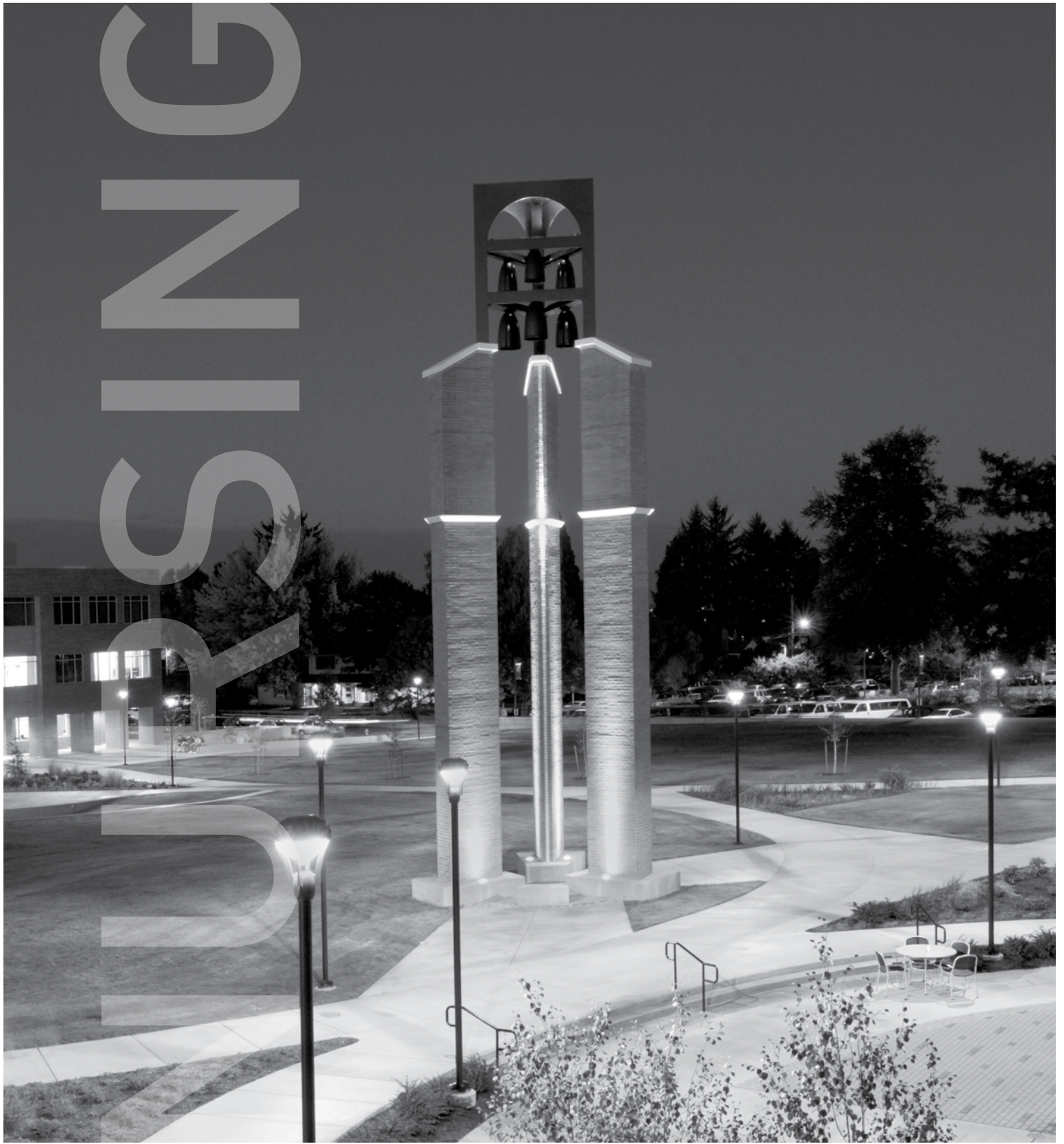


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## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

APPLICATION PORTFOLIO & INSTRUCTIONS (SUMMER 2012)



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## Self Evaluation

Practice as a professional nurse with a baccalaureate degree is demanding and requires certain characteristics. In deciding whether to apply to the Concordia University Nursing Program, consider whether you have the following abilities, which will then be further developed throughout your nursing education:

1. Compassion for those who are sick and in need of care
2. Problem solving applying critical thinking
3. Interpersonal skills to develop positive relationships
4. Self discipline to complete a rigorous academic program
5. Physical and emotional ability to meet the demands of the work expected of nurses
6. Ability to write and speak clearly
7. Ability to cope positively and think quickly when confronted with stressful situations
8. Awareness of your own strengths and limitations
9. Basic computer literacy
10. Clear criminal record – Clinical agencies require background checks

## Requirements

Current Concordia students and college transfer students desiring admission to the BSN program may be considered for admission provided they have fulfilled the following minimum criteria:

1. Completion or verification of work in progress for general education requirements and nursing pre-requisite course work
2. Cumulative college GPA of 3.00
3. Cumulative math and science GPA of 3.00
4. Cumulative anatomy and physiology GPA of 3.00
5. General Education Requirements:
  - Communications  
One year of writing
  - Humanities
  - Math – College Level Algebra
  - Natural Sciences  
General Biology  
General Chemistry
  - Physical Education
  - Social Sciences  
Principles of Psychology  
Cross-Cultural course

It is strongly recommended that all science pre-requisite course work be completed with a grade "B" or above and also be taken within the last five years. Transfer credits for general education requirements that are ten years and older may fulfill course requirements, but will not apply to cumulative GPA.

