

High School Early Acceptance

The Don and Carrie Babb Department of Nursing offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at the Bolivar Campus of Southwest Baptist University (SBU). As our communities need more nurses, we have a High School Early Acceptance (HSEA) opportunity for high school seniors. The HSEA is an agreement between the BSN program and the high school senior to secure a seat in the BSN program before the Freshman year of college at SBU Bolivar.

The BSN program is highly competitive with limited seats for admission each year. The early acceptance opportunity guarantees your seat in the nursing program when you meet the minimum requirements for the nursing program admission. This means you will NOT go through a selection process down the line if you are accepted now. We want you to start your college experience at SBU knowing you are going to be part of the Bearcat Nursing family.

Requirements

- Applicants must be entering SBU as a first-time freshman.
- A separate application must be made to Southwest Baptist University through the Office of Admissions prior to the BSN HSEA application.
- Standardized test scores are required for the HSEA program.
 - Test Scores Minimum Requirement: ACT 21 | SAT 1060 | CLT 68
 - Official results must be submitted to the Office of Admissions
 - Cannot require remedial coursework for English or Math based on standardized test scores. (Ex. ACT Math subscale >17; English subscale >18).
- Final determination of HSEA program status will not be made until the applicant is formally accepted as an incoming freshman at SBU.
- Students accepted into the HSEA for the BSN program will be required to pay a non-refundable \$200 deposit that will apply towards onboarding fees such as drug screen and background checks.
- Students must follow the degree plan for the BSN program to ensure timely enrollment in the first nursing course
- HSEA students must maintain the same pre-requisite GPA and admission test requirements as all applicants.
- Students that fail to earn a minimum grade of “C” in a BSN pre-requisite course forfeit the HSEA seat but may still apply to the nursing program through the standard selection process.

If you have any questions about the BSN program or the HSEA application, please contact:

Mrs. Heather Daulton, Program Coordinator
1-800-526-5859 ext. 1453
hdaulton@sbuniv.edu.

Application Instructions

To complete your application, please read all the information carefully and review the requirements to make sure you are eligible to apply at this time.

DUE DATE: May 1st prior to freshman fall start at SBU. Applications will be processed in the order they are received.

1. Must be entering as an SBU first-time freshman

A separate application must be made to Southwest Baptist University Office of Admissions prior to the BSN HSEA application.

2. TEST SCORES

Standardized test scores are required for the HSEA program.

Test Scores Minimum Requirement:

ACT 21 | SAT 1060 | CLT 68

Official results should be sent directly to the undergraduate admissions office as part of your application to the University.

3. ESSAY

Complete a brief, typed essay in a separate file answering the following questions. You will upload the survey when you upload the application.

- What is your name and where you are from?
- Why do you want to pursue a degree at SBU?
- Why do you want to become a registered nurse?
- What qualities do you have that you believe will make you a good nurse?
- Why are faith and Christianity important in the nursing profession?

4. References

Provide the names and contact information for three professional adults (no relatives) who would be willing to provide a character reference for you.

Student Name: _____

Application Checklist

- ☐ Separate Application made to SBU Office of Admissions for freshman year.
- ☐ Official Standardized Test Scores submitted to SBU Office of Admissions.
- ☐ Application Checklist
- ☐ Three Professional References
- ☐ Typed Essay (submit with application)
- ☐ Completed and Signed Application
- ☐ Submit all application materials online [here](#).

References

In the space below, please provide the names and contact information for three professional adults (no relatives) who would be willing to provide a character reference for you.

Reference A:

Reference B:

Reference C:

Application for High School Early Acceptance to the BSN Program

General Instructions: Please type or print neatly. Leave no spaces blank. If a question does not apply to you, enter N/A (not applicable) in the appropriate blank. All correspondence will come first through email.

SECTION I – PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME:	SOCIAL SECURITY
NUMBER:	
_____	_____
MAILING ADDRESS:	PERMANENT ADDRESS:
_____	_____
_____	_____
PHONE: _____	EMAIL: _____

SECTION II – EDUCATIONAL DATA

A. Have you previously or are you currently attending Southwest Baptist University?

☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, from _____ to _____.

B. Please list test taken and score: ACT (*min. 21*) | SAT (*min. 1060*) | CLT (*min. 68*)

Test Taken: _____ Score: _____

C. List *ALL* high school, colleges and universities attended in chronological order. Official transcripts must be on file with the Office of Admissions.

Institution	Location (city and state)	Dates of attendance (mo/yr to mo/yr)	Degree granted or expected date

SECTION III – EMPLOYMENT DATA

List paid employment in chronological order if relevant to health care. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name and Address of Employer	Nature of Duties	Dates of employment (mo/yr to mo/yr)

SECTION V – SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

- List academic and/or non-academic awards, honors, and scholarships while in high school or subsequently. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name

Dates

- List any community service activities in which you have participated while in high school or subsequently. Do not include items already listed in the above sections.

Activity

Dates

SECTION VII – CERTIFICATION

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information given on this application and provided as support materials pertinent to this application (such as transcripts, letters of recommendation, validation of observation experience, etc.) is correct and complete, and I understand that any material omission or misinformation may void my admission or result in dismissal. I understand that my application will not be processed or retained if deemed ineligible or if not signed.

In asking for early acceptance to the BSN program at Southwest Baptist University, I voluntarily agree, if admitted as a student, to uphold the ideals, standards, and regulations set forth by the University and to respect the principles and traditions it upholds as a faith-based institution of higher learning.

I understand that prior to May 1 of my senior year in high school, I must:

- 1) apply and be accepted to SBU through the Office of Admissions
- 2) submit the HSEA application to the BSN program online [here](#).

I understand that if I am accepted into the BSN program, I must pay a non-refundable \$200 deposit, prior to beginning the fall semester at SBU, to hold my seat that will be used towards onboarding fees such as drug screen and background checks.

I understand that final eligibility for awarding the HSEA is established upon the completion of all pre-requisite coursework, and maintenance of required GPAs.

I understand that successful completion of the BSN program does not ensure that I will successfully receive licensure from the state board of nursing. A professional board examination must be taken and passed, and evidence of good moral character must be demonstrated to the licensing board. Students with history of criminal records seeking to obtain a license to practice nursing may have to submit extra paperwork to the board of nursing that could delay or jeopardize the application process.

I understand that I will be placed in clinical facilities in Bolivar and surrounding counties to complete my nursing education. I am responsible for all program fees including uniform/supplies, CPR, immunizations, and text/e-books.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____