

**TRANSFER PACKET
FOR
Nursing Majors**

CONTENTS

This guide is for students who plan to transfer and major in nursing. It is intended for students planning on transferring into a traditional Nursing program and NOT a RN-BSN completion program. For current RNs please see the RN-BSN completion packet. This guide is divided into three sections:

- Transfer Program Planning Guides for nursing majors. This transfer guide meets the requirements for the Associate in Science (AS) degree and the Illinois Articulation Initiative's recommendations for this major.
- Information about nursing programs at the following schools in Illinois:
 - Chamberlain College of Nursing
 - Chicago State University
 - Dominican University
 - Elmhurst College
 - Illinois State University
 - Lewis University
 - Northern Illinois University
 - North Park University
 - Resurrection University (formerly West Suburban College of Nursing)
 - Rockford University
 - Saint Anthony College of Nursing
 - Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville (program can be completed at Edwardsville or Carbondale)
 - St. Xavier University
 - University of Illinois at Chicago
 - University of St. Francis
 - Western Illinois University
- Outside of Illinois
 - Milwaukee School of Engineering

Requirements change frequently; students are encouraged to check current information with a Student Development Center or with the transfer school directly.

Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student.

TRANSFER PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE FOR NURSING MAJORS

Transfer Notes

- A license to practice nursing is required in all states. In order to obtain a license, you must graduate from a state-approved nursing program and pass the state board examination.
- This is only a suggested plan of coursework and may vary by transfer school. Students must verify this information with either a Harper counselor or the transfer school they are considering.

Suggested Courses

- This sample transfer planning guide meets the requirements of the AA degree and follows the Illinois Articulation Initiative nursing baccalaureate major recommendations. Harper also offers an associate in applied science degree in nursing. Transfer institution requirements may vary. Students should check individual college/university requirements before completing the sample plan as outlined. Baccalaureate admission may be competitive; completion of these courses alone does not guarantee admission.
- Requirements for schools vary. Students should check the individual school requirements before completing the curriculum as outlined.

Nursing Sample Transfer Plan

Communications	9	Humanities and Fine Arts^{2,4}	9
ENG 101 Composition I	3		
ENG 102 Composition II	3		
SPE 101 Fund. of Speech Comm.	3	Social and Behavioral Sciences^{1,3,4}	9
Mathematics	3	Major Discipline and Transfer Electives 23	
MTH 165 recommended	4	Choose from:	
		BIO 160 Human Anatomy	4
		BIO 161 Human Physiology	4
Physical and Life Sciences	7	BIO 130 Microbiology	4
BIO 115 Fundamentals of Cellular Bio	4	CHM 122 General Chemistry II	5
CHM 121 General Chemistry I	5	CHM 201 Basic Organic Chemistry	4
Total	60		

¹ Approved courses are listed with the requirements for the associate degrees.

² Select one course from humanities and one course from fine arts. Interdisciplinary courses may count in either category. Approved courses are listed with the requirements for the associate degrees.

³ Recommended: PSY 101, PSY 228, and SOC 101.

⁴ One course from humanities and fine arts or from social and behavioral sciences must meet the world cultures and diversity requirement. Approved courses are listed with the requirements for the associate degrees.

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

Higher grade is taken.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the nursing major?

No. Chamberlain only offers Nursing education.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

Students will be reviewed but there is no guarantee of admission.

ADMISSION

Chamberlain College of Nursing looks for candidates with the following qualifications:

- A minimum ACT composite score of 21, minimum SAT of 990 or A2 Admission Assessment score of 75
- High school cumulative GPA of 2.75 from all previously attended institutions or successful completion of the GED
- College cumulative GPA of 2.75 from each institution attended, excluding developmental courses
- Demonstration of mastery of English through a score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for applicants whose native language is not English

COURSES

At this time Chamberlain College of Nursing has not provided Harper College with any course articulation information. Students interested in attending Chamberlain College of Nursing should contact the school directly.

ACCREDITATION

Chamberlain College of Nursing is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association, <http://www.ncahlc.org/>. The Associate program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC). The Bachelor program is accredited by the NLNAC and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

Higher grade but pre-requisite courses required for admission may be repeated only once when a grade of D or F has been achieved.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the nursing major?

Yes.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

Students will be reviewed based on their individual course work, but it really depends on their major whether or not they will be considered for admission.

ADMISSION

Level of Academic Achievement Required for Admission into the Nursing Program

Admission into the nursing program has two phases; phase one is the admission into the pre-professional program and phase two is the admission into the professional program.

Requirements and Academic Criteria for Admission into the Pre-professional Program

High school students or students who have taken courses in other institutions are admitted to Chicago State University as a nursing major. The level of academic achievement required to be admitted to the University are the following:

- A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (C+ average)

Admission into the professional program is competitive and is based on the academic performance in the freshmen and sophomore years.

