

APPLICATION TO THE CONCORDIA COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE NURSING MAJOR



Application to the nursing major at Concordia College is competitive based on academic preparation in foundational coursework. Thirty-two students are admitted each year into the baccalaureate nursing major. Because state regulations require a specific student-faculty ratio in the clinical setting, enrollment in the professional nursing program is limited and based on resources and clinical placement availability. Consideration will be given to students who have attended Concordia College and meet all other criteria. Prospective students may apply to the nursing major no more than two times to be considered for admission. Submission of application materials is specific to the current year of application only; application materials are not retained for consideration in subsequent years or alternate program tracks (e.g., baccalaureate track and post-baccalaureate accelerated track programs). Students must complete the major in the track in which they have been admitted.

There are four options for entrance to the baccalaureate nursing major at Concordia College.

1. GENERAL ADMISSION

General admission application to the nursing major is appropriate for students who have completed their freshman year of college and who wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

- The application deadline is posted on the Nursing Department web page.
- A tiered admission process is used for general admission applicants to the nursing major. Qualified applicants are considered for admission to the major in the following order:
 - Tier 1:
Students who complete the full freshman year (two semesters of full-time study) of college at Concordia College
 - Tier 2:
 - 1) Students who graduate from high school, having earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree, **AND** meet the Concordia College nursing program admission requirements.
 - 2) High school students who complete a full freshman year at Concordia College through College in the Classroom /Dual Credit/PSEO (Post-Secondary Enrollment Option) once they have earned their high school diploma.
 - Tier 3:
Students who transfer into Concordia College within the calendar year of application to the major (i.e., spring or summer semester)
 - Tier 4:
Students who are 'pure' transfers and apply for admission to Concordia College at the time of application to the major (ex. Students who do not enroll at Concordia College for credit prior to applying to the nursing program). *Applicants must be admitted to Concordia College to be considered for admission to the traditional nursing major.
- Application to the major includes the following:
 - Submission of a completed application form
 - Submission of official transcript(s) of college coursework completed through the semester of application.
 - Verified minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 for all college level coursework transferred into Concordia College and a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all selective GPA coursework with a C- or better in all prerequisite courses transferred in and/or completed at Concordia College. [Refer to the CURRICULUM GUIDE for cumulative and selective GPA requirements]
 - Submission of a one-page resume
 - Submission of two references (forms are provided in the application packet)

- Participation in the on-site group interview process or alternate interview if off-site to be completed during one of the scheduled sessions. Applicants must sign up for an interview time in the Nursing Department.

2. EARLY ADMISSION

Early admission to the nursing major is offered to select high school students during their senior year who have met the defined criteria for academic achievement as prospective Concordia College students.

- The offer of early admission to the nursing major is made by the Concordia College Admissions' Office. Contact the Admissions Office at (218)299-3038 or toll free (800)699-9897 for additional information.
- High school students are eligible to apply for early admission during their senior year as a part of their completed application to Concordia College. Students must indicate 'nursing' as the intended major on the college application
- Highly academic students may be considered for early admission based on academic excellence in high school with a competitive ACT score and GPA. Contact the Admissions Office/Director of Recruitment for additional information.
- High school students who accept the early admission offer must maintain a predetermined cumulative GPA throughout their senior year in high school in order to retain the offer of early admission.
- Prospective students who are offered early admission to the major must retain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better through the freshman year at Concordia for all coursework up to the beginning of the second semester of the nursing major. Following the freshman year, the GPA of 2.8 or better must be maintained to progress in the major including a letter grade of C- or better in all prerequisite courses transferred in and/or completed at Concordia College.
- Early admission students complete a condensed application to the major during the GENERAL ADMISSION to the major time frame. This includes submission of the following:
 - A completed application form with intent to retain early admission status
 - An official transcript of coursework completed through the application date
 - A one-page resume

3. ADMISSION FOR STUDENTS ENTERING CONCORDIA COLLEGE WITH SOPHOMORE STANDING

Admission for students entering Concordia College with the designation of college sophomore standing provides opportunity for expedited admission to the nursing major. Applicants who have completed the required coursework for application within the defined criteria are eligible to complete the application process to begin the first course in the nursing major during the first semester at Concordia College.

- The application deadline is posted on the Nursing Department web page.
- High school students who have completed AP/College in the Classroom/Dual Credit/PSEO courses are eligible to apply as a part of application to Concordia College by indicating 'nursing' as the intended major on the college application.
- Prospective students must have earned their high school diploma prior to application to the major.
- Qualified students must be of sophomore standing (minimum of 24 college credits transferred into Concordia College) at the time of admission to the college and application to the major. Students must be able to complete all graduation requirements in the same semester of completion of the nursing major.
- Qualified students MUST have the following prerequisite coursework or its equivalent at Concordia College completed by the application deadline to be considered for application to the nursing major:
 - COM 110 (Communicating to Engage)
 - ENG 110 (Writing to Engage)
 - BIO 101 or 121 (Cell Biology with a laboratory component)
 - CHEM 142 (Survey of Organic and Biochemistry)
 - PSYCH 111 (Introductory Psychology)
- Each of the prerequisite courses for the nursing major must transfer into Concordia College with a letter grade of C- or better and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. [NOTE: If AP coursework is being transferred into Concordia College, a high school transcript must be included in application to the nursing

major to provide evidence of the course grade. An 'S' is not accepted for prerequisite nursing coursework; a letter grade is required.]

- The applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 for all college level coursework transferred into Concordia College and a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all selective GPA coursework with a C- or better in all prerequisite courses transferred in and/or completed at Concordia College.
- A minimum GPA of 2.8 is required through the second semester of the nursing major (end of sophomore year in major) to progress in the major.

4. Concordia College Nursing Major and Four Year Guarantee Policy

For the purposes of determining eligibility for the four year guarantee, any First Year student who applies to the nursing program at the designated time (spring of the first year) will have met the college's expectations regarding declaring majors, whether or not they have formally declared a nursing major. Students who miss this deadline, even if they have a declared major in nursing, will not be eligible for the guarantee.

Students who meet all basic eligibility requirements for admission to the nursing program, apply at the regular time, and are denied admission because space is not available, will be eligible to complete a different major at Concordia under the provisions of the four-year guarantee. Students denied admission to the program will receive supportive advising through their academic advisor, the Center for Student Success, and other resources, to identify appropriate pathways for degree completion. They and their advisor will discern the best path forward for completing a Concordia major. If, taking a full load, it is not possible to complete that major within the normal eight semesters of full time study, the student should make a request for consideration under the four year guarantee no later than the end of the first semester following being denied admission. Forms and instructions for making this request are available in the registrar's office.

If a student chooses not to pursue a different major but instead chooses to re-apply for admission to the nursing program, they will NOT be covered by the four-year tuition guarantee, whether or not they are successful in the second attempt at admission. In almost all cases, the delayed admission to the program will require a 5th year of study. Students considering reapplying should keep this in mind as they make decisions about their academic program.