



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 beginning approximately February 1, 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 34 semester hours completed with a grade of "C" or better by August of the year you apply for entrance to the Department of Nursing. These semester hours should include:
 - a. Three of the five required laboratory science courses completed by August (BIO 351 Anatomy & Physiology I, BIO 352 Anatomy & Physiology II, CHE 207 Inorganic, Organic, and Biochemistry I, CHE 208 Inorganic, Organic, and Biochemistry II, and/or BIO 370 Microbiology).
 - b. ENG 101 Applied Grammar and English Composition I and ENG 102 English Composition II. If you transferred in ENG 102 from another college, the English Proficiency Examination must be taken and passed prior to completing the application to the Department of Nursing.
 - c. MAT 205 College Algebra. If you transferred in College Algebra from another college, the Mathematics Proficiency Examination must be taken prior to completing the application process to the Department of Nursing.

2. For transfer students, other coursework within the required nursing curriculum will be considered in satisfying the minimum 34 hours
3. 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

4. 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.
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 submit a completed application form. Forms are available from the Administrative Assistant of the Department of Nursing in Academic Affairs on approximately February 1 each year.
6. 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.
7. 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. You must achieve the required score. A student may take the test a maximum of two times in two different calendar years. Do not attempt this examination until you are proficient in science, mathematics, English and reading!! Contact the Department of Nursing at 398-2215 for more information.
8. 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.
9. There is a non-refundable, one time only, application fee of \$30.00 payable to Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Department of Nursing.

10. 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.

REGISTRATION FOR PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS

Proficiency examinations are administered by **appointment only**. Please make an appointment with **Julie Driessen Cooper at jcooper@olhcc.edu**. You may also come by academic affairs and sign up for the proficiency examinations. Bring your OLHCC identification card and/or your Louisiana State Driver's License to the test. The proficiency examinations are administered by computer utilizing a multiple choice format. In addition, there is a required writing sample for English proficiency.

PREPARATION FOR PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS

Do not attempt these proficiency examinations without appropriate preparation.

1. Study guides for the mathematics and English proficiency examinations are available on the college web page OLHCC.edu under Students - Proficiency Tests.
2. In the Academic Skills Laboratory there are **computer programs** available for both mathematics proficiency and English review. These programs include mathematics proficiency, developmental mathematics, College Algebra, and the Bradford English Grammar Review.
3. Schaum's Outline Series: College Algebra is an excellent review book of all concepts tested in the mathematics proficiency examination.
4. The study sheet for College Algebra lists all the topics that can be tested. **DO NOT TAKE** the Mathematics Test without studying. The grade you attain on the Mathematics Proficiency must be equivalent to a placement test **into** College Algebra.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

FRESHMEN

AIS	101	Academic Information Systems	1
BIO	351	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO	352	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
CHE	207	Inorganic, Organic, Biochemistry I	4
ENG	101	English Composition I	3
ENG	102	English Composition II	3
MAT	205	College Algebra	3
PHI	207	Logic & Critical Thinking	3
PSY	101	General Psychology	3
SOC	201	Introduction to Sociology	3
SPE	101	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
			(34)

SOPHOMORE

BIO	270	Human Nutrition	3
BIO	370	Microbiology	4
CHE	208	Inorganic, Organic, Biochemistry II	4
HIS	101 or 102/ 201 or 202	History of Western Civilization I or II OR History of the United States I or II	3
NSG	200	Dimensions of Professional Nursing	3
NSG	202	Pharmacology	3
NSG	203	Nursing I with Clinical Component	7
NSG	205	Health Assessment with Lab Component	3
PSY	340	Human Growth & Development	3
THE		Theology Elective	3
			(36)

JUNIOR

CIS	111	Intermediate Computer Literacy	3
MAT	260	Introductory Statistics	3
NSG	300	Nursing II with Clinical Component	8
NSG	302	Pathophysiology	3
NSG	307	Nursing Research	3
NSG	308	Nursing III with Clinical Component	7
PHI		Philosophy Elective	3
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			(32)

SENIOR

ENG		Literature Elective (200 level or above)	3
FNA/MUS/ART		Elective	3
HIS/GEO/PSC		Elective	3
NSG	400	Nursing IV with Clinical Component	8
NSG	401	Leadership in Nursing	3
NSG	402	Perspectives in Nursing	3
NSG	420	Nursing V with Clinical Component	7
THE	305	Morality & Science	3
			(33)

Total: 135 hours