Requirements and Academic Criteria for Admission into the Professional Program

To be admitted into the professional program, both freshmen and transfer students, after completing all the pre-requisite courses, are screened by the Admission, Progression, Retention and Graduation (APRG) Committee using established criteria before they are admitted into the professional program. Students are admitted into the Basic and LPN-BSN tracks during the spring semester and summer semester, respectively.

To be admitted into the professional phase of the nursing program, the students must:

- Meet the general admission requirements of the University and be enrolled as a nursing major.
- Successfully complete the required University placement examinations or developmental courses in English, mathematics and reading. University placement examinations are waived for second baccalaureate degree students.
- Attain a cumulative and science grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Complete the following pre-requisite courses with a grade of C or better:
 - ◆ ENG 101 and 102
 - ◆ PSY 101 and 228
 - ◆ BIO 110, 160, 161 and 130
 - ◆ CHM 100
 - ◆ Any College level Mathematics course
 - ◆ SOC 101
 - ◆ DIT 101
 - ◆ PHI 101 or 102
 - ◆ Three hours of Humanities – Any College level course
 - ◆ Six hours of a single foreign language (101 and 102)
- Successfully complete the Nelson Denny Reading Test with a minimum score of 12.
- Successfully complete NURS 091(Bridge I).

In addition to the academic requirements, applicants must take note of the following policies:

- Pre-requisite courses required for admission may be repeated only once when a grade of D or F has been achieved.
- Natural science courses (BIO 110, 160, 161, 130 and CHEM 100) will only be accepted if taken within the past five years.
- Nursing courses completed in other schools of nursing are not automatically transferable to the nursing curriculum. The APRG Committee will determine course equivalency.
- An updated evaluation of credit form must be submitted with the application packet.

ACCREDITATION

The Department of Nursing is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations (IDFPR). The program received an initial eight-year accreditation from the National League for Nursing (NLN) in 1981, and was re-accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC) for 8 years in 2005, with a progress report due November 2007. The NLNAC office is located at 61 Broadway, 33rd fl., New York, NY 10006, Tel. 800-669-1656, ext. 153. Graduates of the Department of Nursing are able to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). After successful completion of this examination, the individual will be a Registered Nurse and will be fully qualified to practice professional nursing

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

Dominican University takes the higher grade.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the nursing major?

Yes.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

Students will be reviewed based on their individual course work, but it really depends on their major whether or not they will be considered for admission.

ADMISSION

Students must apply and be admitted to the Undergraduate school in order to be eligible to apply to the BSN program. (General transfer application first; then BSN application).

- Students must earn a minimum 2.75 overall GPA
- Students are required to take the ATI TEAS entrance exam and submit a criminal background check
- All prerequisite courses must be completed and grades submitted no later than the end of the spring semester prior to admittance into the BSN Program

The BSN Program is competitive. If a student meets the admission criteria, it allows them to be eligible to apply, but it does not guarantee admission into the BSN Program.

More information can be found at www.dom.edu/nursing

COURSES

Following are prerequisites for the Nursing program at Dominican University:

Dominican University

BIO 152 Human Anatomy/Physiology I
BIO 252 Human Anatomy/Physiology II
BIO 160 Microbiology
BIO 260 Human Pathophysiology

CHM 120 General Chemistry
MATH 211 Statistics
PSYCH 212 Life Span Development Psychology
NUTR 250 Nutrition

Harper College

BIO 160 or BIO 135
BIO 161
BIO 130
May be taken at Dominican during the first two semesters of attendance.
CHM 121
MTH 165 or MGT 225**
PSY 228**
DIT 101

** Course is not an exact equivalent but will be accepted towards the requirements for the nursing degree. If a student changes their major the course will not meet the same requirement in another area.

ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at Dominican University is a new applicant pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791. New applicant status is neither a status of accreditation nor a guarantee that accreditation will be granted.

The program prepares graduates to be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for licensing as a registered professional nurse.

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

Grade from the course taken most recently.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

Yes.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

Students who fall below the required GPA will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

ADMISSION

Students must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for admission to the nursing program:

- 8 out of 12 courses must be completed;
- A combined grade-point average of 2.75 or above;
- A grade of C or better and a grade-point average of 2.75 in all prerequisite natural science courses (BIO 160, 161, 130, CHM 100 or 110 and 125 or 201); students may repeat one course to remove a W or to improve a grade;
- A grade of C or better in all non-science prerequisite courses (ENG 101, 102, PSY 101, 228, and the cultural diversity requirement); students may repeat one course to remove a W or to improve a grade. With permission, a student may carry prerequisite courses with non-clinical nursing course;
- Passing score on the nursing entrance examination
- Completion of the application form for the Deicke Center for Nursing Education
- Demonstration of competency in mathematics.

Please note that admission to nursing courses is on a space available basis. Preference will be given to students enrolled at Elmhurst College the term prior to entering nursing courses.

