Edyth T. James Department of Nursing
Application Packet
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INTRODUCTION

The Edyth T. James Department of Nursing at Washington Adventist University is among the first nursing programs established in the state of Maryland, dating back to 1909. The university now offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, which is a four-year program and is truly committed to providing quality Christian nursing education. The Nursing program maintains rigorous standards and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing.

The curriculum of the nursing program is designed to develop professional competence in the scholarly practice of nursing. The program of study offers interrelated theoretical and clinical learning experiences, and multiple agencies are utilized for clinical experiences including Adventist Healthcare White Oak Medical Center, Shady Grove Medical Center, Children’s National Medical Center, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington DC VA Medical Center, St. Elizabeth Hospital and other various skilled nursing facilities. The didactic and clinical experiences in the program enrich student learning and enable integration of theory and practice of professional nursing within the healthcare system in a multicultural society. Employment opportunities extend beyond hospitals and nursing homes to community health agencies, health maintenance organizations, private industry, educational institutions, mission and foreign services.
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN NURSING

ADMISSION PROCESS

1. Upon acceptance to Washington Adventist University (WAU) and payment of the admission confirmation fee, previous college credits (if applicable) will be evaluated by the Registrar’s Office. (Note: Official transcripts must be submitted to the admissions office in order for the official evaluation to be completed). This process may take up to eight weeks and must be completed before applying to the nursing program. International transfer students wishing to transfer credits must submit official international transcripts, as well as an official WES transcript.

2. After the student has been accepted into Washington Adventist University and the official transcript evaluation has been completed, the applicant is eligible to apply to the Nursing Program. Please note: Acceptance to the University (even as a “pre” nursing major) does not guarantee acceptance into the Nursing Program.

3. As part of the application process, the applicant should make an appointment with the Nursing Admissions & Progression Coordinator via email nursing@wau.edu or phone

4. Along with the nursing application, the applicant is expected to submit two recommendation forms (see page 11 &12). These forms should be completed by individuals who are able to assess your performance in an academic or work setting. (Please do not have peers or family members complete these forms).

Please refer to the nursing section of the Academic Bulletin for more information on how students are selected for the program. Notification of admission status will be emailed. It is the responsibility of each applicant to be familiar with the nursing admission and progression policies outlined here as well as in the Academic Bulletin.

Admissions Support:

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<th>Admissions &amp; Progressions Coordinator</th>
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<td>(301) 891-4144 (O) (301) 891-4191 (F)</td>
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April 22, 2022
SPECIFICS OF ADMISSION PROCESS AND DEADLINES FOR FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS

Spring (January) & Fall (August) Admission:

- **Application to Nursing Program**
  - Submit nursing application
  - **May 15: Fall admission (August)**
  - **October 1: Spring Admission (January)**
  - Complete TEAS exam and submit scores
    - Proficient overall score: >58.7%;
    - Reading: >70%;
    - Science: >66%;
    - Math score of 70%

- **Complete Background Check and Drug Test**
  - Background & Drug test needs to be validated for one academic year
  - Fall applicants - Between May 15 and July 15.
  - Spring applicants before November 1
  - Fourteen prerequisites completed or in progress
  - Submit PDF results via email to the Nursing Admissions Coordinator
  - Documents in the package must be submitted as one document to be considered

- Notification of acceptance to program
NURSING APPLICANT CHECKLIST

*This checklist is for student use. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all admission requirements are met. Please keep this form for signatures/initials and to help with registration.

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<td>2. Open Castle Branch account online and purchase the package code CB22 for Criminal Background Check and Urine Drug Test ($125.00) (<a href="https://portal.castlebranch.com/cb22">https://portal.castlebranch.com/cb22</a>)</td>
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<td>9. For courses In Progress (IP) only: Request the Official Transcript to be sent to WAU Records Office at <a href="mailto:records@wau.edu">records@wau.edu</a></td>
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<td>10. Make an appointment to see the Nursing Admissions and Progressions Coordinator to register for nursing courses</td>
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<td>11. Attend the New Nursing Student Mandatory Orientation to complete academic matriculation into the Nursing Program</td>
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ADMISSIONS APPLICATION – NURSING PROGRAM

(This form is to be completed AFTER you have been accepted as a student of WAU)

Print clearly, in ink; please complete pages 7-12 and return it to the Department of Nursing, along with supportive documentation.

DATE: ____________________ APPLYING FOR: □ Fall Term □ Spring Term of 20__

NAME: - Last:___________________ First:_________________ Middle: ____________

WAU ID#: ____________________ BIRTH DATE: __________________

GENDER: □ Male □ Female U.S. CITIZEN □ Yes □ No

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

CELL PHONE:___________________ HOME PHONE: ____________________

EMAIL: __________________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Last Name___________________ First Name__________________

Relationship ___________________ Phone_________________ Email_________________

ETHNICITY: □ American Indian/Alaska Native □ Asian □ Black, African American
□ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander □ Other Black (Dominican, Ethiopian, etc.)
□ Hispanic/Latino □ White, Non-Hispanic □ Unknown/Multiple Category

OTHER COLLEGES ATTENDED:
____________________________________________________________________

DEGREE(S) EARNED: ___________________________ CUMULATIVE GPA: ________
ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

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Course must be completed before entering nursing program

I understand that all of the above prerequisites must be completed before admission into the nursing program.

