

**Program Comparison**  
**Traditional BSN & Accelerated Career Entry (ACE)**

	<u><a href="#">Undergraduate BSN Program</a></u>	<u><a href="#">ACE Program</a></u>
<b>Required Prerequisites</b>	BIO200, BIO201, BIO120, CHE120, CHE125, ENG112, MAT107, MAT108, PHY103, PSY100 & PSY219	BIO200, BIO201, BIO120, CHE120, MAT107, MAT108, PSY100 & PSY219
<b>Length of Program</b>	2 years full-time (2 fall semesters & 2 spring semesters)	12 months full-time (3 summer sessions, 1 fall semester, 1 winter session, & 1 spring semester)
<b>Is there an option for part-time?</b>	Yes. Part-time would extend over 3 years (3 fall semesters & 3 spring semesters).	No.
<b>Do I have to take the <a href="#">TEAS</a> test?</b>	Yes. ATI TEAS Version 6 is required.	No. An essay is required instead.
<b>What is the minimum required CUM GPA?</b>	3.0	3.0
<b>What is the minimum grade for prerequisites?</b>	C+	C+
<b>Are recommendations, reference letters, or resumes required?</b>	No.	No.
<b>What am I graduating with?</b>	Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing	Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Annually February 1 <sup>st</sup>	We will stop taking new applications October 1 <sup>st</sup> . All applications must be complete by January 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
<b>How many prerequisites have to be complete by the application deadline?</b>	<u>7 of the 11 prerequisites</u> must be complete with a C+ or greater by the February 1 application deadline	<u>All 8 prerequisites</u> must be complete with a C+ or greater by January 2
<b>How many applicants are accepted into the program each year and how many applicants apply?</b>	60-80 are accepted and approximately 150-180 apply.	36 are accepted and approximately 60-100 apply.
<b>Can I work while in the program?</b>	Yes.	We advocate that you do not work while in the ACE program due to the intensity and level of academia. Students find it extremely difficult to work while enrolled in the ACE program.
<b>What is the average GPA for accepted students?</b>	3.6 GPA in recent years. This can change each year dependent upon the applicant pool.	3.5 GPA in recent years. This can change each year dependent upon the applicant pool.
<b>Do I have to complete any other courses aside from the nursing prerequisites and nursing curriculum in order to graduate?</b>	Yes. University requirements must be met in addition to the nursing prerequisites. The exception would be for those who already have a BA/BS in another field.	No. Entering with a Baccalaureate degree waives all university requirements.
<b>I have a Baccalaureate degree in another field other than nursing. Can I attend this program?</b>	Yes. Having a baccalaureate degree will waive all university requirements and you will not need to take additional courses to graduate.	Yes. The ACE program requires a Baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing in order to apply.

For an equivalency chart for courses from the CT Community Colleges that transfer into SCSU as nursing pre-requisites, please refer to the [CT Community College Equivalency Chart](#).