**Academics**

The University requires a minimum GPA of **3.25**.

Required courses for all applicants:
- Four years of English
- Two years of social studies (including one year of U.S. history)
- Three years of mathematics
- Two years of foreign language (in a single language)
- Three years of science (two with a lab)
- Two years of electives

Helpful courses for nursing applicants:
- Biology, anatomy & physiology, & statistics
  *(These courses are not a requirement for admittance into the nursing program, but they can increase a student’s success in the program.)*

**Testing**

SAT or ACT testing scores are part of the admissions criteria. Be sure to do your best and choose one of the two tests to submit.

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**Staying on Track**

Throughout high school:
- **Achieve good grades!** Remember, UMass Lowell requires you to include your GPA when you apply.
- **Challenge yourself!** Try to take courses that are as challenging as possible, especially in the areas of science and math.
- **Get involved!** Be an active member of your school/community through sports, clubs, and volunteering. You can also use these opportunities to gain experience related to the field of nursing.

Junior year:
- **Keep those grades up!** Even if your grades weren't the best in the first half of high school, improvement is always good. Junior year is the most important academic year that colleges look at!
- **Begin researching and touring colleges.**

Senior year:
- **Continue your college search, and finally, apply to schools!** Stay on top of your applications and apply as early as possible.
- **Maintain your grades even after being accepted.**

**Materials for Application**

- A completed Common Application or UMass Lowell Application
- Your application fee
- Your score from the SAT or the ACT. *(UMass Lowell reviews the math and critical reading sections of the SAT).*
- Your high-school transcript, including your first marking period grades
- Your personal essay
- One letter of recommendation
- If English is not your first language: TOEFL/ELPT test score

**Deadlines**

**Early Action:**  
Apply by November 15  
**Early Action Materials Deadline:** December 1  
**Regular Decision:** Apply by February 15