# Augusta University College of Nursing

## Nursing Scholars Program

### Description and Guidelines

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Nursing Scholars Program is to enhance the undergraduate education of Augusta University’s academically talented freshmen and sophomores with proven dedication to academic excellence and scholarship who have an interest in pursuing careers as professional registered nurses. The program’s aim is to support academic excellence, active learning, and foster a culture of research and scholarship among select pre-nursing students who will matriculate into the BSN Program. The program will broaden the scope of enrichment opportunities that strengthen students individually while developing collegial leadership skills to serve in an interdisciplinary and multicultural environment.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Apply for undergraduate admission to Augusta University by the Early Action deadline of November 15\(^{th}\) (applications become available in August of your senior year in high school)
- Have a freshman index of 3000 or better as defined by Undergraduate Admissions [https://www.augusta.edu/admissions/freshman.php](https://www.augusta.edu/admissions/freshman.php)
- In addition to other standardized scores for the Freshman Index, the **G.P.A. only includes grades earned from the following courses** and units (for students who graduated from high school in 2012 or later):
  - English: 4 units
  - Mathematics: 4 units
  - Science: 4 units with labs
  - Social Science: 3 units
  - Foreign Language: 2 units of the same foreign language
- Submit a Nursing Scholars Program Supplemental application by the January 15 due date (will be emailed to qualifying applicants by November 30)
- Submit two supportive references who are not relatives from a science instructor/assistant, coach or employer (at least one MUST be from a science instructor or their assistant)

#### Ongoing Requirements

- Consent and adhere to the [Nursing Scholars Course Progression Agreement](https://www.augusta.edu/admissions/freshman.php)
- Maintain a G.P.A. of 3.4 or better
- Actively participate in the Pre-Nursing Society (may include learning environment tours or shadowing opportunities); participates in at least two events per semester during the academic year
- Work towards the Leadership Certificate sponsored by the [Augusta University Experiential Learning Program, Learning by Doing](https://www.augusta.edu/admissions/freshman.php)
- Continue scheduled advisement sessions with designated advisor in the Academic Advisement Center on the Summerville campus
- Meet bi-annually with the College of Nursing designated faculty advisor
- Meet and maintain the College of Nursing Academic Conduct, Professional Behaviors and Values, and Social Media policies.
- Periodically participate in a minimum of two open College of Nursing events annually (e.g., Education Information Sessions, Closer Look Tours, alumni weekend distinguished guest lecture presentations, etc.); must submit proof of attendance

#### Application Process

- Complete a Nursing Scholars Program supplemental application
- Submit a 500 word essay/personal statement detailing interest in pursuing a professional nursing career
- Submit a ZeeMee video link in the designate field of the supplemental application.
- Upon acceptance as a nursing scholar, participants will be required to sign a [Nursing Scholars Course Progression Agreement](https://www.augusta.edu/admissions/freshman.php)
- Upon acceptance as a nursing scholar, participants will be required to obtain a TEAS score of 75 or better by the end of the sophomore fall semester (as is required of all other BSN program applicants)
- Twenty (20) competitive students will be selected and notified via email by March 1.