



## DEPARTMENT OF NURSING GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

TO: ALL POTENTIAL APPLICANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

This general information sheet will serve as a reference for you regarding the requirements and procedures involved in the application process and acceptance into the Department of Nursing.

Consistent with the admissions policy statement in the Our Lady of Holy Cross College Catalog, the Department of Nursing admits qualified applicants without discrimination in regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, marital status, or veteran's status.

All applicants are evaluated by the Admission, Progression, Retention, and Graduation (APRG) Committee of the Department. Applications to the Department are available usually the beginning of February each spring. The application deadline will be posted on the College web site. If all clinical spaces are not filled with qualified applicants, the Department of Nursing will continue to admit students until all available spaces are filled.

### **General Information:**

1. You must have a minimum of 32 semester hours completed with a grade of "C" or better by May of the year you apply for entrance to the Department of Nursing. These semester hours should include:
  - a. Three of the four required laboratory science courses completed (BIO 351 Anatomy & Physiology I, BIO 352 Anatomy & Physiology II, CHE 105 and/or BIO 370 Microbiology).
  - b. ENG 101 Applied Grammar and English Composition I and ENG 102 English Composition II.
  - c. MAT 105 College Algebra

2. You must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on all college courses attempted in the nursing curriculum. This means that all grades obtained in each course applicable to the nursing curriculum will be counted toward the overall GPA calculated for your admission including D's and F's. Grades of "D" OR "F" attained in a required course in the nursing curriculum at a previous college are calculated in the admission GPA.
3. For transfer students, other coursework within the required nursing curriculum will be considered in satisfying the minimum 32 hours
4. Prior to August admission, all applicants must attain a grade of "C" or better in all courses taken in the spring and summer semesters.

**NOTE: BIO 270 Human Nutrition MAY NOT be attempted without prior successful completion of BIO 351 & BIO 352 Anatomy & Physiology I and II, OR BIO 204 General Biology. Transfer students with BIO 204 General Biology credit MAY enroll in BIO 270 Human Nutrition or BIO 370 Microbiology**

5. Admission to the Department of Nursing is on a competitive basis. Attainment of the minimum acceptable credit hours and GPA does not guarantee admission to the Department of Nursing.
4. The Department of Nursing does not accept into its program students who are not eligible to return to a nursing program previously attended.
5. You must have successfully completed a reading proficiency examination in vocabulary and comprehension at the college level. The score must be at the 12th grade level or higher in vocabulary, comprehension, and in the total score. **See the reading information posted on the nursing web site.** Contact the Department of Nursing at 398-2215 for more information.
6. You must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). This test is administered twice a year at a time close to application to the Department of Nursing. Discuss the test with your academic advisor. Do not attempt this examination until you are proficient in science, mathematics, English and reading. You must achieve a minimum preparedness level of **Proficient**. Contact the Department of Nursing at 398-2215 for more information.
7. The transfer student applicant is responsible for having official copies of all college transcripts, except Our Lady of Holy Cross College, sent to the Admissions Office upon application to the College.
8. There is a non-refundable application fee payable to Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Department of Nursing.
9. The APRG Faculty Committee reviews all completed applications, and makes recommendations to the Nursing Faculty Organization who in turn makes final recommendations to the Chair of the Department of Nursing
10. . You must submit a completed application form. Forms are available from the Administrative Assistant of the Department of Nursing in Academic Affairs.