

First-Year College Students Interested in the Lander Nursing Major (Nursing Applicant/Prenursing Students)

My letter from Lander Admissions says I am “Prenursing”. What does this mean?

This means that you have been accepted as a student at Lander, have declared an interest in becoming a nurse, and have an SAT score (critical reading and math only) of at least 1000 or a composite score of at least a 22 on the ACT. You are eligible to take courses to prepare you for entry to the Nursing Major.

Does this mean I am in the nursing program?

It means that after you meet the requirements for entry to the Nursing Major (complete the required courses, maintain a GPA of 2.6 or greater, and complete at least 30 hours of college work), you can **apply** to enter the Nursing Major. This usually occurs at the end of your freshman year. Application is by April 30 for acceptance into fall semester or October 15 for acceptance into spring semester. All applications must have transcripts attached.

What classes are required for entry to the Nursing Major?

You must have a C or higher in BIOL 202 (Anatomy), BIOL 203 (Physiology), CHEM 105/106 or 111/112, MATH 121, ENG 101/102, and have 30 hours credit. You must have a Lander institutional GPA of 2.6 or greater. If you make three Ds or Fs in these required courses, you cannot enter the nursing program at Lander!

My letter from Lander Admissions says I am a “Nursing Applicant”. What does this mean?

This means you are interested in the Nursing Major, but your SAT score (critical reading and math) was not 1000 or greater or your composite ACT was not 22 or greater). Depending upon the number of available seats in classes and labs, you may not be able to take the initial required courses, like BIOL 202. Prenursing students are placed in the required science classes first.

If I am a “Nursing Applicant” does that mean I cannot get in the Nursing Major?

As a nursing applicant you may still become eligible for the Nursing Major. After completion of twelve hours with a 2.6 or greater GPA, you can apply for pre-nursing status. Also, if you retest on the SAT or ACT and make a least a 1000 on the SAT or 22 composite score on the ACT prior to entering Lander University, you can be reconsidered for acceptance into pre-nursing.

What classes are required for entry to the Nursing Major?

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What happens if I do not get in the classes that I need in the first year?

Research has shown that most students in a 4-year nursing program require about 5 ½ years to complete the degree. You can work on completing your General Education classes which are also required for graduation. This will help reduce some of the load and stress when you re focusing on your nursing classes. You can also work on a certificate in Healthcare Management. You may even want to consider thinking about a minor. Your faculty advisor can help you plan for a successful future.

Where can I find more information about the Lander nursing program?

Go to <http://www.lander.edu/nursing> for more information.