The timeline listed below is a recommendation to help you move through the process with ease. We recommend keeping in contact with your Admission Counselor throughout the process.

**3 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE**

- Complete & submit the Cox College application along with $50 application fee [www.coxcollege.edu/applications](http://www.coxcollege.edu/applications)
- Request ALL official transcripts be sent directly from the institution to Cox College
  - Official high school transcript or GED.
  - Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities in which you have taken college level courses.
  - It can take up to 3 weeks for us to receive your transcripts once you have requested them.
- Complete your FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) – Cox College school code: 013877
  - Contact our Financial Aid department at 417/269-3401 for assistance.
- Take entrance exam if needed*
  *You will need to take the TEAS exam if you do not meet the Cox College admission requirements

**First Time Undergraduate Student**
- Official high school transcript or official GED certificate
- Composite ACT of 18 or SAT combined score of 860 or higher
- High school cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher or proof of having successfully passed the GED

**Transfer Student**
- Must have passed 12 college hours of 100 level courses or above with a grade of “C” or higher
- Have a college cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher

**2 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE**

- Once you meet the program requirements to apply, you need to complete the specific program application
  - Located in the Student Portal – Student Resources Tab

**1 MONTH PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE**

- Take HESI A2 exam. To be scheduled AFTER submitting the program application.
  - To schedule: testingservices@coxcollege.edu

**What are the Success Rates for the Programs?**

We take pride in our students and our success rates show that pride.

- **ASN:** NCLEX first time pass rates: 88% (past three years average).
- **BSN:** NCLEX first time pass rates: 84% (past three years average).
Requirements to Apply to the Program

1. Complete the application requirements listed on the front page and be admitted to Cox College.
2. Completed course requirements to apply:
   a. Completion of Intermediate Algebra (or higher) or prove math proficiency.
      Proficiency met with a 22 or higher on Math portion of ACT, or 70% or higher on Math portion of TEAS.
   b. Must have at least 1 core science and 3 additional general education courses to apply for a minimum of 12* credit hours completed.
      * Intermediate Algebra does not count towards the 12 credit minimum.
3. GPA Requirements:
   a. A minimum of 2.75 cumulative GPA is required to apply.
   b. A minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA for core science courses: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology.
4. Applicants may be interviewed based on the recommendation of the faculty and the ASN Nursing Department Chair.

ASN General Education Requirements

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**See college catalog for math proficiency

Total General Education: 31 credit hours
Total Nursing Courses: 39 credit hours
TOTAL: 70 credit hours

ASN Nursing Courses

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Benefits of the ASN Program

• The ASN Program is a quicker plan of study to become a nurse. The courses are completed in 2 years/4 semesters allowing you to work as an RN while continuing to work toward a BSN if desired. Many health care institutions offer tuition assistance for employees wishing to further their education so there is the potential you would have financial assistance to gain your BSN.
• Daytime and night/weekend options available. Great for students who need more flexibility due to obligations like family, jobs, etc. Semester plan of study is average of 9-11 credit hours per semester, allowing more time to work and spend with your family.
• Three step approach to learning: lecture, skills training, and hands-on clinical practice within CoxHealth.
• State-of-the-art simulation center located on campus that offers “real-life” situations where students can practice in a controlled environment.
• Small class size: 50 students are admitted each semester.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Program Application Requirements

1. Complete the application requirements listed on the front page and be admitted to Cox College.
2. Completed Course Requirements to apply:
   a. Completion of Intermediate Algebra (or higher) or prove math proficiency. Proficiency met with a 22 or higher on Math portion of ACT or 70% or higher on Math portion of TEAS.
   b. A minimum of 37 credit hours must be completed.
      All courses marked with a + must be completed prior to staring the program.
3. GPA Requirements:
   a. A minimum of 2.75 cumulative GPA is required to apply.
   b. A minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA for core science courses: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology.
4. Applicants may be interviewed based on the recommendation of the faculty and the BSN Nursing Department Chair.

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**See college catalog for proficiency requirements
+ Must be complete prior to the start of the nursing program.

Total General Education: 52 credit hours
Total Nursing Courses: 68 credit hours

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Second Semester – Nursing Program

| NRSI 212 Mental Healthillness Nursing Concepts | 3 |
| NRSI 325 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing II and Adult Medical Surgical Nursing II Practicum | 3 |
| NRSI 390 Nursing Elective                   | 3 |
| NRSI 300 Informatics                        | 2 |

Third Semester – Nursing Program

| NRSI 335 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing III | 4 |
| NRSI 400 Theories and Research in Nursing  | 3 |
| NRSI 309 Fundamentals of Gerontology       | 2 |

Fourth Semester – Nursing Program

| NRSI 404 Community and Public Health Nursing | 3 |
| NRSI 304 Childbearing Families              | 3 |
| NRSI 305 Childrearing Families               | 3 |
| NRSI 345 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing IV Simulation | 4 |

Fifth Semester – Nursing Program

| NRSI 402 Management and Leadership in Nursing | 3 |
| NRSI 410 Nursing Capstone                    | 7 |
| NRSI 303 Professional Nursing Concepts        | 3 |

Benefits of the BSN Program

- The BSN program encompasses all of the course work taught in the ASN program, plus a more in-depth treatment of the physical and social sciences, nursing research, public and community health, nursing management, and the humanities.
- State-of-the-art simulation center located on campus that offers “real-life” situations where students can practice in a controlled environment.
- Three step approach to learning: lecture, skills training, and hands-on clinical practice within CoxHealth.
- Program length: Once accepted into the nursing program, the program will take 5 semesters/2.5 years to complete.
- Small class size: 50 students are admitted each semester.
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING ACCELERATED TRACK**

**Program Application Requirements**

1. Complete the application requirements listed on the front page and be admitted to Cox College.
2. **Must have completed a baccalaureate degree by the application deadline.**
3. Completed Course Requirements to apply:
   a. All listed general education course must be completed by start of the nursing program.
4. GPA Requirements:
   a. Must have a minimum combined GPA of 2.75 or higher for the required general education courses, and
   b. A combined Science GPA of 2.5 or higher for completed science courses to apply.
5. Applicants may be interviewed based on the recommendation of the faculty and the BSN Nursing Department Chair.

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Credit for Prior Degree: 26 credit hours
Total General Education: 31 credit hours
Total Nursing Courses: 63 credit hours
TOTAL: 120 credit hours

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**Benefits of the BSN Program**

• Once accepted into the nursing program, the program will take 16 months to complete
• Small class size: Approximately 32 students are admitted each semester

**How do you become a Registered Nurse?**

To work as a registered nurse (RN) you must first obtain an Associate of Science OR Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Graduates will be prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After passing this examination, you will be able to begin your career as an RN.

**What are the job placement rates for Cox College students?**

Registered Nurses are in high demand and so are Cox College students. Of the students surveyed at time of graduation, 96.5% of our nursing students had accepted a job offer.