



# VSU COLLEGE OF NURSING ADMISSION ADVISING SESSION

Students applying for admission into

**Fall 2012 Class**

**Traditional Program**

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# Application Checklist at a Glance

- Accepted to Valdosta State University through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions
- Completed or will complete ALL of the pre-nursing core courses and other admission requirements by the **term prior** to application term
- Calculated nursing GPA to verify eligibility
- Passed the TEAS Test
- Attended Mandatory Applicant Advising
- Established a NursingCAS account and submitted all materials to NursingCAS
- Submitted a NursingCAS Application

# Accepted to Valdosta State

- **Apply to Valdosta State University** if not already enrolled: <http://www.valdosta.edu/admissions/>
- You **MUST** be accepted to Valdosta State University to be considered for acceptance into VSU's College of Nursing
- Apply early to VSU
  - **must be accepted to the university** early enough so that acceptance to the university is completed by the deadline for application to nursing
- All transcripts for VSU admission should be directed to the VSU Admissions office
  - No transcripts should be sent to the College of Nursing
  - Allow several weeks for processing of transcripts by Admissions office

# Pre-Requisite Nursing Courses

- Core Curriculum Areas A-E (see current undergraduate catalog for details)
- Area F for College of Nursing (see current undergraduate catalog for details)
- Pre-nursing advising checklist can be found at:  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/nursing/documents/BSNCoreWorksheetRevised5-17-11.pdf>

# Nursing GPA Calculation

- Prior to encumbering the cost of application, we recommend you **calculate certification GPA- Only grades for courses required for the College of Nursing are included in this calculation**
- Students must have a 2.8 nursing GPA to be eligible for application
- Science courses can only be repeated once
- Repeated courses are included in the GPA calculations and should be added under “repeated courses”
- **Does not include coursework for which you are registered the term you apply**
- If you haven't completed a course, you must delete the hours from the hours column for accurate calculations
- Pre-nursing GPA calculator can be found at:  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/nursing/PerspectiveStudents.shtml>

# Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

- The TEAS is offered at VSU **Testing Center**
- To register email Ms. Nicole Gunn (npgunn@valdosta.edu)
- Testing Fee is \$35.00 if taken at VSU-
- **MUST** be PAID **3 BUSINESS DAYS** in ADVANCE
- Additional testing sites are available at the ATI site
  - [http://www.atitesting.com/ati\\_next\\_gen/customecom/SessionTypeSelection.aspx?stf=1](http://www.atitesting.com/ati_next_gen/customecom/SessionTypeSelection.aspx?stf=1)
  - Special Note: **The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)** must be completed **prior to application deadline**. Must be TEAS V. Other standardized nurse entrance tests may be acceptable – contact Ms. Nicole Gunn (npgunn@valdosta.edu)

# TEAS Information Continued



- Standardized Test (**TEAS – RN**)
- Compares your ability against level of mastery required for success in college
- Objective measure of your critical abilities in:  
Math, Science, Reading, English
- Basic math for professional practice
- Speed in reading college level material
- Identifies your learning style
- **Must pass TEAS at or above national average on overall score and the reading comprehension sub score.**

# TEAS Information Continued

- **Entrance testing may be repeated only once during any admission cycle**
  - Whether taking the TEAS or another approved entrance test
- OR
- a combination of tests, **only 2 combined attempts will be allowed**
- **Dates for testing** are linked on VSU Nursing Homepage under “BSN Applicants”
- <http://www.valdosta.edu/nursing/PerspectiveStudents.shtml>
- **Must contact the office to reserve a seat. Reservations will not be confirmed until payment by money order has been received in College of Nursing Office**



# TEAS Information Continued

- ◎ **Study book available for purchase in the VSU bookstore**
- ◎ **Book & online practice tests available for separate purchase at**
  - **<http://www.atitesting.com/onlinestore/default.aspx>**



# Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

- Students testing at VSU will receive copy of TEAS transcript
- *Students testing at any other site must request ATI send official Copies to Valdosta State College of Nursing*
- TEAS Transcripts
  - [http://www.atitesting.com/ati\\_store/product.aspx?zpid=942](http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/product.aspx?zpid=942)
- **Contact person: Ms. Nicole Gunn:**  
[npgunn@valdosta.edu](mailto:npgunn@valdosta.edu)

# Complete Mandatory Applicant Advising

- All students must complete mandatory applicant advising.
- Dates for Applicant Advising can be found at:  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/nursing/PerspectiveStudents.shtml>
- Applicants living more than four hours away may complete alternative applicant advising

# Nursing Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS)

- **Valdosta State University College of Nursing participates in the Nursing Centralized Application Service and all nursing applications must be submitted through NursingCAS.**
- **VSU student ID number must be entered on NursingCAS application**
- **Application available at NursingCAS website <https://portal.nursingcas.org>**
- **General information about NursingCAS is available at <http://nursingcas.org>**

# Nursing Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS)

- **Please note that all supporting documentation required by NursingCAS (non-refundable application fee, transcripts, etc) must be submitted to NursingCAS and not to the College of Nursing.**
  - **ALL** transcripts from previous course work must be submitted to NursingCAS with the appropriate transcript form that is available for download on NursingCAS website (in addition to submitting transcripts to VSU Admissions office)
  - **<https://portal.nursingcas.org>**
- **NursingCAS will verify your application for accuracy, calculate your GPA, and send your materials to the Nursing programs you designate.**
- **Applicant must log into NursingCAS to ensure that all submitted information (application, transcripts, etc) has been verified by the application deadline.**

# Application Deadline

- All steps in the application process must be completed by the times posted on the College of Nursing website:  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/nursing/PerspectiveStudents.shtml>
- Check the College of Nursing website for important announcements concerning the application process and deadlines
- Incomplete Applications will not be considered

