



Department of Undergraduate Nursing Pre-Licensure Nursing Program **Application Checklist**

Academic Year 2026-27

Content in this checklist is divided by application pathway;

- Direct Admission (page 2)
- Holistic Admission (page 4)

It is the responsibility of you, the applicant, to review all pertinent information for your application in advance of the application deadline. Once the application deadline has passed, applications are final and cannot be edited.

For questions about the Pre-Licensure Nursing Program, contact Sam Shortridge, Advising Coordinator (sam.shortridge@winona.edu).

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Direct Admission Candidates

Major Code: PNDA

Ensure You are Eligible to Apply

- Eligibility criteria can be found on the [Undergraduate Nursing Program Admission webpage](#)
- **To be eligible to apply via the Direct Admission Pathway, you must meet the following requirements:**
 - ☐ Have a completed Direct Admission Agreement on file with the Department of Undergraduate Nursing
 - ☐ Have a declared PNDA: Nursing Candidate (Direct)
 - ☐ Cumulative college GPA of at least 3.75 at time of application
 - ☐ Completion of at least 45 collegiate credits
 - ☐ Earn a grade of C or better in all nursing prerequisite courses
 - ☐ No withdrawals from or repeats of any nursing prerequisite course once enrolled at Winona State University
 - ♦ If you completed grade-bearing college credits while in high school and received a grade of W, D, or F in a nursing prerequisite course, you may repeat the course prior to your first day of class as a new entering first semester student at WSU without invalidating your eligibility for Direct Admission
 - ☐ Complete at least 10 hours of community service per semester while a degree-seeking, pre-nursing student at WSU
 - ☐ See assigned WSU nursing advisor every semester
 - ☐ Meet all eligibility requirements for application to the major no later than the end of your third semester at WSU
- If you have lost direct admission status for any reason, you are welcome to apply via the Holistic Admission Pathway. In order to apply via the Holistic Admission Pathway, you *must* complete the [Declaration/Change of Major form in WarriorSpace](#) to change your major code to PNHA: Nursing Candidate (Holistic). Additionally, you must meet all Holistic Admission requirements (outlined below) including taking the ATI TEAS test.

Review your Degree Audit Report (DAR)

When you apply, completion of prerequisites is verified through the student record system.

- **All** in progress and completed courses must be reflected on your [Degree Audit Report \(DAR\)](#) as of the application due date.
- Grades must be shown for all completed courses.
- If a course or grade is not reflected:
 - For courses taken at a [MinnState school](#), complete the online [Degree Audit & Transfer Credit Request](#) form

- For courses taken at another school, including the University of Minnesota system, contact the Registrar's Office at that school to arrange for a transcript to be sent to Winona State University
- For more information or assistance with transfer coursework, please contact the [Warrior Hub](#)
- It may take time for your record to be updated, so be sure to review your [Degree Audit Report \(DAR\)](#) **early** in the application process so you can arrange for updates as soon as possible
- If a course is shown on your [Degree Audit Report \(DAR\)](#) but does not show up on your application, contact Sam Shortridge (sam.shortridge@winona.edu) for assistance in submitting your application. Be sure to include your Warrior ID (12345678) in your email.

Community Service Hours

- You must complete and verify 10 hours of community service each semester you are a pre-nursing student, including the semester in which you apply to the Pre-Licensure Nursing program.
- For the semester of application only, you may complete up to five hours during the preceding break in any community, and complete the remaining hours in the Winona or Rochester communities between the first day of the semester and the application due date
- To verify your hours, you must complete the [Undergraduate Nursing Community Service Verification Form](#) in WarriorSpace.
 - You will need your StarID (ab1234cd) to login.
 - Be prepared to fill in the name, email address, and phone number for **someone at the organization** where you volunteered.
 - When you submit the form, the person you designate will receive an email with a link to a verification. All hours must be submitted through this process.
 - Hours must be verified by application deadline.
 - You will receive a confirmation email when your hours are submitted, and should track completion under the My Submitted Forms tab in WarriorSpace.

Interview with your Advisor

You are required to meet with your assigned academic advisor for an interview regarding your interest in nursing.

- Your interview must be completed at least 1 week prior to the application due date.
- We recommend reaching out to your advisor for this appointment 3 weeks prior to the application deadline to allow for ample scheduling time.

Holistic Admission Candidates

Major code: PNHA

Ensure you are Eligible to Apply

- Eligibility criteria can be found on the [Undergraduate Nursing Program Admission webpage](#)
- **To be eligible to apply via the Holistic Admission Pathway, you must meet the following requirements:**
 - ☐ Admitted to Winona State University
 - ☐ Cumulative college GPA of at least 3.00 at time of application
 - ☐ Completion of at least 45 collegiate credits
 - ☐ Completion of at least 12 credits post high school graduation
 - ☐ ATI TEAS Score of at least 58.7
 - ☐ Earn a grade of C or better in all nursing prerequisite courses
 - ☐ Complete at least 10 hours of community service per semester while a degree-seeking, pre-nursing student at WSU
 - ☐ See assigned WSU nursing advisor every semester

Academic Achievement

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ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)

The ATI TEAS is a standardized test designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness for entering the health science fields. Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform successfully in the areas of: Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage.

- Review the ATI TEAS Resources on the [Undergraduate Nursing Program Admission webpage](#). It is the responsibility of the applicant to successfully meet this requirement.
- Be sure to select the ATI TEAS for NURSING STUDENTS exam when selecting program type (NOT allied health).
- Your ATI TEAS Score must be from the last 5 years. If it is older than 5 years, you will need to retest.
- Qualifying Scores (minimum 58.7) must be received by WSU, from ATI TEAS, by application deadline in the semester you are applying to program.
- Be sure to send your ATI TEAS test transcript (score report) to WSU. One transcript is included when you take the ATI TEAS. Additional score reports can be ordered through ATI TEAS for a cost.
- WSU Undergraduate Nursing suggests testing after most of your nursing prerequisite courses are completed as the TEAS includes pre nursing content.
- You may take ATI TEAS online or in-person, proctored by ATI, another institution, or PSI.
- Students are responsible for the cost of testing and test fees are not refundable
- You must arrange for an official test transcript to be sent to WSU. Your transcript must be received by the application due date

Personal Achievement

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Personal Statement

Follow the [Personal Statement Instructions](#) found on the [Undergraduate Nursing Program Admission webpage](#). Your personal statement must:

- Be included in your [Undergraduate Nursing Application form in WarriorSpace](#). Personal statements submitted via any other method will not be reviewed and no credit will be awarded.
- Address the 4 subject areas outlined in the Personal Statement Instructions found on the [Undergraduate Nursing Program Admission webpage](#).
- Be formatted according to the Personal Statement Instructions found on the [Undergraduate Nursing Program Admission webpage](#), including length, spacing, margins, font, document format, and file title.

References

As of May 2026, references are no longer used in the Holistic Admission process.

Holistic Application Interview

Save the date for Holistic Interview Day so that you will be available if invited to interview. See the [WSU Nursing Apply for the Pre-Licensure Major](#) page for the date. There will be no make-up days.