

# ADMISSION POLICIES FOR THE PRELICENSURE BSN CURRICULUM

The Admission and Transfer Policy accompanies an application for nursing admission. This Policy includes eligibility; admission and transfer requirements; testing requirements; and, selection process.

## Admission and Transfer

All courses in the PL-BSN curriculum plan must be taken as scheduled in the published plan; therefore, students will need to take additional courses or semesters if an evaluation of their transcript indicates that they are not in compliance with the published curriculum plan.

All candidates for admission or transfer into the Anna Maria College Pre-licensure BSN (PLBSN) program (direct admission freshmen and external transfers) will be evaluated by the Admission Office to validate that they are in full compliance with the following *AMC PLBSN Admission and Transfer Policy* requirements.

To be considered for admission to the PL-BSN Nursing Program, the following documents must be submitted to the College Admission Office:

### **ADMISSION (Freshman Admission)**

1. Satisfactory evidence of graduating from high school or having earned a GED or HiSET certificate. High school seniors may apply to the nursing program by submitting high school transcript (in progress), letter of recommendation, and an essay. Although a preliminary acceptance may be offered, the student cannot matriculate into the College for the nursing major until proof of high school graduation has been received.
2. An official high school transcript that validates that the candidate has completed the following:
  - 4 units in English;
  - 3 units in mathematics;
  - 2 units in social science;
  - 2 units in laboratory science;
  - 2 units in a language other than English, is recommended.
3. Official score results from either the ACT exam, SAT exam or the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills, (TEAS V exam). The required scores to be considered for admission to the PL-BSN program are:
  - a. ACT Composite score 19 or higher.
  - b. SAT Scores:
    - i. The minimum required scores for the SAT taken prior to March 2016 are:
      - Critical reading: 450
      - Mathematics: 450
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    - ii. The minimum required scores for the SAT taken March 2016 and onward are:
      - Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section: 500
      - Math Section: 490
  - c. ATI TEAS V exam score of proficient (58.7% minimum) or higher in the ATI Preparedness Category on the TEAS V exam.

Students are only allowed two (2) attempts on the TEAS V exam to achieve the required minimum score; this includes any ATI TEAS V exam taken at another location.

It is strongly suggested that an applicant wait 45 days between TEAS exams. The TEAS test is administered at Anna Maria College (fee required). More information can be found on the College website at <https://www.annamaria.edu/admission-process/teas-test>. Information about the test content and resources to prepare for the exam can be found at <https://www.atitesting.com/Solutions/PreNursingSchool/TEAS.aspx>

**Students who have either an ACT Composite score or SAT section score below the minimum acceptable scores must take and score proficient (58.7% minimum) or higher in the ATI Preparedness Category on the TEAS V exam.**

### **TRANSFER Admission**

1. Satisfactory evidence of graduating from high school or having earned a GED or HiSET certificate to validate the above units of English, mathematics, social science, laboratory science and language requirements.
2. Official transcripts of all colleges or universities attended.
3. Official score results from either the ACT exam, SAT exam or the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills, (TEAS V exam). The required scores to be considered for admission to the PL-BSN program are:
  - a. ACT Composite score 19 or higher.
  - b. SAT Scores:
    - i. The minimum required scores for the SAT taken prior to March 2016 are:
      - Critical reading: 450
      - Mathematics: 450
    - ii. The minimum required scores for the SAT taken March 2016 and onward are:
      - Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section: 500
      - Math Section: 490
  - c. ATI TEAS V exam score of proficient (58.7% minimum) or higher in the ATI Preparedness Category on the TEAS V exam.

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## **Course Exemption and Transfer of Credit Policy**

### **General Education Course Exemption**

The general education course exemption policy, as stated in the most current *Anna Maria College Academic Catalog*, indicates that that transfer students with 30 or more transferrable college credits but fewer than 60 transferrable college credits may be eligible for first year General Education exemptions. Transfer students with fewer than 12 credits in transfer will be required to take AMC100. Students with an earned Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution who are pursuing a second Bachelor's degree may transfer in up to 90 credits. Regardless of the number of transfer credits, all major requirements will need to be satisfied.

Course Exemptions for nursing majors will NOT be granted for the following courses, they are:

- General Psychology (**3 credits**)
- Freshman Composition (**3 credits**)
- Writing through Literature (**3 credits**)
- Human Lifespan Development (**3 credits**)
- Introduction to Sociology (**3 credits**)
- Applied Statistics/Quantitative Analysis (**3 credits**)

**Students granted course exemptions will be required to complete the total number of program credits for the degree.**

### **Transfer of Credit**

Anna Maria College generally grants transfer credit for courses taken at other colleges or universities that correspond to or are comparable to those offered at Anna Maria College. Courses taken at the remedial level, usually designated by a course number that is less than at the 100 level (e.g. 090 level) will not be accepted in transfer. AMC reserves the right to require transfer students to successfully complete ENG103 and/or ENG 104 and any additional first and second year General Education course(s), if needed for the major.

