



Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Application Evaluation Guide

This document outlines the criteria used to evaluate and rank applicants for admission to the ASN Program. Admission requirements, ranking criteria, and pathway eligibility requirements are reviewed annually by the Nursing & Allied Health Admission and Progression Committee and may be revised. Applicants should review the most current version of this document and the Nursing Program website during each application cycle.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for admission consideration and applicant ranking, individuals must:

- Hold a current, unencumbered Nursing Assistant (NA/CNA) registry status or a current, unencumbered Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) license.
- Achieve a **minimum ATI TEAS Composite Score of 58.7% (Proficient)**.
 - TEAS examination must be completed through an **in-person** proctoring site. Remote or at-home TEAS examinations are not accepted.
 - A maximum of **three TEAS attempts within a 12-month period** will be considered for selection purposes. The highest qualifying score earned during that period will be used for applicant ranking.
 - **TEAS scores must be less than three (3) years old** as of the application deadline to be considered for selection and applicant ranking purposes.
- Complete all required prerequisite coursework with a grade of **C or higher**.
- Have no more than **three (3) prerequisite courses in progress (IP)** at the time of application.

Applicants with in-progress prerequisite coursework may be considered for admission and ranked using completed coursework. Admission offers are contingent upon successful completion of all remaining prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher prior to the program start date.

**BIOL 2540: Pathophysiology is strongly recommended prior to ASN program entry. While completion of this course is not required for admission, program data and faculty experience indicate that students who complete Pathophysiology before beginning the ASN Program tend to demonstrate stronger academic performance and program progression outcomes.*

ASN Applicant Scoring Criteria:

Course Achievement – 26 possible points

Applicants receive points for prerequisite courses according to the final grade earned in each successfully completed course. In addition, one point is awarded for each prerequisite course that is currently in progress.

Course	Grade Achieved & Associate Point Value			
	A	B	C	In Progress
BIOL 2515: Anatomy/Physiology I	4	3	2	1
BIOL 2516: Anatomy/Physiology II	4	3	2	1
BIOL 2531: Microbiology	4	3	2	1
CHEM 2518: General Organic & Biochemistry I	4	3	2	1
PSYC 1115: Lifespan Psychology	4	3	2	1
ENGL 1215: College Writing I	4	3	2	1
3 MnTC General Education Elective Credits	Complete		In Progress	
	2		1	

Minnesota State College Southeast Coursework – 4 possible points

Points are awarded based on the number of required, program-specific, prerequisite and general education courses completed through Minnesota State College Southeast.

Courses completed at Southeast	Points
5-7	4
4-6	3
2-3	2
0-1	0

ATI TEAS – 10 possible points

The ATI TEAS Composite Score is converted to a 10-point scale.

Examples:

- 58.7% = 5.87 points
- 72.4% = 7.24 points
- 85.0% = 8.50 points
- 92.1% = 9.21 points



Tie Breaker Procedure:

If two or more applicants receive the same total ranking score, applicants will be ranked using the following criteria in order:

1. Highest TEAS Science score
2. Highest TEAS Math score
3. Highest TEAS Reading score
4. Highest TEAS English score

Alternate List Process:

Applicants who meet minimum admission requirements but are not initially selected may be placed on an alternate list.

Alternate applicants are ranked using the same admission scoring process as admitted applicants.

If a seat becomes available, the highest-ranked alternate applicant will be offered admission.

The alternate list remains active until:

- The first day of the semester, or
- All available seats have been filled



Minnesota State College Southeast Practical Nursing Graduate Pathway

The Practical Nursing Graduate Pathway provides eligible Minnesota State College Southeast Practical Nursing graduates with a **guaranteed admission opportunity** to the ASN Program, subject to program capacity.

All ASN Program applicants, including those seeking consideration through the Practical Nursing Graduate Pathway, must submit the standard ASN Program application. Applicants are automatically evaluated for pathway eligibility as part of the application review process. Applicants who meet all pathway requirements will be admitted through the pathway and will not participate in the standard ASN applicant ranking process. Applicants who do not meet pathway eligibility requirements are strongly encouraged to apply and will be considered through the standard ASN applicant ranking process.

To be eligible for the Practical Nursing Graduate Pathway, applicants must:

- Graduate from the Minnesota State College Southeast Practical Nursing Program within the previous five (5) years.
- Hold a current, unencumbered Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) license.
- Earn a minimum ASN prerequisite GPA of 3.00.
- Have no failures in Practical Nursing coursework.
- Have no documented Letters of Concern, conduct violations, or progression actions during the Practical Nursing Program.
- Complete all ASN admission requirements, excluding the ATI TEAS examination.
 - Applicants admitted through the Practical Nursing Graduate Pathway are not required to repeat the ATI TEAS examination.

The Nursing Program reserves the right to limit enrollment through the Practical Nursing Graduate Pathway if applicant demand exceeds available program capacity.