



Carl Albert State College
NURSING

Nursing Quick-Start Guide

2025

This Quick-Start Guide is for first semester college students who just need to know how to begin the process. The **Nursing Information Packet**, which has more detailed information about Nursing Admission requirements, may be accessed from the CASC Nursing Department.

Interested in the CASC Nursing Program?

Start here:

1. Fill out Application for Admission to Carl Albert State College:
<https://carlalbert.edu/admissions/>
2. Please provide these additional items to the Admissions Office as a “bundle” with application.
 - a. Official high school and prior college transcripts.
 - b. College Placement Exam Scores: See <https://www.carlalbert.edu/testing/>
*If you do not already have a Residual ACT or ACCUPLACER scores, to schedule exam contact:
Terrie Bengs at Poteau 918-647-1463
tbengs@carlalbert.edu or
at Sallisaw (918) 775-6977 Ext.2253*
 - c. Driver's License ID
 - d. Social Security Card ID (or proof of SSN)
3. New or First Time College Freshmen must register for an Enrollment Session.
Transfer students should meet with a Nursing Advisor to enroll.
4. Information Specific to the CASC Nursing Education Program (Students must meet these criteria to be academically eligible for admission to the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing Program):
ACT composite score of 19 for admission to CASC Nursing Program is no longer required, however an ACT composite of 20 or higher earns admission points. Score of 20 or higher is awarded points based on the standard CASC point system. ACT exam completion is required except if a student has an advanced degree.
 - *ACT is waived for those students who have completed a college degree (i.e., Associate, Bachelors, Masters).*
 - *Retention GPA must be 2.5 or higher to be eligible for admission to CASC Nursing Program. GPA of 2.75 or higher increases admission points. If retention GPA is below 2.5 check out Academic Renewal or Academic Reprieve options at <https://www.carlalbert.edu/student-forms/> or ask your advisor how you can raise your GPA.*
 - *Strong reading skills are crucial in Nursing. English and Writing skills are used in every course. Take the preparatory courses you need! If your ACT Reading score is less than 19, before the Nursing Application deadline you must attain a Next Gen Accuplacer Reading score of 260.*
 - ACT Math Score of 19 or higher, or meet math deficiencies with

- a. Math 1413 Survey of Contemporary Math with a “C” or higher (this only clears math deficiency; College Algebra is still required to complete the nursing degree),
or
 - b. Math 1513 College Algebra (required in nursing degree) with score of “C” or higher.
- *Be aware that the science courses required for the nursing program have prerequisites. Chem 1115 General Chemistry I is a prerequisite to ZOO 2114 Human Physiology for CASC Nursing.*
 - *You do not have to complete an Allied Health Degree to apply to the nursing program.*
 - *You do not have to complete all the general education courses required for nursing before you apply to nursing, however, each completed course increases your admission points.*
 - *Certain Misdemeanor and Felony charges may affect your eligibility to be licensed as a nurse. If you think this applies to you check the Board of Nursing website for the state where you live.*

5. Required General Education College Courses for Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

These four courses must be completed before the first Nursing Course (NUR 1129). All required general education courses and nursing courses must be completed with a grade of a “C” or higher:

- AHS 1203 Basic Nutrition
- ENGL 1113 Freshman Comp I
- ENGL 1213 Freshman Comp II
- MATH 1513 College Algebra
- CHEM 1115 General Chemistry I
- ZOO 2124 Human Anatomy
- PSY 1113 Intro to Psychology

This course must be completed before or during the first Nursing Course (NUR 1129):

- ZOO 2114 Human Physiology

(Highly recommended to complete as many courses prior to admission to the CASC Nursing Program.)

This course must be completed before or during the third Nursing Course (NUR 2119):

- POS 1113 American Federal Government

This course must be completed before or during the fourth Nursing Course (NUR 2219):

- HIST 1483 American History 1492-1865 **or** 1493 American History 1865-Pres

If you need to fill in other courses to reach full time status for financial aid, select courses from the Associate of Science: Allied Health degree plan

6. **Contact an advisor from the CASC Department of Nursing Education for advisement.** Doing so will make sure you are in courses that are most helpful and relevant to the Nursing Degree; this is especially important if enrolling in the second college semester or if you are transferring from another college. Email questions to rsanders@carlalbert.edu or deesteele@carlalbert.edu or call (918) 647-1355.
7. **January 15th is the deadline to turn in CASC Nursing Admission Applications each year.** The application packets are available on request and online beginning September 1st the previous year. The number of students admitted may change based on the needs of the program. Email your request for an application to deesteele@carlalbert.edu or see the nursing webpage online at <https://carlalbert.edu/nursing>

For all other questions about the CASC Nursing Education Program call: (918) 647-1355.

Questions about discrimination can be directed to:

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