April 22, 2022
ADMISSION EVALUATION

At WAU we care about each student. Our Admissions and Progressions Committee carefully reads each application. We believe that there are many indicators of your potential for success academically, professionally, and as a positive contributor to our community of students and to our global society.

We determine your potential for success by completing a holistic evaluation of your application package. Students who apply for admission to the nursing program will be evaluated in the following areas:

- Acceptance into Washington Adventist University
- Completion of prerequisite courses with a C or better
- Submission of cumulative college GPA 3.0 or higher
- Science composite GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Writing proficiency essay
- Two recommendation forms completed
- Pledge to limit work schedule to 24 hours per week
- All science courses taken in less than five years (Includes CPTR 105 & Math 110)

While at WAU, complete the following:
- TEAS VI scores
- Completion and upload of all CastleBranch requirement
- Criminal Background Check
- Urine Drug Test

Please carefully read the following information. Initial each statement and sign below:

- ___ I am applying for entry into the WAU BSN Program. I fully realize that until all of the above requirements are met, I cannot be admitted into the nursing program.
- ___ I understand that meeting the minimum requirements for admission into the nursing program does not guarantee acceptance, as admission into nursing is a competitive process.
- ___ I have read over the nursing admission requirements.
- ___ I understand and accept that I am responsible for updating and maintaining all of the above clinical requirements for the duration of my enrollment in the Washington Adventist University nursing program.
- ___ I understand and accept that I may be required to attend classes and/or Clinical on Sunday and in the evenings. Lab and clinical schedules are subject to change.
- ___ I understand that lab equipment fees, ATI testing fees, and clinical faculty fees are included each semester as a part of my tuition expenses.
- ___ I will utilize the ATI resources and complete a focus review post any assessments.
- ___ I understand that working beyond 24 hours per week can potentially lead to failure in the nursing program.

Signature:____________________________________   Date: _________
ABOUT THE TEAS TEST

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is a multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage. The objectives assessed on the TEAS exam are those which nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities for nursing students. The purpose of the TEAS is to ensure that you are academically prepared to be successful in a health science program. Required scores of PROFICIENT* or above are predictors of success for our nursing program.

*Proficient overall score: >58.7%;
- Reading: >70%;
- Science: >66%;
- Math score of 70%

PREPARATION FOR THE TEAS VI EXAM

In order to prepare for the TEAS exam, it is recommended that you study the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills Manual, which can be purchased in the online store at www.atitesting.com

The TEAS exam is a required entrance examination that must be completed and submitted with the nursing application. Students may only take the test twice during a twelve-month period. Students can retake the TEAS an additional time if students enroll in the TEAS prep course with appropriate documentation and are approved by the Nursing Admissions and Progressions Coordinator.

Find the available testing dates for Washington Adventist University at www.atitesting.com

Register for the exam in advance to ensure the application deadline is met for both spring and fall admissions. There are only 30 seats available for each test date, please plan accordingly.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE TEAS

1. Visit www.atitesting.com website
2. Click on “Online Store” in upper right
3. Select TEAS under the “Register For” column on the left hand side of the page
4. Select City & State (Takoma Park, MD) to reveal the TEAS registration dates (if it is an option, select WAU tab)
5. Follow final check out steps
TEAS TEST DAY REMINDERS

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Edyth T. James Department of Nursing  
7600 Flower Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912 2nd floor Room # 209 | 1. Calculators are NOT allowed  
2. Bring 2 or more # 2 pencils  
3. scratch paper will be provided  
4. Schedule 4 hours to take the test |

Test Start Time

The exam will start at 1:00 pm and end at 5:00 pm. Please arrive 15 minutes early to the testing site. Those arriving late will not be allowed to test. Individuals must present a valid photo ID to the exam proctor before creating their ATI username and password.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND DRUG TEST REQUIREMENT

All applicants must submit a completed criminal Background Check and urine Drug Test through Castle Branch only. 
Create a Castle Branch account online [https://portal.castlebranch.com/cb22](https://portal.castlebranch.com/cb22) or [https://portal.castlebranch.com/cb22re](https://portal.castlebranch.com/cb22re) and purchase the package code CB22 if this is your 1st time ($125.00) or CB22re if this is your 2nd time ($75.00)
It will take about two weeks for the background check full report.