# Applicant Selection Process

- Applications Reviewed
- GPA Calculation of Pre-Nursing GPA Certified
- TEAS Exam Scores Verified
- Completion of Mandatory Applicant Advising Verified
- Completion of Georgia Legislative Requirements Verified
  - **Exceptions and deadlines for transfer students related to Legislative requirements can be found in VSU catalog.**
- Students are ranked based on Nursing GPA at time of application
- Students are notified of acceptance/denial/space available



# Important Dates for Application Cycle

- **Important Dates for the Application Process can be found at:**  
<http://www.valdosta.edu/nursing/PerspectiveStudents.shtml>
- **Dates included are:**
  - **TEAS Testing**
  - **Mandatory Applicant Advising**
  - **NursingCAS Start date and Deadline**
  - **Notification of Acceptance Timeline**

# Notification Dates

- ◎ **Phase 1 Letters are mailed out approximately six weeks after the application deadline**
- ◎ **Phase 2 Letters are mailed as space becomes available**
  - Letters mailed out for any seats made available after Phase 1
  - Letters mailed out for applications not accepted due to space availability restrictions (no space restriction letters)
- ◎ **Notes:**
  - Positions which become vacant due to applicants not successfully completing required pre-requisite coursework and all admission requirements will be offered to qualified students who were sent no space available letters
  - Applicants receiving no space available letters are **STRONGLY** encouraged to continue with completion of outstanding pre-requisite requirements in case a space becomes available at a later time

# Acceptance into College of Nursing

- **Competitive admissions process is based on limitations in resources**
- **Positions which become vacant due to applicants not successfully completing required pre-requisite coursework and all admission requirements will be offered to qualified students who were sent no space available letters**
  - Applicants receiving no space restriction letters are **STRONGLY** encouraged to continue with completion of outstanding pre-requisite requirements in case a space becomes available at a later time
- **Minimum Certification GPA requirement is 2.8**
  - Note: repeated coursework will be averaged into total certification GPA
  - **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)**
  - **Minimum of “C” in each science course, including Pathophysiology (science courses may be repeated only once)**



# Acceptance & Preparation



- Notification of acceptance and conditions will be sent in acceptance letters
- **Required documentation and due dates included in acceptance letters**
  - Signed College of Nursing **health form** -- from physician or nurse practitioner indicating health requirements met
    - Immunizations
    - Must meet conditions of Performance Standards (found at <http://www.valdosta.edu/nursing/PerformanceStandards.shtml>)
    - Notify Dean immediately of issues related to meeting physical examination criteria

# Acceptance and Preparation



- **Health insurance**
  - **Must use required insurance through Pearce & Pearce**
    - **University System of Georgia Requirement**
    - **will be charged to tuition unless waived**
  - **May apply to waive :**  
**<http://www.studentinsurance.com>**
    - **Apply early for waiver**, if you already have insurance

# Drug Screening & Finger Printing

- ⦿ Required—Do not have these performed until instructed to do so by the CON
- ⦿ May be required more than once, depending on clinical placement site
- ⦿ Initial & Repeat drug screening cost vary from \$25-\$75, depending on type of tests required by clinical sites
- ⦿ Random drug screening and drug screening “for cause” may be required, at the student’s expense

# Special Considerations for Planning Nursing Majors

- Professional **Liability insurance** will be required
- ◉ Drug screening
- ◉ Criminal background check
- ◉ Clinical coursework requirements
- Travel – you must have your own car
- Scheduling - nights and weekends are possibility
- CPR (Basic Cardiac Life Support for Health Care Providers - American Heart Association only)
- ◉ Start planning for expenses once position accepted (Books, testing fees, etc.)

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS  
SEE Dean Hufft or Mr. Shirlock IMMEDIATELY**

# Save the Date (Attendance is Mandatory):



- ◎ **New Nursing Student Orientation: Thursday **PRIOR** to the First Day of Class, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**
  - **ATI Critical Thinking Exam (No prep required for this exam)**
  - **ATI fees must be paid prior to sitting for this exam**
  - **ATI needs a minimum of 3 business days to set-up account. Fees must be paid and account active for testing on orientation day – NO Exceptions!**
  - **Presentations and activities are designed to inform the new nursing student of essential policies and procedures required in the CON**
- ◎ **College of Nursing Convocation and Course Orientation: Friday **PRIOR** to the First Day of Class, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**
- ◎ **Junior 1 Jump Start Workshop: Saturday **PRIOR** to the First Day of Class**
- ◎ **First Day of Classes: See University Academic calendar: <http://www.valdosta.edu/vsu/calendars/>**

# Important Notice



- Convocation and Course Orientation are normally scheduled the Friday before the first class day of the semester. These events are mandatory each semester while enrolled in nursing courses. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements to attend these events each semester. Information related to upcoming events can be found on the master calendar on the College of Nursing website ([www.valdosta.edu/nursing](http://www.valdosta.edu/nursing))

# Transfer Student Orientation

- ◎ **Transfer students** will have an additional orientation to **Valdosta State University** (call admissions office upon receiving admissions letter to university)

# How we communicate



- **Keep your contact information up to date in the BANNER system and in NursingCAS**
- **VSU email account (Windows Live @ VState)**
- **VSU CON homepage**
  - **Calendar of events in CON**
  - **Dean's Notes**

# Contact for INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICATION TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

**Ms. Furey**  
**Senior Secretary**  
**College of Nursing**  
**(229) 333-5959**

**Email: [cfurey@valdosta.edu](mailto:cfurey@valdosta.edu)**



# Questions?