COURSES

Following are course equivalencies for the nursing core at Elmhurst College:

Elmhurst College	Harper College
BIO 107	BIO 160*
BIO 108	BIO 161*
BIO 216	BIO 130
CHM 101	CHM 100 or 110 or 121
CHM 103	CHM 125 or 201
PSY 210	PSY 101
PSY 315	PSY 228
BIO 419	None
PSY 357	PSY 230
MTH 345 or 346 or PSY 355	MTH 162 or 165
Additional MTH Course	MTH 101 or higher

*Need to complete entire year sequence at Harper.

ACCREDITATION

The Deicke Center for Nursing Education's baccalaureate program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education through 2010 and approved by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation. Elmhurst nursing graduates are awarded the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing. They are then eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), which enables them to receive their licenses as registered nurses (RNs).

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

For repeated courses, ISU uses the last grade shown on the transcript for calculating the admission GPA.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

They can, but they have different requirements for internal transfer students based on the number of semester hours they've completed.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

Students will not be admitted if they do not have the minimum 2.5 GPA.

ADMISSION

The Mennonite College of Nursing at ISU admits students for the Spring or Summer semester only.

Applications open in April of the year prior to entry. (April 1, 2017 will open applications for Spring 2018 and Summer 2018).

Applicants must have:

- Have completed (at the time admission, and not at the time of application) the Illinois State General Education Program or the Illinois Transferable General Education Program and the Mennonite College of Nursing prerequisite courses with a minimum of 47 total credit hours earned
OR
Have earned an Associates Degree in Arts or Science with all Mennonite College of Nursing prerequisite courses completed (at the time of admission, and not at the time of application).
- Obtain a C or better in each of the Mennonite College of Nursing prerequisite courses to include:
 - ◆ CHM 110 or 121
 - ◆ MTH 162 or 165 or MGT 225
 - ◆ PSY 101
 - ◆ PSY 228
 - ◆ BIO 130
 - ◆ BIO 160 and 161
 - ◆ DIT 101
 - ◆ HSC 112

BIO 160 OR BIO 130 must be completed by the end of the application period

Although there is no minimum GPA required for application, only those students with competitive applications will be considered for admission. The average GPA of the entering nursing students is usually 3.5 or higher.

ACCREDITATION

The Nursing program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 887-6791; and also is approved by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation. Memberships include the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs, the Illinois Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

The second attempt replaces the original grade, regardless if.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

Yes.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

If a student falls below a 2.0 they will automatically be denied admission to the University.

ADMISSION

The minimum required GPA for the Nursing program is 2.75. Students must also successfully complete the Kaplan Admission Test (KAT) prior to starting nursing clinical coursework. The test can only be taken once.

COURSES

The following prerequisite courses must be completed with a C or better for the Nursing program. Prerequisite coursework can only be attempted twice. Withdraws count as an attempt!

- ◆ ENG 101 and 102
- ◆ BIO 160 and 161
- ◆ BIO 130
- ◆ CHM 201
- ◆ PSY 101
- ◆ PSY 228
- ◆ MTH 162 or 165

ACCREDITATION

The College of Nursing and Health Professions offers both bachelor's and master's degree programs accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Upon successful completion of the nursing curriculum, the graduate is awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and is eligible to apply to write the national examination for licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse.

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

NIU takes the last grade in repeat situations, if it is a legal repeat.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

Yes. On campus and off campus transfer applicants are reviewed as separate applicant pools. All however are looked on as transfers.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

If students are not admissible to NIU, they will be denied.

ADMISSION

All applicants (whether continuing NIU students or new applicants to the university) with 24 or more post-secondary semester hours, who are not registered nurses (RN's), will be considered transfer students into the School of Nursing. Transfer students are encouraged to contact a program adviser before enrolling to determine whether prior course work satisfies prerequisites.

Admission is competitive and will be based on the GPA in the prerequisite courses and on the overall GPA (as calculated by NIU). When admitting students NIU looks at the two GPAs –

- 1). All coursework
- 2). Prerequisite coursework.

These two GPAs get averaged together and then ranked in order.

On campus and off campus transfer applicants are reviewed as separate applicant pools. Nursing applicants must achieve a grade of C or better in all nursing prerequisite courses.

The Nursing program admits once a year for either Fall or Spring start. Nursing GPA cut off last year was a 3.5

COURSES

Transfer students *must be admitted to Northern Illinois University by February 15* and must complete a **minimum of five of the following prerequisite courses by the time of application:**

- ◆ BIO 110
- ◆ BIO 130
- ◆ BIO 160 and 161
- ◆ CHM 100 or 110 or 121
- ◆ ENG 102
- ◆ PSY 101
- ◆ PSY 228
- ◆ MTH 162 or 165

ACCREDITATION

The School of Nursing has had continuous accreditation by the National League for Nursing for the baccalaureate program since 1965 and for the master's program since 1973. In 2001, the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education became the accrediting agency for both programs and the programs were accredited for 10 years without any recommendations.

