

PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Admissions Information

The two-year Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program begins every fall at PennWest Clarion and the Somerset County Education Center and prepares students for the NCLEX-RN exam to become registered nurses. The program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and holds full status with the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

Classes are held on-site during the day up to five days per week, with clinical rotations up to 12 hours per week at facilities within a 50-mile radius. Space is limited to 65 students at Clarion Campus and 30 students at the Somerset site, and admission decisions are made on a rolling basis. Priority admission review will be granted to students who complete applications and submit all supporting documentation by May 15 annually.

Applicants who are not eligible for admission to ASN may be eligible to start in a preparatory major.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **GPA:** at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- **High School English:** 4 units.
- **High School Social Studies:** 3 units.
- **High School Science:** Biology *and* one additional science, chemistry preferred, with a C or higher.
 - College Biology, Human Biology, Microbiology and Anatomy may also be considered in place of high school Biology.
 - College General Chemistry, Physical Science Chemistry, or Chemistry for Allied Health may also be considered for the additional science requirement.
- **High School Math:** Algebra II or higher with a C or higher.
 - College Basic or Intermediate Algebra, Algebra Foundations, Quantitative Reasoning, Excursions Math, Math for Healthcare and Statistics may also be considered.
- **ATI TEAS Pre-Entrance Exam:** Proficient level score of 58.7% or higher.
 - Applicants with a 3.25 or higher cumulative GPA and successful prerequisite coursework will be reviewed for possible waiver of the exam requirement.

Transfer students must meet the above requirements. If their major was nursing, a letter from the chair or director/dean is required indicating that the student left in good standing both academically and behaviorally.

Current PennWest students must meet the above requirements and have a 2.75 GPA.

Applicants who are also Licensed Practical Nurses **must hold an unencumbered practical nursing license** and may be eligible for advanced placement *after* acceptance.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **First-Year and Transfer Applicants:** Complete an undergraduate application at www.pennwest.edu/apply. Have official transcripts sent from your high school and ALL post-secondary schools to admissions@pennwest.edu, and register for the ATI TEAS pre-entrance exam.
- **Current Students:** Contact Admissions at admissions@pennwest.edu to coordinate your review for change of major into the ASN program.
- **Former Students:** Prior degree seeking students from PennWest or one of its legacy institutions who have been absent for two (2) or more regular semesters (fall/spring), must complete an undergraduate application at www.pennwest.edu/apply, selecting “readmission” as their student type. If you attended another institution since, please have official transcript sent to Admissions. Students who previously graduated from PennWest or one of its legacy schools should select “transfer” as their student type and answer “yes” to the question “did you graduate with your degree from this university?”

ATI TEAS EXAM INFORMATION

The ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is designed to specifically assess a students' preparedness entering the health science fields and is taken either on campus proctored by an in-person proctor or remote online with a remote proctoring service from ATI. Learn more about the exam details, registration, transcripts and score, and how to prepare at www.atitesting.com/teas-prep.

PennWest applicants are limited to three (3) attempts per calendar year and a minimum of 30 days between attempts. Proficient scores within a two-year period may be used for applications to PennWest.

Registration Information: Pre-registration is required. Start by creating an account at www.atitesting.com.

TEAS at ATI (Remote Online Exams)

After you finish your exam, it is your responsibility to send your results to admissions@pennwest.edu.

- **Registration:** <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-at-ati>.
- **Program Type:** ATI Remote Proctor – Nursing
- Select the exam date and time of your choice, complete your registration and payment of approximately \$120. **Price subject to change.*

TEAS at PennWest

- **Registration:** <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-on-campus-at-institution>.
- **Program Type:** TEAS for Nursing Students
- **Search By:** Location; **City:** Clarion, PA for PennWest Clarion exams or Somerset, PA for PennWest University Somerset exams.
 - Exams will also be offered in Oil City, PA on select dates during the spring of 2024.
- Select the exam date and time of your choice, complete your registration and payment of approximately \$87. **Price subject to change.*

ADDITIONAL TRANSFER INFORMATION

- Transferrable general education courses must have a minimum grade of C and be comparable to PennWest courses.
- Nursing courses may only be transferrable with a minimum grade of B, earned in an accredited associate or baccalaureate program within the preceding two (2) years, with equivalency to PennWest's NURS 1010, 1110, 1210, and 1310, and are subject to the evaluation by the Department of Nursing and Department Chair.
- Students who completed nursing courses more than two (2) years prior and diploma nursing students must take a challenge exam and achieve a satisfactory score for transfer of nursing credits.
- Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at PennWest to qualify for an associate degree.

LPN ADVANCED PLACEMENT

After acceptance, LPNs may qualify for advance placement granted based on the Pennsylvania Articulation Model, which provides progression for LPNs from state approved and NLNAC accredited schools to the next educational program without repetition. Up to six (6) life experience credits may be granted for PennWest's NURS 1010, 1110 and 1210. **All students are required to take NURS 1310.*

Admitted students to the ASN program should contact the Department of Nursing to request consideration. Candidates are required to submit a copy of their PN license, and those who graduated from a PN program within the last five (5) years are required to also submit a reference letter from the program director addressing their ability to successfully complete an RN program. The Nursing Department will verify if a student can move on to the HESI Mobility exam to confirm advanced placement. A score 850 or higher is required.

CONTACTS

Office of Admissions: 814-393-2306 or admissions@pennwest.edu.

Department of Nursing at Clarion: Rebecca Bish, bish_r@pennwest.edu or 814-393-1251.

Department of Nursing at Somerset: Suzanne Funa, sfuna@pennwest.edu or 814-393-2734.