

# PHASE 1: ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

To initiate the admission process, a prospective student needs to complete an application indicating a preferred location and starting session date. Prospective students may also indicate a secondary location preference if desired. Not all locations are available for new student enrollment every session.

Determining Academic Eligibility is the role of the Chamberlain University BSN Admission Committee. The Chamberlain University BSN Admission Committee reviews applicants using a weighted evaluation system that considers several factors which may include previous coursework, CGPA and HESI Admission Assessment (A2) scores. Additional factors important to student success in nursing school may also be considered. An applicant's most recent educational experience shall be considered by the Chamberlain University BSN Admission Committee.

The thresholds listed below are intended as a guide to determining academic eligibility but do not guarantee acceptance. Applicants who fall below these thresholds may still be successful in the nursing program. It is the responsibility of the Chamberlain University BSN Admission Committee to select candidates for academic eligibility and document rationale.

- Proof of graduation with a minimum CGPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale from a Chamberlain recognized High School or an institution accredited by an organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the U.S. Department of Education<sup>1</sup>. Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a NACES-approved evaluating agency or Chamberlain's Internal Global Transcript Evaluation Services. Applicants who have attended other colleges and have earned at least 24 credit hours, excluding developmental courses, with a CGPA of 2.75 or higher may also be considered by the Chamberlain University BSN Admission Committee. Failure to disclose attendance at other colleges/universities is grounds for denial of admission or for expulsion.
- A custom score of 73 or higher on the HESI A2. The custom score is calculated by using a subset of all four exam scores.

Applicants from states that offer an approved high school equivalency may also be eligible for admission. To be considered by the Admission Committee, the applicant must have a minimum GED<sup>®</sup> test score of 551 if taken between 2002-2013 or a minimum score of 600 if taken after 2013. Applicants from states that offer an approved high school equivalency test such as the ETS High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) in lieu of the GED tests may gain admission by presenting documentation for having met state requirements for the equivalency of a high school diploma.

Florida Locations Only: Re-admitted students who have completed over 75 percent of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program, at a campus other than their intended Florida campus, will not be permitted to request admission to any Chamberlain University Florida campus. Students will remain assigned to their home/primary location and follow the process to complete nursing courses at an alternate campus. Degrees will be conferred at the home/primary Chamberlain campus. NCLEX<sup>®</sup> applications to test will require use of the degree conferral campus school code.

Pending space availability, applicants deemed academically eligible may be eligible to enroll as a new student at any Chamberlain pre-licensure location and for up to two sessions immediately following the session for which the decision was rendered. The applicant will not need to submit a new application unless their application has expired. If an applicant requests a change to their preferred location or session, additional deadlines may be imposed to reserve enrollment at the new location or in the future session (see Phase II requirements in this section of the catalog).

<sup>1</sup> Applicants for the Tysons Corner campus must provide a high school/ equivalency transcript documenting proof of graduation.

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## HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Testing

All applicants for pre-licensure programs are required to complete the HESI A2 at a Chamberlain location, at an approved location, or via an approved remote proctoring vendor prior to being deemed academically eligible and should schedule and test within 3 to 5 days of the initial application date.<sup>1</sup> All applicants taking the HESI A2 through Chamberlain are required to have a Chamberlain student ID number and present it at time of testing. Applicants must present one form of valid government-issued photo ID (i.e., driver's license, passport, military ID, etc.) on the day of the exam. Applicants are permitted two attempts of the HESI A2. Accessing the HESI A2, regardless of completion status, is considered an attempt. Applicants testing via remote proctoring must complete the HESI A2 attempt within two business days of accessing the exam. Applicants must complete all four required academic exams per attempt. If any of the four academic exams result in a zero, the incomplete exam will count as an attempt, but the results will not be considered acceptable. Applicants who are not accepted or do not start within six consecutive sessions of their original intended start date will be required to retake the HESI A2. HESI A2 results are valid for one year from the completed test date and will be reviewed for academic eligibility by the Chamberlain University BSN Admission Committee within that one-year timeframe. Applicants denied academic eligibility by the Chamberlain University BSN Admission Committee may request a third attempt within the one year of test validity for consideration in a future start.

Military applicants who intend to enroll at Chamberlain as part of a commissioning or military scholarship program are not required to re-take the HESI A2 if they start class within nine consecutive sessions of submitting their application for admission. Former students applying for re-admission who previously completed the HESI A2 during the admission process are not required to re-test.

<sup>1</sup> Availability varies by campus location. Applicants to the BSN online option may not test at a Chamberlain campus location, even if the campus is nearby.

## Military to BSN Option

To be eligible for the Military to BSN option<sup>1</sup>, the applicant must be deemed academically eligible by the Chamberlain University BSN Admission Committee in addition to meeting the following criteria:

1. Be a veteran of the United States military (honorably discharged and provide a DD form 214 "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" showing proof of healthcare specialist rating) or

2. Be serving in active duty status with the United States military and provide proof of healthcare specialist rating **or**
3. Be classified with a healthcare specialist rating (i.e., Navy HM, AF 4N0X1, Army 68W) while serving in the military
4. Submit proof of a minimum of 2 years or equivalent experience as a healthcare specialist or comparable role within the past 3 years
5. Complete and receive transfer credit for:

Code	Title	Hours
BIOS-251	Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	2
BIOS-252	Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	2
BIOS-255	Anatomy and Physiology III with Lab	2
BIOS-256	Anatomy and Physiology IV with Lab	2
CHEM-120	Introduction to General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry with Lab	4
BIOS-242	Fundamentals of Microbiology with Lab	4
PSYC-110N	Psychology	3

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## Denied Applicants

Applicants denied academic eligibility by the Chamberlain University BSN Admission Committee are denied for all locations and for the specific session for which the decision was rendered plus the next two consecutive sessions, unless there is new academic information or the application expires. Applicants reapplying for admission after one year or the sixth consecutive session, will be required to pay the application fee as well as take the HESI Admission Assessment (A2).