

FAQs: ADN NURSING ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Does it matter in what order I complete the entry requirements?

It is recommended that you complete the requirements in the order in which they appear on the Stand Alone ADN Nursing Program Application Process check sheet.

2. How do I calculate the GPA of the courses required for program entry?

A GPA Calculator can be found at: <http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/students/gpa-calc>

Enter the number of credits and letter grade for each of the following courses:

BIO 168, CHM 122, BIO 104, PSY 111 and either MAT 121 or MAT 157. The minimum cumulative GPA for these 5 courses must be 2.75 or greater for acceptance into the Nursing program.

3. What is the Five Year Rule?

Science credits must be completed within five years of when they are required for the ADN Stand-Alone program. There are 5 science courses included in the Five Year Rule. The first three listed below must be five years old or less at the time you are considered for placement on the wait list.

- Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 168 or equivalent)
- Introduction to Chemistry (CHM 122 or equivalent)
- Introductory Biology with Lab (BIO104 or equivalent)

If credits were earned more than five years prior to consideration for placement on the wait list are not acceptable and will have to be repeated before the applicant's name may be placed on the wait list, unless a score of 50% or higher is achieved on the Science portion of the ATI-TEAS. In this case, the 5 year rule will be waived.

The remaining courses must be five years old or less at the time you enter the term in which they are required.

- Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 173 or equivalent) Required in Term 1
- Microbiology (BIO 186 or equivalent) Required in Term 3

If credits were earned for Microbiology or A & P II more than 5 years prior to the term in which they were required, they will not be acceptable and will have to be repeated before progressing to that term.

4. Where can I find information about the ALEKS math assessment?

Go to: <https://www.dmac.edu/mathplacement/>

5. I took BIO 733 Health Science Anatomy and see the program requires BIO 168 A&P I and BIO 173 A&P II. Do I have to take these courses now even though I already completed an Anatomy course?

No, you will need to take BIO 734 Health Science Physiology to complete the Anatomy and Physiology series and then request a course substitution through an Advisor. BIO 733/BIO 734 substitutes for BIO 168/BIO 173.

6. I took Microbiology previously and now I see the program also requires BIO 104 Introductory Biology with Lab. Do I have to take both courses?

Yes, both courses are required in the curriculum. BIO 104 is frequently required to graduate from BSN (Bachelors of Science in Nursing) programs. Nursing is evolving towards the BSN being required of all Registered Nurses.

7. I already completed SPC 126 Interpersonal and Small Group Communication and now I see the Stand-Alone program requires SPC 101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication instead. Does this mean I have to take it now, too, to complete the nursing program?

No, you may request a course substitution through an Advisor. SPC 126 will substitute for SPC 101.