

**CASPER COLLEGE  
H.E. STUCKENHOFF DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

TO: All Pre-nursing Students  
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The Casper College Nursing Program will initiate bi-annual admissions in fall 2011. We have spent the past several years revising the nursing curriculum in order to be more effective in supporting you to be successful in your goals to become a registered nurse. Bi-annual admissions benefit students in several ways. A few are: not having to wait an entire year to apply due to classes being in progress, ability to re-start in the next semester (based on space availability) should a student have to stop their education for any reason, and smaller cohorts means more time with instructors.

The Department will continue to admit 64 students each year. Instead of taking all 64 students in the fall semester, we will admit a cohort of 32 students in August 2011 and a new cohort of students in January 2012. Unfortunately for those students not selected in this first application cycle, they will have to re-apply. The application cycles will also be shortened to two weeks. The next application cycle will be October 3-14, 2011. Watch the web site for any and all updates.

The TEAS V® test will be a change to the application. In the past, we have used the TEAS IV®, but as that test was retired on December 31, 2010, we are no longer able to utilize it. All applicants must take the TEAS V® to be considered for admission.

The COMPASS test is being removed as a way to earn points toward admission. It will remain a college requirement for English, reading, and math placement if a student has not taken the ACT, but will not earn applicants points towards admission.

Beginning with the January 2012 cohort there will be one additional requirement for the application process. Applicants are being asked to write an essay on why they want to be a nurse and submit it with their application. These will be read by one person and will be kept anonymous until the points have been awarded.

Finally, effective with the applications for the August 2012 cohort, we will no longer provisionally admit students who do not have their CNA certification. All applicants must be certified at the time of application.

The revised nursing guidebook which will include the above changes will be available April 1, 2011 in both hard copy and as a PDF on the website: ([www.caspercollege.edu/nursing/index.html](http://www.caspercollege.edu/nursing/index.html)).

We are asking that all pre-nursing students attend a brief orientation session on advising day to answer any questions you might have regarding these changes. These sessions will be hourly, starting at 9 am, in HS 111. Please plan to attend prior to visiting with your advisor. Following that information session, if you have questions please contact your advisor for clarification.