MISCELLANEOUS

Harper has a compact agreement with Northern Illinois University for students earning an A.A. or A.S. degree.

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

North Park takes the most recent grade, regardless if it's higher or lower.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

Students apply to the University first and then once at North Park (after at least 2 semesters) they apply to the Nursing program. Please see the details under the Admissions section below.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

If students do not meet the minimum GPA, they will be denied.

ADMISSION

Students interested in nursing must **first** be admitted into the university. **A subsequent application to the School of Nursing for admission into the nursing program** is made **after** you are an admitted North Park University undergraduate student.

At North Park, there is a two-step application process: students must first apply to the university and then to the nursing program. The bachelor degree at North Park is made up of three different types of credits: nursing prerequisite courses, general education courses which are required of all NPU students to graduate, and finally, the nursing core classes. Students need to have completed all prerequisite courses and several of the general education courses before they can start the core nursing classes if accepted into the program.

Typically transfer students need to complete **AT LEAST 2** semesters at North Park regardless of where they are at pre-requisite wise before applying/starting the Nursing program. Once a student starts, it will take 2 academic years to complete so in total, a student is looking at 3 years to complete their bachelor's degree in Nursing at North Park as a transfer student. It is in a transfer student's best interest both time wise and financially to complete only 1 year of pre-requisites at a community college and then transfer to north park to finish the remaining pre-requisites in the year leading up to starting the program. (i.e. regardless of if a student completes 2 years at a community college, they are still looking at 3 years to complete a BSN at north park.)

North Park accepts 48 students for both the Fall and Spring semester into the Nursing program so it just depends on when a student is ready to start the program.

The requirements for the nursing program application are:

- Complete all prerequisite courses with a C or better. (No more than 2 may be repeated, and only 1 may be a science)
- Successful Completion of the TEAS exam (general admissions test, offered every semester on campus) (www.atitesting.com)
- Recommendation form from a health care professional or faculty member.
- And a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher. – but students who are getting into the program generally have at least a 3.4 or above GPA.

North Park welcomes transfer students in the nursing program, however priority is given to students who have taken more courses at North Park since this allows them to better assess the education students have received. Most transfer students start nursing coursework within one year of starting classes at North Park.

COURSES

Students should look to complete as many of the following prerequisites prior to transfer as possible:

- ENG 101
- BIO 115
- BIO 130
- BIO 160 and 161
- CHM 201
- CHM 220
- MTH 165 only (not MGT 225 or MTH 162)
- DIT 101
- PSY 101
- PSY 228
- SOC 101

ACCREDITATION

North Park's Nursing program is accredited by the NCA and the NLN.

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If a student repeats a science course we take the higher grade and raise their science GPA

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

No.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

If a student is below the requirements their file will then be reviewed by a committee and they will make a decision to admit or deny the file.

ADMISSION

Students who have completed all general education requirements and nursing support courses are considered Transfer Students.

Admission Criteria:

1. Grades of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale completed at regionally accredited colleges or universities are transferrable.
2. Remedial/pre-college level courses, audit, credit, proficiency scores are not transferrable.
3. No courses with final grades below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale may be transferred.
4. Curriculum GPA must be 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
5. TEAS Exam – 68% or higher. Exam must be taken and the score must be on file by the deadline for the semester applied for.
6. Important Note Course Expiration Dates: Science and computer coursework for the BSN-Prelicensure program must have been completed no more than five years prior to the intended start date. For example, a student entering the program in the fall of 2015 must have completed the required computer courses during the fall of 2010 semester or later. †

COURSES

COMMUNICATION (9 hours)

ENG 101

ENG 102

SPE 101

SCIENCE⁺ (20 hours)

CHM 121

BIO 130

BIO 160

BIO 161

MATH (3 hours)

Math Foundations (3 hrs) - MTH 101, 104, 124, 131, 134, 200, 201, 202, 212, or 220

HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS* (9 hours)

Humanities (3 hrs)

Fine Arts (3 hrs)

Humanities Elective (3 hrs)

SOCIAL BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (9 hours)

PSY 101

PSY 228

SOC 101

ADDITIONAL PRE-NURSING REQUIREMENTS (15 hours)

MTH 162 or 165 or MGT 225

CIS⁺ 100 or 101

Electives (9 hours) – Any college level course

⁺ Science and computer coursework for the BSN-Prelicensure program must have been completed no more than five years prior to the intended start date.

*See Harper College Catalog for complete listing of approved General Education courses

ACCREDITATION

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a member of the North Central Association, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

The nursing program policy stipulates that a student is only allowed to repeat on science course. We do not average grades, we accept the repeated grade.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

Absolutely. Admission is a two-step process at RC. Students must first be admitted to RC and then they apply to the nursing program by September 1st each year. We only admit one class per year for the nursing major.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the University still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

If a student falls below Harper's 2.0 GPA requirement for the nursing program they would not be considered for entry into the RC nursing program.

