Bob Jones University’s Nursing program is designed to prepare students to become highly qualified nurses with a heart for service to their patients and to the Lord, both at home and abroad. Because of BJU’s open enrollment policy, any prospective student may declare Nursing as his or her major.

At the end of the freshman year, however, students are evaluated in a number of areas to determine whether they will begin clinical courses their sophomore year. Though any student may declare Nursing as a major, it is only at the point that students are approved to begin clinical courses that they are officially accepted into the Nursing program. Students are notified at the end of their freshman year of approval for clinical courses. (Specific information is provided below.)

Also, because we want students to have every opportunity to succeed in the Nursing program, we highly recommend that students take their science courses at BJU. These courses (Biology, Chemistry, Human Anatomy & Physiology) provide what is necessary to prepare students for the rigor of their nursing courses.

Recommended high school preparation:
- At least three years of mathematics, including algebra, geometry, and trigonometry
- At least three years of science, including at least one year of chemistry and one year of biology

Minimum Requirements for Acceptance into Clinical Nursing Courses
Admission to sophomore nursing clinical courses is competitive (not all students can be selected because of the limited number of clinical slots available at local hospitals). Therefore, students must meet the minimum requirements as designated below in order to be considered for placement into clinical courses. Please note that meeting the following minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee admission into clinical courses. The “preferred” grades/scores noted in each of the requirements below indicate what is typically necessary for students to gain admission to clinical courses and to succeed in the Nursing program as a whole.

1. Successful completion of the following courses with a final grade of C- or above (preferred: A or B)
   - Bio 102: Principles of Biology
   - Bio 303: Human Anatomy and Physiology
   - Chm 105: Foundations of Chemistry
   - Chm 106: Bio-organic Chemistry I
   - Nu 105: Interpersonal Skills for Nurses
   - FN 101: Basic Nutrition

2. Successful completion of the Kaplan Admission Test from Kaplan Integrated Testing (offered in January of each year). Students with a composite score of 67 or above will be given first priority for admission into clinical nursing courses (preferred Kaplan composite score: ≥ 70; preferred Kaplan science: ≥ 55).

3. ACT Test Scores: scores of 20 or above on the math, science and composite areas (must be from a single test). Students entering the freshman year with one or more scores below 20 should repeat the ACT test no later than December in order to achieve the required scores in preparation for the evaluation process in the spring (preferred composite ACT score: ≥ 23).

4. Obtaining a grade point average of 2.75 or above at Bob Jones University.

Each student’s performance on the above entrance requirements will be reviewed with the student during a required interview with the Chair of the Division of Nursing prior to the end of the freshman year.

Following Acceptance into Clinical Courses
These requirements are to be met prior to starting clinical courses:

1. American Heart Association CPR instruction for the Healthcare provider: Copy of the CPR card turned in by June 30 to the Division of Nursing; dates on the CPR card current through April 30.
2. Clinical Requirements Record: Fully completed and turned in to the Division of Nursing by June 30.
3. Hospital Clinical Requirements: Completed and reported on the required form by June 30.
4. Criminal background check (State or State and Federal) and urine drug screen: Completed by the Division of Nursing prior to first clinical nursing course at BJU; must be acceptable to the BJU Nursing Division, as well as to the clinical facilities; students with unacceptable results will not be permitted to continue in the nursing program at BJU.