



## ***Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN): Pathways to Acceptance***

Beginning Fall 2018 the Department of Nursing at Southern Connecticut State University offers two admission pathways into the nationally recognized Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program. Students will have the opportunity to apply for: 1) direct admission into the nursing program as incoming freshmen or 2) admission into the nursing program during their sophomore year after completing required LEP and prerequisite courses at Southern or another college or university.

The direct admission application pathway is available to all high school senior students who are applying to Southern. Admission offers for direct admission are based on the student's high school transcript and standardized test scores. No additional application materials are required for the application for direct admission into the B.S. in nursing degree program. Applicants should apply to the university through the Common App for Early Action and indicate nursing as their major of first choice.

Fall 2018 freshman applications submitted by November 1, 2017 will be considered for Early Action notification. Completed applications will be notified of admission beginning December 15, 2017. Applications will be processed on a rolling basis after December 15, 2017. Direct Admissions are limited due to program capacity.

Students who are accepted to Southern but not accepted for direct admission into the B.S. Nursing program are encouraged to attend Southern as a pre-nursing major and apply for admission into the nursing program at the end of their sophomore year.

### **How many students will Southern accept into the B.S. nursing program in 2018?**

Students complete the nursing courses within the B.S. nursing curriculum throughout their junior and senior year after completing all of their Liberal Education Program and nursing prerequisite courses. Southern's nursing program can currently accommodate 80 new junior nursing students per year but we plan to increase that number. Each year we will reach our enrollment capacity through a combination of our direct admission students who remain nursing majors into their junior year and newly admitted sophomore students.

### **What is the criteria for Direct Admission?**

Highly qualified high school applicants with a minimum GPA above 3.2 and combined SAT score above 1070 (or overall ACT score of over 21) and math SAT of at least 530 (or ACT Math sub-score of 20) may be invited for direct admission.

### **Is there a deadline for the direct admission application process into the B.S. Nursing degree program for fall 2018?**

All applicants who apply by November 1, 2017 will be given full consideration for direct admission into the B.S. Nursing degree program for fall 2018. If there are additional seats available after this date, applications will be processed and evaluated on a rolling basis.

### **Am I required to submit any additional application materials if I am applying for direct admission into the B.S. Nursing degree program for fall 2018?**

No additional application materials are required as part of your application. Students should follow all instructions provided by the Office of Admissions for Southern Connecticut State University.