

HOLISTIC ADMISSION PATHWAY

The application process to the nursing major occurs each spring. Students are eligible to apply if they are on track to complete all nine pre-requisite courses by the end of that spring semester. During the **spring** and/or by appointment, applicants will:

- Complete an **application profile**.
- Complete an **essay**, including a short series of medication calculation problems.
- Complete an **interview**.

Acceptance into the Nursing major will be considered after spring semester based on the following criteria (scored by the Nursing department):

- Cumulative grade point average after 4 semesters/spring of sophomore year (0 - 4 points)
- Cumulative grade point average of all prerequisite courses (0 - 4 points)
- Essay and medication calculation problems (0 - 4 points)
- Interview (0 - 4 points)
- Student status (enrolled, graduate, or transfer) (0 - 4 points)

Students whose application scores are within the top 40 will be accepted to the Nursing program. In addition to the above application criteria, students must also meet the following:

- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.85;
- all pre-requisite courses taken for a letter grade;
- successful completion of all prerequisite courses with a minimum GPA of 2.85; and
- a grade of C or higher in eight of the nine prerequisite courses (a grade of C- in one of the prerequisite courses will be accepted).

Students will be notified of their acceptance to the nursing major by a letter from the nursing department chair following spring semester.

NURSING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students must submit proof of the following prior to beginning the nursing courses in the fall of the junior year:

- Current certification as Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR, accepted certifications include: American Heart Association BLS or American Red Cross BLS/CPR for healthcare certifications)
- Physical exam, immunizations (Mantoux/Tuberculosis, MMR, Hep B, Chickenpox/Varicella, Tdap, COVID-19 and Influenza), and proof of health insurance
- Successful background check

Failure to submit proof of meeting all requirements above by the deadline provided will result in removal of the program.

Eligible students whose application scores are below the top 40 will be offered a spot on the Nursing program waitlist. Waitlisted students will be informed of their rank on the waitlist. If openings occur, positions in the program will be offered to waitlisted students in their ranked order, so long as they continue to meet all the eligibility requirements for the program. Waitlisted students may reapply to the Nursing program in the spring of their junior year. No preference will be given to reapplying students.

Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements for the department will be denied admission

The Nursing Department reserves one spot per cohort for a qualified student who is a member of the military, which includes, but is not limited to the ROTC, National Guard, Reserves, or Veteran.

NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The Nursing major begins once every academic year in the FALL semester.

JUNIOR YEAR

Level I/ Semester I in Major

- NUR 311 Fundamentals of Nursing (4)
- NUR 312 Nursing Skills Lab (1)
- NUR 315 Med Surg Nursing I (4)
- NUR 316 Nursing Clinical I: Med Surg (1)

Level II/ Semester II in Major

- NUR 335 Medical-Surgical Nursing II (4)
- NUR 336 Nursing Clinical II: Med-Surg (1)
- NUR 337 Principles of Clinical Pharmacology (4)

Taken either Semester I or Semester II in Major

- NUR 202 Research in the Health Sciences (4)

SENIOR YEAR

Level III/ Semester III in Major

- NUR 383 Public Health (4)
- NUR 384 Nursing Clinical III: Public Health (1)
- NUR 385 Pediatric Nursing (4)
- NUR 386 Nursing Clinical IV: Pediatrics (1)
- NUR 387 Perinatal Nursing (4)
- NUR 388 Nursing Clinical V: Perinatal (1)

Level IV/ Semester IV in Major

- NUR 393 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (4)
- NUR 394 Nursing Clinical VI: Psychiatric-Mental Health (1)
- NUR 395 Advanced Med-Surg Nursing III (4)
- NUR 398 Transitions to Professional Practice (4)
- NUR 399 Nursing Clinical VII: Capstone (1)