Application Information Session

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Make Sure to Meet Prerequisites

- 3.0 Overall GPA

- Courses to **apply** B- or better
  - BIOL 2060 Microbiology
  - BIOL 2320 Anatomy
  - BIOL 2420 Physiology
  - CHEM 1110 General Chemistry I
  - FCHD 1500 or PSY 1100
  - Statistics

- Courses to **begin** program B- or better*
  - CHEM 1120/1125 General Chemistry II/Lab*
  - NURS 2500 Pathophysiology for Nursing*
  - NDFS 1020 Nutrition
Create Timeline

- Applications vary program to program
- Organize application materials by school and deadline
- Apply to multiple programs (3-5 recommended)
- Follow checklist
- Start early to alleviate deadline stress
Personal Statements

- Your first impression
  - Can make or break an application

- Follow requirements for length and formatting
  - 2-pages, double space, 12 point font

- Grammar, spelling and punctuation
Personal Statements

Questions
- Why do you want to become a nurse?
- What are your short term goals in nursing?
- What are specific strategies that you will use to be successful in nursing?

Highlight personal experience and skills you’ll bring to the program:
- Volunteer, experience, research, leadership, problem solving, critical thinking, team work.
Personal Statements

- Be conscious of providing Too Much Information (TMI)
- Be concise
- USU Career Services
  - suggestions, feedback and proof reading
TEAS Exam

- Get informed with schedules and deadlines
- Test prep materials and programs
- Study
- Schedule appointment to take exam
TEAS Exam

Take exam
- USU Career Services Testing Center
  - University Inn, Ground Level Room 102
  - Monday – Thursday 8am – 5pm
  - Friday 8am – 4pm
  - 435-797-1004

Fees
- $25 USU Career Services Proctor Fee
- $55 Exam
- $27 Transcript request for other schools outside of USU
Professional Resume

+ Sales brochure about you
  + Abilities, experiences and education

+ Chronological vs Skills
  + Demonstrates growth over time with skills, experience, and/or education
  + Focus on professional skills rather than when, where, or how acquired

+ Limit to 1-page

+ USU Career Coach for Nursing
  + Dannon Loveland
  + 435-797-8402 or dannon.loveland@usu.edu
Letters of Recommendation

- Narrow recommender list to 3
- Personalized letters
  - more positive than a general list of accomplishments
- Provide emails of recommenders
- Allow 4-6 weeks for submission
  - Email notification of submission
Application Submission

- Online application
  - Opens January 8th
  - https://nahp.usu.edu/nursing/how-to-apply

- Give yourself time, must be submitted in one sitting

- Limit distractions

- Make sure emails are accurate
  - Personal
  - Recommenders
Application Submission

- Have all documents in PDF format to upload
  - Personal Statement
  - TEAS score
  - Professional Resume
- 3 Emails of Recommenders
- Submit by deadline
  - March 1st
- Email verification of application received
Funding

- Apply for scholarships
  - College of Education and Human Services
    - Nursing scholarships
  - Private scholarships
- Loan repayment programs
- FASFA
Lastly

+ Reply to acceptance letters in a timely manner
+ Send timely thank you letters or emails to every recommender
+ Follow-up on rejection letters with a thank you letter or email
+ Request feedback