ADMISSION

Admission to Rockford University **does not** guarantee admission to the nursing program. In order to be successful as a Rockford University nursing student, the Nursing Department has established minimum entrance requirements prior to enrolling in courses with the intent of pursuing a major in nursing. These include:

- Complete an application to Rockford University and be accepted for admission.
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on transferable course work at time of application.
- Make application to the University no later than February 14th for Fall Admission and August 15th for Spring Admission. Late submissions will not be accepted. Once you are admitted to the university, your admissions counselor will give you the application to the nursing program which will be submitted back to your counselor upon completion.
- Completion of a minimum of 45 credit hours at conclusion of semester preceding entrance to nursing major.
- Complete the nurse entrance exam; cost to student is \$35 (fee subject to change)
- Complete prerequisite courses listed below
- Demonstrate math competence by one of the following means:
 - ACT math score of 20 or higher within the last 5 years or

- College Algebra or MATH 120 or
- Math Placement exam score of 3 or higher and
- TEAS V math score proficient or higher

Students will be notified of their status by letter from the chairperson no later than May 1st for fall entrance or November 1st for spring entrance. When notification of an offer of admission to the nursing program is received the student will make an appointment with their academic advisor to complete the Declaration of Major form.

Requirements of All Applicants:

- A cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.75 at the time of application. For transfer students, a CGPA will be determined from course work accepted in transfer, which must be a minimum of 2.75 for consideration.
- Maintenance of a minimum CGPA of 2.75 from Rockford University at the end of the semester in which application is submitted.
- Achieve a grade of "C" in each of the required natural and social science support courses (see list of required supporting courses). A student who receives a grade lower than a C- in any required natural and social science support course may repeat the course and have the repeated course grade counted toward the CGPA. Only one of the required natural and social science support courses may be repeated. If a student receives a grade lower than a C- grade in more than one of the required natural and social science support courses, they will not be considered for admission to the major. All students must inform the Registrar's Office when they are repeating classes.
- Science courses older than five years will not be considered as equivalent to Rockford University courses.
- Students who are granted medical withdrawals and medical incompletes in required natural and social science support courses have a maximum of two times to achieve a passing grade of "C-" or better. For example, a student enrolls in Biology 209 and receives a medical incomplete. That student then makes arrangements with the instructor to repeat Biology 209 the next time it is offered. The student fails to achieve a passing grade and then withdraws from the course with a "MW" (medical withdrawal). The student repeats Biology 209 again and then receives a passing grade. The student (who has essentially attempted the same course three times) may not be considered for admission into the nursing program.
- Students who have been denied admission to the nursing program due to a CGPA of less than 2.75 may submit an application requesting admission to the nursing program, if admission criteria are met, during the next application period. Automatic admission to the program for the next academic year is not guaranteed. Each student case will be considered individually and are handled on a space-available basis.
- There are essential capabilities necessary for admission and progression at Rockford University in the complex discipline of nursing. To enter or progress in the nursing curriculum, the candidate must be able to perform all of the essential capabilities (with or without accommodations). See Appendix A of the Nursing Student Handbook for Essential Capabilities of Nursing Majors.

All students admitted to the nursing major are required to complete a background check and a random urine drug screen.

The nursing faculty reserves the right to consider the merit of individual cases.

Transfer students should consult Rockford University's web site for detailed admission requirements:

<http://www.rockford.edu/?NurseTransferStudent>

COURSES

Recommended prerequisites prior to admission:

- BIO 160 and 161
- BIO 130
- CHM 121
- SOC 101
- PSY 101
- PSY 228
- MTH 103 or higher

ACCREDITATION

Rockford University Department of Nursing is approved by the State of Illinois Department of Professional Regulation and is accredited by the *National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)*. Graduates of this track will be prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®). After passing this examination they will be eligible to begin a career as a registered professional nurse.

SAINT ANTHONY COLLEGE OF NURSING

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

We take the most recent grade for a repeated class.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

No. Saint Anthony only provides Nursing education.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

To have their file sent to the committee for possible acceptance, they need to have a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA and 2.7 for the prerequisite nursing sciences.

ADMISSION

Minimum Requirements to apply:

- 32 of the 64 prerequisite credits completed with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4 point scale.
- At least one of the prerequisite nursing sciences (anatomy and physiology, college chemistry or microbiology) completed with a minimum prerequisite nursing science GPA of a 2.7 on a 4 point scale.

Students need to check www.sacn.edu for the most updated information.

