PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
Admissions Information

The two-year Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program begins every fall term at PennWest Clarion’s Venango and Somerset regional sites. Classes are held on-site during the daytime up to five days per week, with clinical rotations up to 12 hours per week at facilities within a 50-mile radius of the site. Space is limited to 65 students at Venango and 30 students at Somerset, and admission decisions are made on a rolling basis. Priority admission review will be granted to students who complete applications and submit all supporting documentation by May 15.

Applicants who are not eligible for admission to ASN may be eligible to start in another major to begin coursework and prepare to apply for a seat in the next ASN class.

APPLY NOW

- **New Applicants:** Complete an undergraduate application at [www.pennwest.edu/apply](http://www.pennwest.edu/apply). Select fall as your application term, undergraduate as the application type, and Clarion as the campus. You’ll have an opportunity to select the Venango or Somerset site and the ASN major later on the application.
- **Current Students:** Contact Admissions to obtain a Change of Program request form.
- **Former Students:** Your student status will determine your application process, so please contact Admissions for your next steps.

REQUIREMENTS

- **2.75 or Higher Cumulative GPA**
- **Algebra, Biology & One Additional Science** (Grades of “C” or Higher) Courses can be considered from high school (preferably within last 5 years) or college, and can include:
  - **Algebra:** Algebra I and II, Foundations of Algebra, Basic or Intermediate Algebra, Math for Health Sciences or Healthcare Professionals, Excursions Math or Statistics.
  - **Biology:** Basic or General Biology, Microbiology, Human Biology, or Anatomy and Physiology.
  - **Additional Science:** Physical Science or General Chemistry preferred. Other courses may be considered, but must be outside of Biology.
- **Proficient Score on ATI TEAS Pre-Entrance Exam** (58.7% or Higher) Applicants with a 3.25 or higher cumulative GPA and successful prerequisite coursework will be automatically reviewed for a possible TEAS exam waiver.
- **Optional SAT/ACT**
- Applicants who are also Licensed Practical Nurses must hold an unencumbered practical nursing license, and may be eligible for advanced placement after admission.

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PRE-ENTRANCE EXAM INFORMATION

When registering for an exam, you will be able to see the dates and options for testing. If you don’t see an exam date that works for you, please reach out to Admissions.

- Pre-registration is required.
- Limit of three (3) attempts per calendar year and a minimum of 30 days between attempts. We recommend testing earlier in the year to have an optimal chance at admission to open seats. The program tends to fill more rapidly beginning in April.
- ATI recommends six weeks of studying and offers a variety of resources to fit a student’s needs and timeframe at [www.atitesting.com/teas-prep](http://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep).

HOW TO REGISTER

Create an account at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

For Exams Proctored Remotely by ATI:

*Students who test with ATI directly will need to request their results to be sent to PennWest Admissions.*

- Go to [ATI's Online Store](http://www.atitesting.com) and select to register for TEAS at ATI.
- **Program Type:** ATI Remote Proctor – Nursing
- Choose your exam date, complete your registration and payment of approximately $115.  
  *Price subject to change.

For Exams Proctored by PennWest:

- Go to [ATI’s Online Store](http://www.atitesting.com) and select to register for TEAS.
- **Program Type:** TEAS for Nursing Students
- **Country:** “USA” and **State:** Pennsylvania
- **City:**
  - For students applying to the Venango ASN, select Oil City.
  - For students applying to the Somerset ASN, select Somerset.
- Choose your exam date, complete your registration and payment of approximately $82.  
  *Price subject to change.

ADDITIONAL TRANSFER INFORMATION

- Transferrable general education courses must have a grade of “C” or higher and be comparable to PennWest courses.
- Nursing credits are only transferrable with a grade of “B” or higher, earned in an accredited associate or baccalaureate program within the preceding two (2) years, and are subject to the evaluation by the Department of Nursing and Department Chair. Only the courses equivalent to PennWest’s CNUR 101, 102, 111, 112, 121, and 131 may be transferrable.
- Nursing students who have complete nursing courses more than two (2) years prior to application and diploma students seeking transfer must take a challenge exam and achieve a satisfactory score for transfer of nursing credits.
- Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at PennWest to qualify for an associate degree.