

**Frequently Asked Questions about the Pre-Nursing Program/Regional
Nursing Program
at Southern Illinois University Carbondale
<http://www.science.siu.edu/advisement/pre-nursing.html>**

Q. How does the Pre-Nursing to Regional Nursing Program work?

A. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville offers their Bachelor of Science in Nursing program (Regional Nursing Program) on the Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) campus. Pre-Nursing students take either an accelerated one-year course of study during the freshman year, or students have the option of completing Pre-Nursing coursework in two years. (The Nursing Program is three years.) Admission to Pre-Nursing is not selective*; however, admission to the Regional Nursing Program at SIUC is competitive; only forty students are admitted each fall. Students also have the option of applying to nursing programs on other campuses.

Q: How are Pre-Nursing/Regional Nursing Program students billed for academic costs?

A: 1) Pre-nursing students enrolled at SIUC will pay SIUC tuition and fees.

2) Nursing program students will be billed by SIUE for tuition charges associated with SIUE course enrollment. SIUE will also charge these students the annually approved information technology fee, textbook rental fee, and approved specific and/or program fees.

3) Nursing program students will be billed by SIUC for tuition and course fees associated with SIUC course enrollment. Students will be billed for all SIUC general student fees, except for the SIUC Information Technology Fee, based on the semester's combined credit hours from each institution. The SIUC Information Technology Fee will be billed based on SIUC course enrollment.

Q. What courses are required of Pre-Nursing students?

A. Pre-Nursing one-year students will take a curriculum strong in laboratory sciences during the freshman year. A sample curriculum guide can be found at: http://www.science.siu.edu/advisement/pdf/nursing_curriculum_siuc.pdf Students may take coursework the summer before their freshman year to reduce heavy course loads (especially consider college algebra, a prerequisite for chemistry).

Q. How do Pre-nursing students apply to the Regional Nursing program?

A. The application time frame is September 15th through March 1 before anticipated entry to the program the following fall. This includes having

*Must meet College of Science requirements

completed the HESI A2 nursing admission exam (available through SIUC Testing Services), sending all transcripts to SIUE, and making an online application through SIUE. Admission is very competitive.

Q. What if a Pre-Nursing student is not accepted into the Regional Nursing program?

A. Due to limited space and the competitive nature of the program, not all students applying to the Regional Nursing Program will be admitted. Some students will choose to complete a second year of Pre-Nursing coursework before re-applying to the Regional program located on the SIUC campus, or to another program. Other students will choose from the myriad of health care-related majors offered at SIUC.

Q. Where will clinical placements be located?

A. All clinical rotations will take place in the southern Illinois region, the majority of which are in the Carbondale area.

Q. Can I participate in the Pre-Nursing program if I am admitted to SIUC through the Center for Academic Success?

A. CAS students typically do not take science and math courses during the first year, making it difficult to complete the courses which are required of Pre-Nursing students on a timely basis. Students should plan to enter Pre-Nursing during the sophomore year, in order to build the academic portfolio needed to apply to nursing programs.

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