in nursing courses as outlined in the catalog. Inability to do this will result in the student’s removal from the ACCESS evening-weekend BSN nursing program. If the student wishes to continue on at a slower pace (decelerate), there is no guarantee of student placement in any other nursing programs at DeSales University.

**All clinical nursing courses must be taken in sequence at DeSales.**

- NU 205 - Fundamentals of Nursing
- NU 215 - Health & Physical Assessment
- NU 230 - Therapeutic Nursing Interventions
- NU 335 - The Chronically Ill Adult
- NU 340 - Mental Health Nursing
- NU 350 - Nursing of the Childbearing Family
- NU 365 - Nursing Care of Children
- NU 370 - The Older Adult
- NU 430 - Nursing Care of the Acutely Ill Adult
- NU 440 - Community and Public Health Nursing
- NU 452 - Senior Integrating Seminar
- NU 454 - Clinical Nursing Internship

The following courses may be considered for transfer into the ACCESS Evening-Weekend BSN nursing program:

- NU 220 - Pharmacology
- NU 305 - Therapeutic Nutrition
- NU 320 - Health Risk Models and Research
II. Progression through the program

To progress through the ACCESS Evening-Weekend BSN Nursing Program:

1. The student must earn and maintain a minimum cumulative **GPA equal to 2.75 or higher** at the conclusion of each professional phase year to progress to the next level (sophomore, junior, senior).

2. If the student’s GPA falls below 2.75 prior to the next level (sophomore, junior, senior), he or she **will be removed from the program**.

3. The student must earn a “C” or higher in all nursing and science courses in order to progress to the next session. Any student who does not obtain a “C” may not progress to the next session and will be placed on academic probation.

4. The student can repeat no more than a total of two (2) nursing courses in the entire curriculum.

5. To pass a nursing course with a grade of a “C”, the student must pass both the theory portion of the course as well as the clinical component of the course. If the student passes only one part, this will constitute a course failure, and the student may not progress in the ACCESS Evening-Weekend Nursing Program.

6. If a student fails a clinical ACCESS Evening-Weekend BSN Nursing course, the student may not retake the course in a different track (i.e. Accelerated or Traditional format).

7. During a nursing course with a clinical component, the student must complete the required number of clinical hours in order to successfully pass the course.

8. The student must follow the program plan. Failure to adhere to the curriculum plan will result in the dismissal from the program.

9. The student must meet all of the basic university core requirements in order to graduate.
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Mandatory Requirements

1. NO student will be allowed to participate in the clinical practice experience without documentation that he/she meets all of the following requirements:
   - Submission of required health forms
   - Criminal Background Check Completion
   - Child Abuse Clearance
   - Current CPR certification for the healthcare provider
   - Health Insurance
   - Completion of orientation requirements specific to each institution used for the clinical experience.
   - Other requirements as specified by outside clinical agencies (i.e.: drug testing)

This documentation must be on file before starting clinical course (NU 230 – Therapeutic Nursing Interventions).

Forms and instructions are available in the nursing office. Students should obtain these forms at least three months prior to the beginning of NU 230. Follow the directions on the forms carefully. Original documents must be submitted to the Department of Nursing & Health office each year. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain these forms and submit the required documentation.

2. Students are expected to notify the Chairperson of the Department of Nursing and Health immediately of any changes in the following while in the nursing program at DeSales University.
   - Health Status
   - Criminal Background Check
   - Child Abuse History

Failure to notify the Chairperson of the Department of Nursing and Health of any changes may result in immediate dismissal from the ACCESS Evening-Weekend BSN Nursing Program.

*** A student will not be permitted to begin a clinical practice unless all of the above requirements are met. Students who do not have all clinical requirements listed above completed and submitted to the proper office by the required date will not be permitted to participate in a clinical practice.
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**Graduate Courses:**
An undergraduate student may take a graduate course as an elective but must meet the following criteria:
1. Be at senior level standing
2. Have a GPA of **3.0 or above**

*Any student who does not follow the sample program plan in this guide for any reason or who does not progress through his/her program of study over the prescribed time frame must make an appointment with their faculty advisor to agree upon an alternative program plan. This plan must include an anticipated date for completion of studies. This program plan must be approved by the Department Chair, and this type of request may not necessarily be granted depending upon clinical site and instructor availability. If the student does not ensure that such a plan is filed in the nursing office, he/she may not be assured future clinical site placement and continuance in the program.*

**Graduate Program:**
In addition to meeting the outlined progression guidelines, students who successfully complete the ACCESS Evening-Weekend BSN Program may apply to the graduate program if the following criteria are met.

1. The student must have consistently achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 during the ACCESS Evening-Weekend BSN Program.
2. If the student has a GPA of 3.3 or higher and a highly recommend letter of reference from a DeSales faculty member, the student may request in writing to have the GRE or MAT requirement waived.
3. The student must pass the NCLEX-RN licensure examination before matriculation into the MSN Program.