

Pittsburg State University
Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing
Guaranteed Nursing Pathway (GNP)

1. Program Purpose

The Guaranteed Nursing Pathway (GNP) is a direct admission program that provides outstanding high school seniors graduating spring 2027 with a reserved seat in the university's pre-licensure BSN program, contingent upon maintaining specified academic and professional standards.

2. Eligibility Requirements (High School Seniors)

Academic Qualifications:

- Admission to the university as a first-time, full-time freshman.
- Declared Nursing as the intended major, BSN Degree.
 - Minimum standardized test score: **Composite ACT \geq 24 AND**
 - Minimum high school GPA: **3.5 unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale**

Documentation Required:

- Official ACT scores submitted to the university.
- Submission of official high school transcript, at time of application and after graduation.



3. Application Process, Due by December 1

Application Components:

- Completion of the program's Guaranteed/Direct Admission application form (online).
- Submission of required reference form, ACT scores, and official high school transcript.

Selection Limits:

- Maximum 30 students per year.
*Late applications will be considered on a space available option.

4. Progression Requirements (To Maintain Guaranteed/Direct Status)

University Academic Standards:

- Maintain a cumulative university GPA of at least 3.3

Prerequisite Course Expectations:

- Complete nursing prerequisite courses with:
 - A or B grades in science courses and labs (Anatomy & Physiology, Intro to Chemistry, Microbiology) **These science courses must be taken at PSU. We will consider request for exception to accept a maximum of one of these courses if taken prior to applying to PSU and being accepted to this program.**
 - Continuous spring/fall full-time enrollment at Pittsburg State University.

Professional & Clinical Requirements:

- Maintain good academic and behavioral standing with the university.
- Complete background checks necessary for clinical placement.

- Hold current CPR/BLS/ CNA certification, or plans to obtain prior to start of nursing program.
- Complete the TEAS entrance exam during fall of sophomore year at PSU School of Nursing and obtain the 65% benchmark.

5. Benefits of Guaranteed/Direct Admission

Assured Clinical Seat:

- Students bypass the competitive clinical application process and are assured of a future spot in the BSN clinical cohort, provided criteria are maintained.

Structured Academic Support:

- Advising and mentoring support to maintain progression requirements.

6. Failure to Meet Requirements

- Students who do not maintain GPA or prerequisite standards lose guaranteed/direct status but may still apply through a regular competitive admission pathway.

Any request for exceptions to the policies should be sent to the BSN GNP Review Committee, at time of application. Please e-mail request to [Nurse Support](#).

