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We know you likely have questions about what it means to be an alternate on the waitlist for the Traditional BSN program at The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Fran and Earl Ziegler College of Nursing. Please review the FAQs below and let us know if you have any additional questions.

Why was I wait-listed?

Your place on the waitlist indicates that you met eligibility requirements, but weren't selected for initial admission given the high number of program applicants. This could be due to a number of factors, including prerequisite coursework or GPA.

Please know that your position on the waitlist is not a rejection of you or your abilities. It is a statement about the exceptional quality of our applicant pool and the limited number of spots we can offer in the Traditional BSN Program. We respect the frustration and apprehension that exists with being placed in a state of limbo while you wait.

What happens now?

Your application will remain active until the start of the program. Your application may be reviewed again, and you could be offered admission if space becomes available in the program.

What are my chances for admission?

Additional admission offers are dependent on space becoming available in the program. This typically is the result of admitted students declining their offer, withdrawing from the program or failing to maintain enrollment standards. As a result, this number varies from year to year.

What is my alternate number?

We do not assign alternate numbers. Each application will be reviewed when a space becomes available, so it's essential to provide updated information about your enrollment and GPA for the committee to consider.

What can I do to increase my chances for admission?

We recommend you complete any remaining prerequisites with the best grades possible. Additionally, make sure you're maintaining a current application file by forwarding any transcripts to our office.

Where do I send updated grades?

You can send updated records to the NursingCAS Transcript Department or log in to your application to update planned or in-progress coursework.

When will I hear something?

Students will be offered admission from the waitlist as space becomes available in the program. If you are later admitted, we'll contact you by phone and/or email. Make sure you maintain program eligibility in case you're selected for the program.

I was offered admission elsewhere. Should I accept that offer?

Acceptance of an admission offer at another school won't affect your status at OU Nursing. We consider all alternates, regardless of their status at another school.

Unfortunately, the decision is one only you can make, and we recognize it's a difficult one that must be carefully reviewed. Most nursing programs have competitive selection, so any admission offer should be considered seriously.

Can I reapply to the BSN program next year?

If you aren't offered admission for the program this year, we encourage you to reapply next year. Our academic advisers are available to meet with you to identify areas of potential improvement. In general, most applicants are encouraged to complete any remaining prerequisite courses and/or improve their cumulative or science GPA. Please note, no preference or penalty is given to those reapplying.

What can I do while I wait to reapply?

Complete all required prerequisite courses, focusing on improving your overall and science

GPA's.

Consider working in a health care-related position. Although healthcare experience isn't reviewed during the admission selection process, it can provide necessary exposure and exploration of the nursing career field, as well as assisting with future employment as a registered nurse.

You can also consider taking additional courses, like medical terminology, first aid or even medical Spanish. Although not considered in the admission selection process, this career-related coursework can be beneficial for future career development or in rebuilding an overall GPA.

Finally, consider our additional entry options for admission. We offer an Accelerated BSN program, a LPN-to-BSN bridge program for licensed LPNs and a RN-to-BSN degree completion program for licensed RNs who complete an associate degree certification program. Additional information regarding our programs can be found at:
<http://nursing.ouhsc.edu/Academics.aspx>.

What can I anticipate in reapplying?

When reapplying to the program, you must create a new application and follow the current year's application process.