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## Procedure

Concordia students and external candidates must submit a complete BSN Application Portfolio. All materials must be submitted at one time in the envelope provided. **Applications will not be considered for admission if they are not complete upon receipt.** The highly competitive review process will examine both grades and personal qualities identified in required essays and recommendations. Applicants may also be asked to take an entrance assessment exam and/or participate in an interview.

### A complete BSN Application Portfolio contains the following:

1. Completed and signed BSN Application Checklist
2. Completed BSN Application Form
3. \$75 non-refundable nursing application fee made payable to Concordia University (not applicable to current Concordia students)
4. Two-page Statement of Purpose which must be typed and double spaced to include the following:
  - One paragraph explaining your decision to become a nurse
  - One paragraph describing the gifts and experience you will bring to promoting health and caring for the sick as a nurse
  - One paragraph describing the challenges you expect to face as you study nursing including the weaknesses you will need to overcome

5. Two Letters of Recommendation from a current professor, supervisor, or clergy that affirm your ability to study at the university level and your aptitude for nursing
6. Official Transcripts from all institutions previously attended
  - Transcripts must remain in their sealed, unopened envelopes to be considered official
  - Concordia students must submit transcripts from other colleges only if classes were taken after admission to Concordia
7. Evidence of completion of CNA training (certificate, if applicable).

## Deadline

Students may submit their completed BSN Application Portfolio no earlier than January 1, 2012. Students must submit (or postmark) their completed BSN Application Portfolio by March 1, 2012.

Students will be notified of the admission decision by mail after April 15, 2012.

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## Nursing Pre-Requisites

The following courses must be completed or in progress by the start of Spring 2012:

1. Microbiology (equivalent to BIO 284)
2. Anatomy (equivalent to BIO 364)
3. Physiology (equivalent to BIO 365)
4. Biochemistry (equivalent to CHM 102)
5. Human Growth & Development (equivalent to PSY 321)
6. Research & Statistics (equivalent to MTH 231)
7. Nutrition (equivalent to HPE 462)

## General Education Requirements

1. Communications – 6 semester credits or 9 quarter credits (1 year of Writing)
2. Humanities - 6 semester credits or 9 quarter credits
3. Math – College Level Algebra (equivalent to MTH 123)
4. Natural Sciences:
  - General Biology (equivalent to BIO 211)
  - General Chemistry (equivalent to CHEM 101)
5. Physical Education – 2 semester credits or 3 quarter credits
6. Social Sciences:
  - Principles of Psychology (equivalent to PSY 201)
  - Cross-Cultural course – 2 semester credits or 3 quarter credits

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## Admission Decision and Enrollment Requirements

Students will be notified of the admission decision by mail after April 15, 2012.

When admission is offered, all new BSN accepted students must have the following items completed before enrollment:

1. Tuition deposit of \$400 to confirm enrollment is applied directly to the student's tuition, is non-refundable, and must be paid no later than 10 business days after receipt of admission notification
2. Health History Form
3. Certificate of Immunization Form (required by Oregon State Law for all full-time university students)
4. Nursing Program Student Handbook (which outlines additional requirements specific to the BSN program)
5. Completion of criminal background check at federal and state level
6. Physical examination signed by a nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, or physician
7. Obtain or maintain health insurance
8. Current TB test and MMR, varicella, and hepatitis B immunizations (six month hepatitis B series should begin by June)

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

HOW TO APPLY FOR NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID (GRANTS AND LOAN ELIGIBILITY)

1. Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSAs are available from any college financial aid office or from Concordia University. School code: 003191
2. Submit other documents as requested

Financial Aid will be evaluated and awarded upon admission to Concordia University

HOW TO APPLY FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Concordia University scholarships are awarded at the time of admission and do not require an additional scholarship application
2. Students are welcome to apply for external scholarships as these can be added to your overall aid package

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## Resident Living

Housing assignments are given priority based upon receipt date of completed housing application, tuition and housing deposit.

Please be advised that housing for transfer students is limited.

For questions regarding housing information and policies, please contact the Office of Student Services at (503) 280-8512 or e-mail: [studentservices@cu-portland.edu](mailto:studentservices@cu-portland.edu).

## Requirements During the First Semester

All new BSN students must have purchased/completed the following items during their first semester:

1. Purchase of school uniform
2. Purchase of stethoscope
3. For a complete listing of course requirements, please review our transfer nursing brochure or visit: [www.cu-portland.edu/hhs/undergraduate/nursing/](http://www.cu-portland.edu/hhs/undergraduate/nursing/)



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