COURSES

NURSING PREREQUISITES	Minimum Credits	COURSE NUMBER	Credits
Anatomy & Physiology ₁	4	BIO 160 and BIO 161 (completes the A & P and biology elective requirements)	8
Chemistry	3	CHM 100 or 110 or 121	5
Microbiology ₁	4	BIO 130	4
Nutrition	3	DIT 101	3

Statistics	3	MTH 162 or 165	4
Developmental Psychology	3	PSY 228	3
Total Nursing Prerequisites	20		27

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE ₂	Minimum Credits	COURSE NUMBER	Credits
English Composition--1st sem	3	ENG 101	3
English Composition--2nd sem	3	ENG 102 or 103 or 200 or 201	3
Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 101	3
Physical/Life Science Elective	3	any AST, BIO, CHM, GEO, PHS, PHY not otherwise required	3
General Psychology	3	PSY 101	3
Speech	3	SPE 101	3
Philosophy or Humanities	3	Any HUM, LIT, FRN 210, GER 210, SPA 210, SPE 121, any PHI except PHI 180,	3
Cultural Diversity	3	Select from: ANT 101, 202, 203, 207, 208, 210, ART 133, DIV 101, GEG 100, 101, 103, 104, HST 105, 121, 214, 231, 232, 241, 242, 243, HUM 103, 104, 105, 125, LIT 206, 207, 208, 215, 220, 223, PHI 160, 205, PSC 250, 260, 270, 280, SOC 235, SPE 121	3
Fine Arts	3	Select from: ART 105, 114, 130, 131, 132, 133, 280, MUS 103, 104, 106, 120, SPE 111	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3	any ANT, ECO, GEG, HST, PSC, PSY, SOC	3
Biology Elective ₁	4	Complete with Anatomy and Physiology	
Electives	10	Additional transferable (not vocational) courses or those used with the framework of completing an Associate's Degree. Medical Terminology and Phlebotomy courses are accepted as electives.	varies to equal 64 credits
Total for General Education	44		

₁ A minimum of 12 credits in biology is required.

₂ General education core requirements may be met by

- Completion of each course as specified above
- Completion of a bachelor degree from an approved, regionally accredited college or university

*** A minimum of 64 credits is required before beginning the nursing program.**

* All students must meet each of the Nursing Prerequisite requirements.

*** A student may apply for admission after completing: 32 prerequisite credits, at least one of the prerequisite nursing sciences, with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 and a nursing prerequisite science (A & P, college chemistry and microbiology must be less than 10 years old) GPA of at least 2.7 on a 4 point scale**

ACCREDITATION

Saint Anthony College of Nursing is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, Member-North Central Association. The BSN Program is accredited by Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY-EDWARDSVILLE

Edwardsville, IL 62026

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www.siu.edu

Please note: Students applying to Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville can decide do the program at either Edwardsville or Carbondale. They must indicate their location choice at the time of application.

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

SIUE currently averages repeated courses. Prerequisite courses can not be repeated more than once.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

Yes, students must first be admitted to SIUE and then to Nursing. Students can declare themselves pre-nursing majors in their first semester at SIUE.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

If they do not meet the minimum GPA they will be denied.

ADMISSION

The Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville nursing program is run at both locations – Edwardsville and Carbondale. Students will decide at the time of application where they wish to complete the program. Regardless of the location chosen the degree will be awarded from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville.

- Students must have a minimum prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (including transfer credit, as well as credit earned at SIUE), and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for admission consideration
- Completion of the Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) A2 examination by the March 1 deadline covering math, reading comprehension, grammar and vocabulary. (A reading or math score below 75 percent will require an education action plan that is developed in the School of Nursing before enrollment)
- Student must check <http://www.siu.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/undergraduate/nursing/admission-requirements.shtml> for the latest admissions information.

COURSES

Prerequisites:

- ENG 101 and 102
- SPE 101
- CHM 121
- SIUE's CHEM 120b/124b (see note below)
- PSY 101
- BIO 130
- BIO 135
- BIO 160 and 161
- Social Science Choose one from: ANT 101, ECO 212, GEG 101, HST 141, PSC 101, SOC 101.

Prerequisite Requirements:

- A grade of C or better must be earned in all prerequisite courses. A prerequisite course may not be repeated more than once.
- Prerequisite courses may not be repeated more than once.
- If a prerequisite course is repeated, the initial grade will remain in the grade point average calculation unless we have official documentation of the grade from the repeated course at the time of admission evaluation.
- Students must complete all remaining required prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better by the end of the spring semester (proceeding the fall admission term).

SIUE's CHEM 120b/124b

At this time Harper College does not have the equivalent to SIUE's CHEM 120b/124b. Students looking to fulfill this requirement are recommended to either take CHM 170 at McHenry County College (out of district rates will be assessed) or Parkland College's CHE 107 which is available online.

ACCREDITATION

SIUE, School of Nursing is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and in full compliance without sanction with the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation.

MISCELLANEOUS

Harper has a compact agreement with Southern Illinois University.

