ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
1. Completed Application for Admission to the BSN Program.
2. Completion of a basic nursing education program, with passing marks in all nursing courses as demonstrated by official transcripts.
3. Official TOEFL or ILETS scores. The TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) examination or the ILETS (international English Language Testing System), which tests proficiency in spoken and written English, is required of all international applicants.
   - TOEFL: Applicants must score at least 550 on the paper-based test, 213 on the computer-based test, or 90 on the internet-based test, in order to be considered for admission. When registering for the TOEFL, please request that your results be sent directly to Villanova; our institutional code is 2959.
   - IELTS: Applicants must score at least 7.0 in order to be considered for admission.
4. Two letters of recommendation from professional contacts.
5. Certification of finances for program of study.

PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
In addition to meeting all admission requirements, international students must adhere to the following:

1. Name of applicant on all application materials must be the same as the name on your passport.
2. Transcripts from outside the United States must be translated into English and evaluated by World Education Services (www.wes.org) or Josef Silny & Associates (www.jsilny.com).
3. All international students whose native language is not English will be required to take a supplementary English course as part of the curriculum.
4. Villanova University requires all students who are not citizens of the United States to submit financial documentation demonstrating the ability to finance his or her education for one academic year. This financial certification also must be provided for each subsequent year of study at the University. Valid types of financial documentation, which indicate amounts in US dollars, include copies of award letters, bank statements, letters from bank officers on official letterhead stationery, or letters from the sponsoring country Embassy. Personal letters from family or friends are not acceptable.
5. Candidates will receive the I-20 form from the University's International Student Office after they have been accepted for admission and valid documentation of financial support has been submitted.
6. The University's Office of International Students Services will provide international students with information on banking, housing, transportation, and other aspects of living in the United States and the Philadelphia area. Please refer to the Office’s website for additional information: http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/studentlife/international.html
7. International applicants presently attending another U.S. college or university must meet additional requirements. Please refer to the Office of International Students services website: http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/studentlife/international/services/transfers.html
8. All international applicants accepted into the program are required to have a complete physical examination within 90 days prior to the start of classes. The completed forms will be kept on file in the College of Nursing.
9. Completed Criminal Background Check to include urine drug screening and child abuse clearance is required when accepted. If you are presently residing in the United States, please see www.villanovabackgroundcheck.com and register for package #1. If you are presently residing in Saudi Arabia, have a background check conducted by your country and send the completed form directly to the College of Nursing.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR RETENTION AND GRADUATION
Requirements for retention, progression, and graduation can be found in the Nursing Student Handbook.
DATES
Students begin this program in cohort groups in Fall semester. Complete applications for admission must be received by the annual deadline of June 1.

APPLICATION PACKET
The following items comprise the complete application packet and should be submitted at the same time via postal mail:

- Application Form including essay and letters of recommendation
- Application fee (see below)
- Passport photo
- Official transcripts from all previous institutions of higher education
- TOEFL or IELTS
- Credentials Assessment by WES (www.wes.org) or Josef Silny & Associates (www.jsilny.com)
- Certification of financial support

APPLICATION FEE (non-refundable)
The application requires a fee of seventy-five dollars ($75.00) payable in U.S. funds when application is submitted. Check or money order should be made payable to Villanova University.

MAILING
All correspondence concerning application to the BSN Program for Saudi Arabian nurses should be mailed to the following address:

Saudi Arabian Nurses Project
College of Nursing
Villanova University
319 Driscoll Hall
800 Lancaster Avenue
Villanova, PA 19085-1690 USA

Contact us if you have questions about the program or the application process.