

# **Frequently asked Questions About J. Everett Light School of Nursing**

## **What are the requirements for admission?**

1. Graduation from high school or GED
2. Admission testing-Test of Essential Academic Skills(TEAS)
3. Write an well thought out essay after taking TEAS test
4. Have a successful 10-15 minute interview with faculty
5. Pass a background check-certain convictions such as felony misdemeanor will disqualify you
6. Submit transcripts from high school and any college courses

## **Do I have to take prerequisite courses in order to apply for clinical? How long is the wait?**

No, once you are admitted into the program, you are guaranteed a spot for clinical.

## **How can I better prepare myself for admission?**

1. Study for the TEAS test. A preparation book is available from the School secretary
2. Make sure you show up early on the day of the test
3. Make sure your criminal record is accurate before the School officials examine it
4. Come dressed professionally to the interview, having spent time thinking about how to best answer questions about your work and any previous college experiences and why you would be a good candidate for our program

## **When will I know if I have been accepted?**

Usually admissions are completed by Dec 1 for the Spring semester and June 1 for the Fall semester. All students are notified in writing of the School's decision. Admission is based on a competitive application, not on a waiting list.

## **I have taken a course like anatomy or pharmacology at another school. Can I get credit for that course?**

It depends upon the content of the course and the credit hours. We are willing to look at transcripts etc to make that determination on an individual basis.

## **What size are the classes?**

We accept usually 60 qualified applicants with 95% of them deciding to enroll at J. Everett Light. Most of the students are female with the ages ranging from 20-55.

## **What courses would I take in the first semester?**

The courses in first semester prepare you for the clinical experiences in second semester. There are 5 courses-Anatomy and Physiology, Pharmacology, Fundamentals, Medical Math, and Contemporary Practical Nursing.

## **What type of time commitment must I make for school and clinicals?**

The first semester the courses are taught 8 am-12:00 pm Monday through Thursday. The second and third semester the courses are 8 am -3 pm for two days a week with clinical experiences being during the day or evening 2 other days of the week. There is much time in studying and preparing for clinical experiences. Expect to spend 1-3 hours studying for **each** hour of class time. Researching patients to care for clinically also takes many hours. Remember this is a short term sacrifice for a long term goal. You, your family and friends need to be prepared to make the commitment.

## **What if I need help in the classroom or learning a skill?**

Group and individual tutoring is available. There is faculty supervised Open Lab where people can practice skills on a weekly basis.