

2026 FAQs Regarding the *Traditional Baccalaureate Nursing Major* at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota

What is the traditional nursing major at Concordia College?

- The traditional baccalaureate nursing major is for students who wish to obtain a four-year baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN).

Do I obtain a baccalaureate degree in nursing after I have completed the major?

- Upon successful completion of the requirements for the liberal arts degree and the nursing major, students graduate with a Bachelor of Science (BSN) degree.
- Program graduates are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for RNs (NCLEX-RN).

Is this an on-line program?

- No. The majority of all courses in the nursing major are classroom-based at Concordia College.
- Students attend classes on a "traditional" student schedule during the academic year.

Do I need to be admitted to the College before applying for the traditional nursing major?

- Yes. Applicants to the nursing major must first be admitted to Concordia College to be eligible to apply to the nursing major.

Is it difficult to get into the nursing program at Concordia College?

- Admission to the nursing major is competitive and based on the application criteria.

If I am a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or have my associate degree in nursing (ADN), is the traditional nursing program for me?

- The traditional nursing program is not a ladder program for LPN to baccalaureate nursing. The scopes and standards of practice are different for LPNs and RNs.
- The Concordia College nursing program is not accredited as an RN to baccalaureate degree program. The nursing major at Concordia College does not build on associate degree nursing coursework to obtain the degree with a baccalaureate in nursing.

How do I apply to the traditional nursing major, and what is the deadline?

- Admissions to the traditional program occurs once a year. 2027 Traditional Applications will be available by Friday December 11, 2026 online at:
<https://www.concordiacollege.edu/academics/programs-of-study/nursing/>
- Students may submit materials any time after **January 18, 2027**, but the deadline for all materials is **March 26, 2027**. Applicants are typically notified of their admission status by mid-to-late May. Please note that applications are not held over from year to year.
- Completed applications received after the deadline will only be considered if the cohort is not filled.
- Early/Direct Admit students must also complete an admission application. Your NURS faculty advisor will be available for questions.

Does Concordia College give preference to students who are enrolled at Concordia College prior to admission to the major?

- Yes. 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 (and who meet all criteria for application to the major) are considered in the first tier for admission to the major.
 - ✓ Tier 2:
 - Students who graduate from high school, having earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree, **AND** meet the Concordia College nursing program admission requirements.
 - 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, and who meet all criteria for admission to the major.

What are the requirements for admission to the traditional nursing major?

- Applicants **MUST** meet all criteria for admission to be considered for acceptance to the major.
- Applicants must be eligible for sophomore standing or higher by the end of the semester of application.
- The minimum GPA to be considered for application is a 2.8 *cumulative* GPA (on a 4.0 scale) which includes all completed post high school course work and a 3.0 *selective* GPA (on a 4.0 scale) for all pre-requisite courses. (See selective and pre-requisite courses below)
- All prerequisite coursework must be completed or in progress by the application deadline. **All** biology and chemistry prerequisite coursework must include laboratory experiences with the exception of Concordia College's Chemistry 142.
- All prerequisite courses must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better (not pass/fail or satisfactory/unsatisfactory).
- Application materials must be submitted by the deadline. These include:
 - ✓ Application
 - ✓ Two references
 - ✓ One-page resume
 - ✓ Official transcripts from all post high school institutions where coursework was completed.
- When ordering electronic transcripts or sending items to the Admissions Committee, please address them directly to the "Concordia Nursing Department" to ensure receipt. Concordia students will be asked to sign a permission form to have their transcripts sent directly to the Nursing Office after spring semester grades are posted.

What are the college-level prerequisite course requirements for the nursing major that are included in the *selective* GPA of 3.0 or higher?

- The following courses (or course equivalents determined by the Registrar of the College) must be completed by the end of the semester of application to be calculated in the *selective* GPA of 3.0 or higher:
 - ✓ Biology 101 or 121 (and laboratory)
 - ✓ Chemistry 142 or Chemistry 127 & 128 (and laboratory)
 - ✓ COM 110 (liberal arts freshman oral communication requirement)
 - ✓ ENG 110 (liberal arts freshman written communication requirement)
 - ✓ Psychology 111

Do all advanced placement courses count in the GPA?

- No. Advanced placement courses are only calculated in the GPA if the course is part of the college-level prerequisite course requirement for the selective GPA. The student's high school transcript must be provided to calculate the required GPA.

Do I need to complete my prerequisite coursework at Concordia College if I am a transfer student?

- No. Pre-requisites may be completed at any accredited academic institution of higher learning and must be taken for a passing letter grade of C- or better or the equivalent based on transfer into the college.

How many students are admitted each year? How many applicants are there for the cohort each year?

- A cohort of 32-36 students is admitted to the traditional baccalaureate nursing major each year.
- Specific data regarding number of applicants to the major are not shared as the number of applicants varies each year. The program is competitive and based on application criteria.

When does this program start and how long does it run?

- Students must first apply to and be admitted to the nursing major. This is typically completed the spring semester of students' first year.
- Admitted students begin the major in the fall semester of the sophomore year following a four-year degree completion plan.
- The nursing major includes coursework over six consecutive semesters of coursework at Concordia College.
- Students complete the coursework and clinical requirements in a sequential, lock-step fashion.
- The degree must be completed in the same semester as completion of the nursing major.

Does my experience in the health care field improve my chances of being admitted?

- We do not require students to be Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Baccalaureate-prepared nurses function under a completely different scope and standard of practice. Experience in these areas does not improve or decrease an applicant's chances of admission to the program.
- References that provide evidence of strength across all listed applicant evaluation criteria are important indicators of relevant experience for the major.

Is transportation provided to and from clinical sites?

- No. Transportation is not provided by the nursing department. While students commonly ride-share to reduce the number of vehicles parked at clinical sites, students also have clinical experiences that will require individual transportation. In addition, students should not rely on the use of Uber, taxis, or public transportation as a dependable means of transport.

What is the tuition at Concordia College? Is there financial aid available?

- Refer to the CC Catalog online for information regarding tuition and programmatic fees specific to the nursing major at: <https://concordiacollege.edu/catalog>
- Questions related to tuition and financial aid may be addressed through the Business and Financial Aid Offices on campus. They can be contacted by calling the Enrollment Office at 800-699-9897 and requesting a transfer to the Business or Financial Aid Office. Direct calls may be made to the Business Office at 218-299-3150 and the Financial Aid Office at 218-299-3010.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions about the traditional baccalaureate nursing major?

- Students who are enrolled at Concordia College and who have nursing faculty advisors are encouraged to discuss the nursing major with their advisors.
- Other questions specific to the nursing major may be directed to Dr. Joylyn Anderson at jander35@cord.edu.
- Finally, if after reading the FAQs, you have further questions, you may contact Tina Sly (Nursing Department Administrative Assistant) at tsly@cord.edu.