Common Questions and Answers
For All Nursing Transfer Students

1. What is the GPA requirement for nursing?

A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required for transfer students to be considered for admission. If a student does not meet this requirement, the student will be automatically denied.

2. Are there other requirements needed to apply for nursing?

All transcripts from colleges and universities attended are required when applying to the nursing program. If any colleges or universities are not acknowledged on the application, the application will be immediately withdrawn and the applicant may not apply for a later term to the university. All nursing applicants are also required to write an in-depth essay on WHY they want to be a nurse, WHY they have chosen SXU, and HOW they plan to be successful.

All Nursing applicants must complete a TEAS-V test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and must achieve the “proficient level” in order to be considered for admission. Applicants may take the TEAS-V exam only TWICE. (Included in this total are all previous test attempts- passed or failed.) Please note that Saint Xavier University is a testing site. To register for an exam with SXU, visit the following link: https://www.sxu.edu/academics/resources/records_advising/advising/teas.asp. If an applicant has already taken the exam at another testing site, please call ATI at (800) 667-7531 and request that they send us an official score report. If an applicant has taken the exam at SXU, your official score report will be automatically sent to us.

3. When do you recommend I transfer to SXU?

It is recommended you transfer from an institution no later than 2-3 semesters of college level coursework; it is also recommended that you have at least one college level biology and chemistry before transferring.

4. What is the average cumulative GPA for admitted nursing students?

The most qualified applicants are offered admission, and admission to our program is very competitive. Most admitted students far exceed the required 2.75 minimum cumulative GPA.

5. What if I want to start over as a freshman because I didn’t do well previously?

Applicants cannot start over. If a student has previously attended any college or university before applying to SXU, that student will be required to send transcripts from all institutions attended.

6. What if I have “D”, “F” or “W”s in nursing supportive coursework?

Even one D, F, and/or W significantly decrease your chances for admission. A student must explain this grade in the essay portion of the application. In repeated courses, both grades are counted in the GPA. (Nursing prefers “B”s in the supportive courses.)

7. What is the deadline for nursing applicants?

The Spring semester deadline is October 1. The Fall semester deadline is February 15.
Students must complete the entire application process by the deadline before being considered for admission. In order to complete the application process, all students must complete the following steps: Complete an application and submit all supplemental materials (official college transcripts from ALL colleges attended, the one-page essay, and TEAS-V test score).

8. Can I come to SXU as an undecided student and still take nursing supportive courses?

No. Students interested in pursuing a nursing degree must apply for nursing and be reviewed for nursing.

9. If I already have a bachelor’s degree, how long will it take to complete the BSN program?

It depends. Upon admission, admitted students will have their transcripts evaluated for transfer credit by the Office of Records & Advising. The student will then meet with an academic advisor where a program plan will be provided- including a nursing clinical course start date based on the student’s progress and the progression of current SXU students.

10. Does SXU offer an accelerated nursing program?

The Nursing curriculum is 5 semesters. If you are LPN, you can complete the nursing curriculum in 4 semesters.

11. Can the nursing program be completed in the evening?

No, daytime availability is required to complete the program.

12. How soon can I start nursing clinicals if I have all my supportive coursework completed when I come to SXU?

Transfer students may be required to complete a minimum of 12 semester hours at SXU while maintaining a 2.75 GPA before they can begin the actual nursing curriculum. Upon admission, the admitted student will have their transcripts evaluated for transfer credit by the Office of Records & Advising. The student will then meet with an academic advisor where a program plan will be provided- including a nursing clinical course start date based on the student’s progress and the progression of current SXU students.

13. Is a background check required?

Students are also responsible for completing and clearing a criminal background check as a condition of admission to the nursing program and must do so annually thereafter. Additionally, students are required to test negative for drugs in a screening prior to beginning their clinical experience and as required by clinical agencies.

TEAS V Scoring:

Exemplary
Advanced
Proficient
Basic
Developmental