



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.

Direct Admission Progression Requirements

The Columbia College of Nursing – Mount Mary College Nursing Program accepts select first year, transfer, and second degree students directly into the nursing major under what is called “direct admission.” Direct admission is based on the student’s previous academic work as outlined in the Admission Policy in the Columbia College of Nursing Catalog and on the Mount Mary College website at www.mtmary.edu/dept_nursing.htm.

In order for direct admit students to progress into the program, they must:

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Maintain full-time status.
- Obtain a grade of C or better in all behavioral and natural science courses, as well as nursing courses.
- Have completed all essential behavioral and natural science courses within the last seven years of the time of starting nursing coursework.
- Submit the Direct Admit—Intent to Begin Form during 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.
- Seek to begin the nursing program within seven years of starting as a direct admit student at Mount Mary College.
- Meet Technical Standards for Admission to and Progression in the Columbia College of Nursing-Mount Mary College Nursing Program.

Students who fail to meet these requirements will be no longer eligible for direct admission and must apply to the nursing program under the Standard Admission policy.

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

Applicants must submit official transcript evidence of successful completion of all prerequisite course work to Columbia College of Nursing, 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 major, and will be required to reapply.

Progression in the Nursing Program

Academic Progression in the Nursing Program

Students admitted to Columbia College of Nursing will be eligible for enrollment in clinical and non-clinical courses for which they are qualified. Upon entering Columbia College of Nursing, students must take all required nursing courses in the nursing major at Columbia College of Nursing. Students must register for clinical courses by July 1 for fall semesters and December 1 for spring semesters, in order to ensure clinical placement. Registration after these dates cannot guarantee a clinical placement and may delay the student’s progression in the Nursing Program.

Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement

The cumulative GPA is based upon all credits earned at Columbia College of Nursing and Mount Mary College. All students are required to maintain a minimum of a 2.00 cumulative GPA on a 4.00 scale. Any student whose GPA falls below 2.00 will be subject to academic action, following review by the Academic Standards Committee. The Academic Standards Committee will evaluate academic progress of students in the Nursing Program at the end of each grading period. Satisfactory progress is contingent upon completing appropriate course prerequisites and satisfying all requirements.

Minimum Grade Requirement in Nursing Courses

A minimum grade of C or better is required in all nursing courses. A grade of SP (Satisfactory Progress) is required in all nursing practicum courses. A letter grade of D, F, or UP (Unsatisfactory Progress) in nursing courses will require the student to repeat the course before progressing to the next nursing course, or in case of Senior II courses, before graduating

Repeat Policy for Nursing Courses

A nursing course may be repeated only once. If a student must repeat a course in the nursing major, it must be repeated at Columbia College of Nursing. The student receiving a D, F, or UP in the same nursing course twice will be dismissed from the Nursing Program. A student receiving a D, F, or UP in two nursing courses will be dismissed from the Nursing Program. If repeating a nursing course, the student may be required to complete additional learning experiences that validate requisite theoretical knowledge base and/or clinical competency.