ST. XAVIER UNIVERSITY

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

When calculating the GPA both grades are averaged.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

All students are admitted as pre-clinical nursing majors until they have completed at least 12 hours at St. Xavier.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 to be reviewed by the School of Nursing. GPA's below 2.75 are not considered for admission.

ADMISSION

Requirements for consideration for admission as a transfer nursing major:

- Minimum 2.75 cumulative college GPA
- A score of “proficient” on the TEAS V test; only two TEAS V test attempts are allowed
- An essay describing why you want to be a nurse and why you would like to study at Saint Xavier University
- Completion of a college biology and college chemistry course
- A minimum of 12 credit hours at Saint Xavier University while maintaining a 2.75 GPA may be needed before a student can begin the nursing curriculum
- Applications for the Traditional BSN Program at the Chicago campus are only accepted for the spring term. Students would successfully complete remaining specific supportive coursework during the spring semester at Saint Xavier, and begin nursing clinical coursework in the fall semester.
 - The application completion deadline for the spring semester is October 1.

Before beginning clinical courses, students must provide all of the following: Current health history, physical examination, complete immunization record, required laboratory reports, 12 panel drug screen, CPR certification, proof of health insurance, and an Illinois State Police criminal background check.

COURSES

Harper College

ENG 101 and 102
SPE 101
MTH 165
BIO 160
BIO 161
BIO 130
DIT 101
CHM 121
CHM 201
Humanities/Fine Arts (9 hrs) – see Harper AA degree
PSY 101
PSY 228
PSY 230
Sociology or Anthropology (Human Related Course)

SXU

ENGLISH 120
COMM 101
MATH 135
BIO 202
BIO 203
BIO 206
PE 124
CHM 111
CHM 109
Fulfills SXU requirement
PSYCH 101
PSYCH 199
PSYCH 204
Fulfills SXU requirement

Even if students have met all of the above requirements they must complete at least 12 semester hours at St. Xavier before being able to start nursing courses.

ACCREDITATION

The School of Nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

UIC calculates a cumulative grade point average based on all grades attempted and earned for a repeated transferable course.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

It's possible—students can transfer into Liberal Arts and Sciences as pre-nursing and then transfer into Nursing later on. But, students would have to first meet the transfer requirements to enter LAS and then while in LAS meet the requirements for Nursing.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

If a student does not meet the minimum GPA they will be denied.

ADMISSION

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (recommended GPA is 3.2 or higher)
- Minimum natural science GPA of 2.50 (sciences courses must be completed within 7 years)
- Effective for Fall 2016, an applicant must have all BSN prerequisite courses completed by the end of the Spring semester before the start of the program.
- 57 semester hours must be completed upon entry to the University. One upper-division course (3 sem. hrs.) in General Education will be completed at UIC after the student has been admitted.

Admission to UIC's College of Nursing is competitive. Nursing admits students to the Fall semester only. Supplemental application materials, including letters of recommendation, are required. A link to the supplemental application material will be emailed to the student once the general UIC transfer application has been submitted.

Students not eligible for admission into the College of Nursing may apply to the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences as pre-Nursing provided the student meets that college's admission requirements.

Students who hold an active RN license and have completed all the prerequisite course work should apply for the RN/BSN Completion Program through the U of I Global Campus. The program is entirely online.

LOCATION

The Nursing program is offered at UIC, at the University of Illinois at Springfield and at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. All three programs are run through UIC's College of Nursing. Students must choose which location they would like to apply to. The supplemental application is sent directly to either Chicago, Springfield or Urbana-Champaign.

COURSES

Majority of the coursework should be completed at the time of application. All must be completed before starting classes at UIC.

- ENG 101 and 102 – Composition I and II
- BIO 160 and 161 - Human Anatomy and Physiology (8 semester hours)
- BIO 130 - Microbiology (3 semester hours)
- CHM 121 and 201 or 125 - General Chemistry and Basic Organic or Organic Biochemistry (8 semester hours)
- MTH 165
- DIT 101
- PSY 101
- PSY 228
- SOC 101
- One Understanding the Creative Arts course
- One Understanding the Past course
- One Exploring World Cultures course
- Liberal Arts electives (varies) – see Harper UIC Nursing Transfer Guide

Computer Competency – A student must be able to send and receive email, conduct a web search and do word processing

Please consult the UIC Nursing Transfer Guide for additional information and general education course selection:

http://goforward.harpercollege.edu/academics/transfer/transferarticulation_pdf/uic/uicnur.pdf

ACCREDITATION

College of Nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). The college holds membership in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

MISCELLANEOUS

Information Sessions:

No RSVP required. Sessions begin promptly at the scheduled time. Chicago Sessions are held at The College of Nursing, 845 S. Damen (Close to the corner of Damen and Taylor). Street parking is scarce but there are several lots in the area that range from \$5-\$8. We are also within walking distance of the Blue Line/Pink Line on the el. Please enter through the north entrance of the building. There will be signs as you walk in the building directing you to the correct room. Please allow time for parking as the sessions begin at the scheduled times and are not open houses.

