



Columbia College of Nursing – Mount Mary College Nursing Program

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Please refer to the full version of the Columbia College of Nursing Academic Catalog, located online at www.ccon.edu, for more information as it supersedes other materials.

Nursing Program Admission Policy

Columbia College of Nursing admits qualified students regardless of race, color, creed, gender, age, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, or disability that does not interfere with the performance of professional nursing, as defined by law.

There are two admission points to the nursing program: direct and standard admission. All students must first apply and be accepted to Mount Mary College (apply online at <http://www.mtmary.edu/prospectivestudents.htm>). At time of acceptance to Mount Mary College, students will either be directly admitted into the nursing program, or admitted to Mount Mary College as a pre-nursing student. Pre-nursing students apply to the nursing program under the standard admission policy as a current student in their last semester of non-nursing coursework. All applications are evaluated individually using the criteria outlined below.

Requirements for Direct Admission to the Nursing Program

First Year Students (Students who have never attended a college or university)

- Graduated from high school within the past two years
- Successful completion with a grade of C or better in high school biology, chemistry, and algebra
- 3.0 cumulative high school grade point average (GPA)
- ACT composite score of 23 or higher or SAT composite score of 1590 or higher

Students earning a GED or HSED are not eligible for direct admission to the nursing program.

Transfer Students (Students who have attended another college or university)

- 3.0 cumulative transfer GPA. Grades from multiple colleges will be calculated into one comprehensive cumulative GPA, on a minimum of 24 credits.
- Grade of C or better is required in all behavioral and natural science and nursing courses
- Essential behavioral and natural science courses or their equivalent must be completed within seven years of beginning nursing coursework

Directly admitted students are not required to take the nursing entrance examination.

Directly admitted students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0, full-time status, and meet progression requirements in order to continue in the nursing program. Directly admitted students whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0, or achieves less than a C in any behavioral or natural science or nursing course, are no longer eligible for direct admission and must apply to the nursing program under the standard admission policy.

All directly admitted students must submit the Direct Admit Intent to Begin form (available online at www.ccon.edu, the semester prior to starting the nursing program. Students must meet all requirements listed on the form and have it signed by their pre-nursing advisor. The form also must be accompanied by a signed degree audit from the Registrar's Office at Mount Mary College. Forms must be received by March 1 for fall admission and October 1 for spring admission.

Requirements for Standard Admission to the Nursing Program

- Submit standard admission application (found online at www.ccon.edu) and official college transcripts for any institutions attended other than Mount Mary College prior to March 1 for entry in the fall term and October 1 for entry in the spring term.
- All Mount Mary College core and graduation credits must be completed prior to admission to Columbia College of Nursing, including completing at least 16 non-nursing credits at Mount Mary College (see Undergraduate Bulletin online at <http://mtmary.edu/classes.htm>).
- Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or greater on a 4.0 scale.
- Satisfactory completion with a grade of C or better within the last seven years or be in the process of completing the following prerequisite essential courses or their equivalents:
 - BIO 103 Introductory Biology
 - BIO 210 Human Anatomy and Physiology
 - BIO 325 Microbiology
 - CHE 113 Chemical Principles I
 - CHE 206 Essentials of Organic and Biological Chemistry
 - PSY 103 Introductory Psychology
 - PSY 214 Developmental Psychology
 - SOC 101 Introductory Sociology, SOC 150 Social Problems, OR ANT 102 Cultural Anthropology
- Completion of the nursing entrance examination; recommended scores based on current policy at the time of application. Further information can be found on the website at www.ccon.edu.
- Ability to meet the Technical Standards for Admission to and Progression in the Nursing Program. These technical standards include physical requirements, communication, intellectual abilities, behavioral and social attributes, physical examination and drug screening, and criminal background check. Further information can be found online at www.ccon.edu.
- Applicants must submit a course syllabus for any nursing course(s) taken at other institutions.

Limitations to Admission Eligibility

Mount Mary College students or applicants will be ineligible for admission or dismissed if directly admitted to the nursing program if at Mount Mary College, Columbia College of Nursing and/or another institution if they have been:

- Unsuccessful in two or more prerequisite essential or nursing courses
- Unsuccessful in the same prerequisite essential or nursing course twice
- Unsuccessful in one prerequisite essential course and one nursing course

* Unsuccessful is defined as grade of less than C in a graded course, or Fail/Unsatisfactory in a Pass/Fail course, even if the course has been successfully repeated.

Admission Decisions

Admission to the nursing program is not guaranteed, and is dependent upon meeting all eligibility criteria.

- Admission decisions will be made by May 1 for fall semester entry into Columbia College of Nursing and by November 15 for spring semester entry. Because these decisions are made prior to completion of required coursework and evaluation of the applicant's ability to fulfill the Technical Standards for Admission to and Progression in the Nursing Program, those eligible applicants will receive conditional acceptance. Applicants must submit official transcript evidence of successful completion of all prerequisite course work, at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester. Students who fail to provide such evidence will be ineligible to enter the nursing program, and they will be required to reapply.
- If transferring from another nursing program, student must be in good academic standing with the departed institution and submit the Transfer Student Academic Standing Verification form found on the CCON website.

Please visit www.ccon.edu or www.mtmary.edu/dept_nursing.htm for additional details or supporting documents.