Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Admission

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. It is also required that all science pre-requisites 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.

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, 2016. Students must submit their completed BSN Application Portfolio by March 1, 2016. Students will be notified of the admission decision by mail after April 15, 2016.
**Admission Decision and Enrollment Requirements**

Students will be notified of the admission decision by mail after April 15, 2016.

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

**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

**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)

**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.

**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/
PLEASE RETURN COMPLETE BSN APPLICATION PORTFOLIO AND REQUIRED MATERIALS [EVERYTHING IN ONE ENVELOPE] TO:

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
2811 NE HOLMAN STREET, PORTLAND, OREGON 97211-6099
(800) 321-9371 www.cu-portland.edu admission@cu-portland.edu
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Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
Summer 2016 Application Checklist

Careful attention to admission requirements and procedures will ensure that you receive full consideration by the Admission Committee. Please review and fill out the checklist below before you submit your complete BSN Application Portfolio to Concordia University in the envelope provided. Applications will not be considered for admission if they are not complete upon receipt.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING BSN APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Completed and signed BSN Application Checklist
- Completed BSN Application
- $75 non-refundable nursing application fee made payable to Concordia University (not applicable to current Concordia students)
- Two-page Statement of Purpose
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcripts from all institutions previously attended in sealed, unopened envelopes (Current Concordia students must only submit transcripts from other institutions attended while enrolled at Concordia)
- CNA verification - Student must demonstrate coursework in progress/scheduled - see below

IF ANY OF THE COURSES LISTED ABOVE HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED, PLEASE LIST THOSE IN PROGRESS:

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Last         Legal First          Middle             Preferred First   Other name(s) on Academic Records

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Permanent Address: ______________________________________  ________________________________________  ______  ___________________
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Mailing Address Phone: ( ______ ) ______ - ________     Permanent Address Phone: ( ______ ) ______ - ________

Cell Phone: ( ______ ) ______ - ________        Work Phone: ( ______ ) ______ - ________

Email: __________________________________________ Social Security Number:  ______- ____ - ______  Date of Birth:  ______ - ______ - ______

Country of Citizenship: ___________________________________   U.S. Military Veteran?:  Yes ☐  No ☐

Citizen Type: ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Resident Alien ☐ Refugee/Immigrant ☐ Other ☐ Immigration Visa Type: ________________

Resident aliens and immigrants must provide documentation verifying resident or immigrant status – contact your admission counselor for details. If you are neither a citizen nor a resident alien/immigrant, please request and complete the international application for admission.

☐ Male        ☐ Female        ☐ Married        ☐ Single

Ethnic Origin: ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ African American ☐ Caucasian ☐ Multi-racial
☐ Asian American or Pacific Islander ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Other: ____________________________

Religious Preference: ____________________________ If Lutheran, which Synod? ____________________________

Congregation and City: ____________________________ Pastor’s Name: ____________________________

Please list other colleges you are considering: _____________________________________________________

List below all universities and colleges you have attended (no exceptions), beginning with the most recent. If necessary, attach an additional page. All official transcripts must be submitted with the Application Portfolio. Transcripts must remain in their sealed, unopened envelopes to be considered for evaluation.

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Are you currently enrolled at CU? ☐ Yes        ☐ No

Have you previously applied for admission? ☐ Yes ☐ No Term/Semester: ______________ Year: ______________

I plan to live: ☐ In campus housing        ☐ With parents        ☐ In my own residence

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☐ I am a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society.
☐ I am a member of Thrivent. Policy #: __________________________
☐ I have a parent who is a Professional Church Worker in the LCMS.
Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. Your answers need to be typed and concise (200 words or less).

1. Describe your experience working or volunteering with people who are living with serious illness or disability:

2. Describe how you will work with people whose values and lives may be very different from your own:

3. Please list volunteer experience:

Check the following areas of interest in which you would like to participate while attending Concordia:

**Extra Curricular Activities**

- Choir
- Christian Life Ministries
- Community/Volunteer Services
- Handbells
- Intramural Sports
- International Student Relations
- Music
- Student Activities
- Student Government
- Student Publications
- Tutoring
- Peer Mentor

**Intercollegiate Athletics (NCAA Division II):**

- Men's Baseball
- Men's Basketball
- Men's Cross Country
- Men's Golf
- Men's Soccer
- Men's Track & Field
- Women's Basketball
- Women's Cross Country
- Women's Golf
- Women's Soccer
- Women's Track & Field

Have you had contact with the coach?

- Yes
- No

By signing this document, I hereby certify that all the information I have provided in the BSN Application Portfolio is accurate and complete. Furthermore, if I am accepted and subsequently attend Concordia University, I agree to abide by all policies and procedures stated in the University Catalog and Student Handbook and any subsequent updates or revisions to such policies that are communicated to me during my tenure as a Concordia University student.

Further, I agree to complete any outstanding requirements and/or course work by cohort start date.

Date: __________ - __________ - __________

Applicant’s Signature: ____________________________________________

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