Further questions regarding the information sessions should be sent to con@uic.edu

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

USF uses the higher grade in repeat courses to calculate cumulative gpa and nursing gpa. Although, the College of Nursing red flags a student with repeat sciences. Which means the student's chances for entrance reduces and may not be brought into the nursing program.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Engineering major?

A student can transfer as undecided, but this does not guarantee that the student will be considered for the nursing major. It's in the student's best interest to try to come in for the nursing major.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

Students will not be considered for admittance to the nursing major.

ADMISSION

All students seeking enrollment in the clinical nursing sequence must meet all of the following requirements:

- 3.00 Cumulative GPA
- 2.75 Nursing Science courses G.P.A. (comprised of Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, and Chemistry)
- C's and above in Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Chemistry, and Statistics
- Only 1 Withdraw allowed in the prerequisite courses
- TEAS Exam score of 68% or above
- "Nursing Readiness" will be determined by your Admissions Counselor

COURSES

Completion of the following prerequisite courses:

- BIO 110
- CHM 110 or 121
- BIO 160 and 161
- BIO 130
- ENG 101 and 102
- SPE 101
- PSY 101
- PSY 228
- SOC 101
- MTH 162 or 165 or MGT 225
- CIS 100 or 101
- DIT 101

Additional General Educations courses recommended to be completed

Philosophy – one course (3 semester hours):	PHI 105, 115, 160, 180, 220
Aesthetic Awareness (3 semester hours):	ART 105, 114, 130, 131, 132, 133; MUS 103, 104, 107, 120; THE 111, 112
Literature – (3 semester hours):	LIT 105, 110, 111, 112, 115, 206, 207, 208, 221, 231, 232
Historical Understanding – (3 semester hours):	HST 111, 112, 121, 141, 142, 231, 232, 241, 242, 243 or 245
Religious Foundations (3 semester hours):	Must be completed at USF

Students will also need to complete the following courses at USF as prerequisites: NURS 202, NURS 265 and NURS 270.

After the completion of an Eligibility Audit by the Nursing Admissions and Progression Committee, students are granted permission to enroll in the clinical nursing sequence. Transfer students meeting the above requirements are not guaranteed entry into the clinical course sequence.

ACCREDITATION

Accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

For the Nursing major only the first attempt of a repeated course is considered.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

Students should apply directly to Nursing.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

Students who fall below the GPA will be denied.

ADMISSION

3.0 GPA is required. Only first attempt of repeated courses will be considered!

No time limit on courses

At start of program only 30 applicants will be admitted into the traditional and the RN-BSN program each.

Prerequisites must be completed by July 1st to be considered. Otherwise students can come in to WIU as pre-nursing.

COURSES

To have the best chance of being admitted students should have all prerequisites done at the time of application. Those students will be admitted first, after that if there are any spots left, students with courses still in progress will be considered.

Prerequisites

- ENG 101 and 102
- SPE 101
- BIO 130, 160, 161
- CHM 121, 122
- MTH 162 or MTH 165 or MGT 225
- DIT 101
- PSY 101 and 228
- SOC 101
- PHI 115
- General education electives (see WIU Transfer Guide for complete list):
<http://goforward.harpercollege.edu/uploaded/transfer/transferschools/instate/wiu/wiu.pdf>)

ACCREDITATION

The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Western Illinois University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>).

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Does this school average, or take the higher grade with regards to repeated courses?

If a student repeats a course, we will take the grade in the higher course to evaluate for transfer credit. However, when looking at acceptance, we take the cumulative GPA that the previous college calculates for a student.

Can students transfer as undecided majors, and then later be admitted to the Nursing major?

No student may start at MSOE without having chosen a major. They may be accepted, but they then must choose before registration. We accept students directly into the Nursing Program, so there is no need for them to complete a separate application once they are at MSOE.

If students fall below the required GPA at Harper, will the College still review their application for consideration? Or, are students automatically not eligible for admittance?

The required college GPA is a 3.00. The school of Nursing will stick to this GPA in most cases. Once in a while, the student can send in their ACT score, and we may re-evaluate.

ADMISSION

The minimum GPA required for admission into the Milwaukee School of Engineering and directly into the Nursing program is 3.00.

COURSES

The most important courses for a transfer nursing students to have completed are their science courses. Due to clinical availability, it will take a transfer nursing student at least 3 years to graduate.

A three year graduation is possible if a student has completed most of the following courses with a C or higher:

- BIO 110
- BIO 130
- BIO 160 and 161
- CHM 121
- CHM 201
- DIT 101
- HSC 112
- MTH 103
- MTH 165
- PHI 115
- PSY 101
- PSY 228

Biochemistry may be taken at MSOE, and a student could still graduate in three years. Other pre-requisites are not important to have, just the sciences are.

ACCREDITATION

The School of Nursing's baccalaureate program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).