A grade of C- or better must be earned for a course to be considered for transfer (exceptions include C or better in courses deemed equivalent to AMC100, ENG103, and ENG104) unless the applicant has an earned Associate's Degree and/or completed 60 credits or more elsewhere. In such cases credit will be granted for courses completed for which a passing grade was earned.

### **Nursing Program Criteria for Acceptance of Transfer Courses**

The official transcript and the course description applicable to the time the student took will be reviewed by the Admission Office to validate course equivalency to the Anna Maria College course(s). In order to be approved for transfer credit the following criteria must be met:

1. The course must have been completed at a regionally accredited college or university.
2. The course description, course content, and syllabi (if needed) for the course must be equivalent to the Anna Maria College courses.

3. The AMC PL-BSN nursing program has minimum acceptable grades for all science and select general education courses. The official transcript must validate that the student meets the criteria:

- a. **Science Courses:**

The AMC PL-BSN program requires that to be accepted for transfer by the nursing program a minimum grade of “C+” is required for the following science courses taken at another regionally accredited college or university:

- Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits with a lab)
- Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits with a lab)
- Microbiology (4 credits with a lab)
- Introduction to Chemistry I (4 credits with a lab)

To be accepted for transfer, science course grades cannot be older than 7 years and less than a “C+” grade.

Only one science course, of any title, may be repeated once. A withdrawal is considered as one unsuccessful attempt to pass a course.

- b. **General Education Courses:**

The AMC PL-BSN program requires that to be accepted for transfer by the nursing program, a minimum grade of “C” is required for the following general education courses taken at another regionally accredited college or university:

- General Psychology (3 credits)
- Human Lifespan Development (3 credits)
- Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)
- Applied Statistics/Quantitative Analysis (3 credits)

### **Nursing Course Exemption**

There are NO nursing course exemptions for nursing courses within the PL-BSN program. Students transferring from other pre-licensure nursing programs must take all nursing courses at Anna Maria College.

Licensed practical nurses applying for advanced placement can apply for limited nursing course exemption, as defined in the AMC PL-BSN Advanced Placement Policy.

### **Advanced Placement**

As part of the Anna Maria College Nursing Program commitment to educational mobility in nursing, licensed practical nurses, with a current unrestricted license in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who meet the defined criteria for advanced placement in the PL-BSN program are allowed to pursue a curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®).

### **Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs Applying for Advanced Placement Admission into the PL-BSN Program):**

Applicants for Advanced Placement Admission into the PL-BSN Program must meet the general requirements for admission to Health and Science programs, as well as the specific nursing program admission requirements.

Nursing students are required to complete a minimum of 61 nursing credits at Anna Maria College for the Pre-Licensure Bachelor in Science (PL-BSN) Degree in Nursing, if not exempt. Transfer of Science and General Education course credits must be from a regionally accredited college or university.

LPN candidates that have been approved for advanced placement admission to the Anna Maria College Pre-Licensure BSN program may also be required to complete additional pre-entrance requirements, i.e., complete assigned ATI tutorial program(s), competencies, and entrance exams.

***LPN students seeking advanced admission into the PL-BSN nursing program must have:***

1. A letter of recommendation from the Dean/Director of the nursing program where they obtained their LPN diploma or current nursing supervisor.
2. Current valid LPN license.
3. An official transcript from the LPN program with an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher
4. An official transcript indicating successful completion of the first two years of the published Anna Maria College PL-BSN curriculum college courses. The seven (7) year course expiration for science courses, taken at the college level, will be waived for LPN candidates who have been in active nursing employment during the last five (5) years.
5. A score of Level 2 or higher on the ATI RN Fundamentals exam for NUS300: Fundamentals of Nursing course with a clinical experience and a successful score (6 cr. awarded) on the National League of Nursing (NLN) Physical Assessment Exam for the NUS305: Nursing Health Assessment will be required (3 cr. Awarded). A Level 1 or higher on the ATI RN Pharmacology for the NUS309: Pharmacology for Nursing, or transfer credit approval for a 3-credit pharmacology course. All ATI and/or NLN testing will be administered at Anna Maria College.
6. If unsuccessful on the ATI exam and/or NLN exam, the student will have to take the required nursing course(s) and achieve a grade of C+ or higher at Anna Maria College.