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Limited Admissions and Limited Retention

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Limited Admissions Requirements

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Nursing Major

(School of Nursing)

The School of Nursing limits the total number of students admitted to the program depending on the resources available. This limitation applies to all applicants seeking admission to the nursing major. ~~Nursing applicants who are not R.N.s must successfully achieve a reading comprehension score in compliance with the School of Nursing standards. (Students with an ACT reading test score of 24 or higher and postbaccalaureates who hold baccalaureate or graduate degrees from an accredited U.S. college or university are exempt from this requirement.) Applicants should contact the NIU Office of Testing Services for information about taking the standardized reading test used by the School of Nursing, which may be taken a maximum of two times.~~

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~~All applicants must successfully achieve a reading comprehension score in compliance with the nursing program standards: an ACT reading score of 24 or higher, an SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing score of 570 or higher, or a passing score on the Accuplacer Exam. Arrangements for taking the Accuplacer Reading Examination may be made through the NIU Office of Testing Services. Applicants with a baccalaureate or higher degree and registered nurse applicants are exempt from the reading score requirement.~~

RATIONALE:

Research indicates that a reading score has no indication on nursing school success nor NCLEX success. The best predictive success looks at GPA, and more specifically GPA related to prerequisite courses.

Reviewing admissions, many qualified candidates are rejected based solely on reading score qualifications.