Background Check: The records must indicate that the student has never been convicted of any of the following offenses:

- Murder
- Arson
- Assault, battery, assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, mayhem or threats to do bodily harm
- Burglary
- Robbery
- Kidnapping
- Theft, fraud, forgery, extortion or blackmail
- Illegal use or possession of a firearm
- Rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, or sexual abuse
- Child abuse or cruelty to children
- Unlawful distribution, or possession with intent to distribute, a controlled substance

Drug Test: Substances tested in a 10-Panel Urine Test

- Amphetamines
- Barbiturate
- Benzodiazepine
- Cannabinoids
- Cocaine
- Methadone
- Methaqualone
- Opiates
- Phencyclidine
- Propoxyphene
A urine Drug Test takes 3-5 business days from the time the sample is placed. However, if the test is positive this will take longer because results go to the Medical Review Officer (MRO). Students might need to provide a prescription to the MRO.

**Students with a positive drug test will not be accepted into the nursing program and will not be allowed to progress if they test positive while in the nursing program.**

To be placed in clinical sites, all applicants must complete their Immunization and other Health requirements. Once accepted into the program, clinical requirements must be renewed annually between **May 1 and June 15.**

Requirements are subject to change to abide by the hospital/clinical requirements.

**Castle Branch** - An account needs to be created in Castle Branch (https://portal.castlebranch.com/cb22im) and you need to purchase the Medical Document Manager package, **code CB22im for $25.00** to submit the required clinical documents.

The following are the health/clinical requirements:

1. **CPR Certification**
   
   Upload a copy of your CPR card from the American Heart Association **Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider** course. **Only American Heart Association BLS will be accepted.** Paper cards must be signed. Computer printouts are acceptable.

2. **First Aid Certification**
   
   Upload a copy of your First Aid card from the American Heart Association course. **Only American Heart Association First Aid will be accepted.** Paper cards must be signed. Computer printouts are acceptable.

3. **Health Insurance**
   
   Upload a copy of both the front and the back of your current health insurance card or proof of coverage. The card must include the student’s official name or a written letter of verification of coverage from the insurance provider is required.

   Washington Adventist University does not provide or sponsor health insurance for students. In the event that a student sustains an injury while on campus or in clinical, it is the responsibility of the student to utilize their own health insurance plan to cover the cost of treatment and/or follow up care.

4. **Influenza**
   
   · Upload documentation of a flu shot administered between August 1 and September 30 of the current year

5. **Physical Examination**
   
   Download, print, complete after May 1, and upload for **NEW INCOMING** students, the **Washington Adventist University Pre-Entrance Health Requirements** form (3 pages)

   for **CURRENT NURSING** students, the **Annual Physical Examination** form (2 pages)

   The physical exam must be completed by a Licensed Health Care provider and documented on the forms provided.
   
   · The Provider must sign and date the appropriate pages
   
   · Your name and date must be on each page
6. **Tuberculosis testing:** Upload documentation of only ONE form of Tuberculosis testing yearly:

   - **Blood Test results OR**
   - **Tuberculosis (TB) Questionnaire** (if you have provided a Chest Xray report within the past five years).

   If you received BCG vaccine in the past or had a positive PPD, you may choose to submit a blood test (yearly) or Chest x-ray (every five years) with a yearly TB questionnaire.

   - **Blood test:** QuantiFERON Gold/IGRA/T-Spot :
     Upload documentation of a blood test within the last year.

   - **TB Questionnaire:** (If a **clear Chest X-ray** within the last five years has been submitted.) :
     Upload a questionnaire annually reviewed by an examining physician/health care provider stating no current signs or symptoms of Tuberculosis are present

7. **Immunizations**

   **Covid-19**
   - Upload documentation of mandatory Covid-19 vaccine/vaccines. Upload documentation of boosters as applicable. **Covid titer is not acceptable.**
     - Pfizer – A series of 2 vaccinations
     - Moderna – A series of 2 vaccinations
     - Johnson and Johnson – 1 vaccine

   **Hepatitis B (within the last 5 years)**
   - Upload documentation of one of the following:
     - Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Quantitative Serum Titer (lab report required) OR
     - If your titer is negative/non-immune or non-reactive, upload documentation of your previous series of 3 vaccinations and repeat the series and upload the documentation as applicable (see attached form)

   **Polio**
   - Upload documentation of one of the following:
     - Polio titer (lab report required)

   **Measles (Rubeola) ***
   - Upload documentation of one of the following:
     - IgG EIA Measles Antibody titer (lab report required)
Mumps *

Upload documentation of one of the following:

- IgG EIA Mumps Antibody titer (lab report required)

Rubella *

Upload documentation of one of the following:

- IgG EIA Rubella Antibody titer (lab report required)

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Upload documentation of one of the following:

- IgG EIA Varicella Antibody Quantitative antibody titer (lab report required)

Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap) (within the past 9 years)

Upload documentation of a **Tdap** (not Td or DTaP) booster. **Tdap Titer is not acceptable.**

- may be grouped together as **MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Titers (blood tests) with:
  - **quantitative** results (with numbers and ranges) **preferred** but
  - **qualitative** results (with words like negative or positive, immune or non-immune, reactive or non-reactive) **accepted**

* May be grouped together as MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)