

Lower Division Prerequisite Requirements for the B.S. Nursing Major:

Concordia Courses	Sem Credits	PCC Course Equivalents	Qtr Credits
Communications- 1 year of writing	6	WR 121 & 122 English Composition And 1 additional writing course from 123, 227, 240, 241, 242, or 243	12
Humanities	6	Choose from Literature, Art/Music History, non-U.S. History, Western or World Civilization	9-12
Math	3	MTH 111 College Algebra	5
BIO 211 General Biology	4	BI 211 Principles of Biology or BI 112 Cell Biology for Health Occupations	5
CHM 101 Chemistry for Life CHM 102 Prin of Organic and Biochemistry	3 3	CH 104, 105, & 106 General Chemistry	15
Physical Education	2	HPE 295 Health and Fitness for Life	3
PSY 201 Principles of Psychology	3	PSY 201 or 201A Intro to Psychology-Part 1	4
Cross-Cultural	2-3	Choose from: ATH 103, 207, 208, 209 GEO 105, 106, 107, SOC 213	4
BI 364 and 365 Anatomy & Physiology	8	BI 231, 232, & 233 Anatomy & Physiology	12
BIO 284 Microbiology	3	BI 234 Microbiology	5
PSY 321 Human Growth & Development	3	PSY 215 Human Development	4
MTH 231 Research and Statistics	3	MTH 243 Statistics I	4
HPE 462 Nutrition	3	FN 225 Nutrition or FN 270 Normal and Applied Clinical Nutrition	4

Additional Notes: C.N.A. certification is required by program start date.

Note to PCC students: Those students who are not interested in finishing a full two-year curriculum at PCC may transfer to Concordia after a few quarters and resume their science and general education classes there. It is critical, however, to seek advising from an admissions counselor at Concordia to facilitate the transfer process and determine the best way to finish sequential courses. Concordia has a policy that all freshmen must live on-campus, so commuter students who cannot meet this residency requirement may wish to wait until their sophomore year or later to transfer. Dual admission is available between PCC and Concordia. If you have questions about dual admission, please contact the Admissions office at either institution.

Students considering the Concordia nursing program are encouraged to attend an "Informational Night" at Concordia. Go to <http://www.cu-portland.edu/hhs/undergraduate/nursing/rsvp.cfm> for dates and details.

Both Concordia and transfer students must apply for acceptance into the nursing program prior to their junior year. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all courses and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in science courses are required. Grades in Anatomy and Physiology should be 3.0 or better.

PCC endeavors to create accurate transfer guides for students; however, requirements may change without notice. Students are responsible for working with PCC advisors and their transfer institution to ensure that their academic plan will meet requirements and timelines.

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B.S. Nursing

Concordia's nursing major is completed in two full years, with students beginning in the summer before their junior year of college. The mission of the BSN Program is to develop clinical competence and reflective compassion to prepare nurses who will promote health, provide proficient bedside care, and provide leadership within health care organizations and the community.

Growth in effective communication is emphasized from the beginning. The program is founded on the belief that nursing is a Christian calling. Every semester will include grounding that promotes development of the individual student's own faith and ability to provide spiritual care. The practice of compassion is emphasized throughout the program, and cultural competence is systematically developed to prepare nurses committed to caring for diverse populations. The junior year emphasizes physiological nursing of adults experiencing physical illness in preparation for the study of specialties that follow. The program develops student proficiency and confidence in practicing skills, and deliberately intertwines pathophysiology, pharmacology, clinical reasoning, and understanding of the human experience of illness to develop strong practice judgment.

Application Deadline: March 5

Application Portfolio Process: Concordia students and external candidates must all complete the BSN program application process. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The following must be submitted together:

- Concordia University application with \$75 application fee if not currently a Concordia student
- Completed BSN Checklist and Application Form
- Two-page Statement of Purpose which must be typed, double spaced, and include the following:
 - One paragraph explaining decision to become a nurse.
 - One paragraph describing the gifts student 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, and weaknesses you need to overcome.
- One set of official transcripts from all colleges attended. These must be submitted in sealed envelopes.
- Two letters of recommendation from a current professor, supervisor, or clergy that affirm ability to study at the university level and aptitude for nursing
- A Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate is required. This course is not available through Concordia University. Students who do not have a certificate prior to submitting their application will need to indicate on the BSN Application Form a coursework completion date (must be prior to the start of the nursing cohort's fall semester).

Nursing requires strong interpersonal skills, and a solid understanding of human beings, human society, and the scientific basis of medicine and nursing. As a nurse, you will be responsible for clinical judgments based on your scientific reasoning. Likewise, with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Concordia University, you will have the potential to be a leader in nursing and health care.

Admission decisions are determined by the following:

1. Your cumulative grade point average
2. Your science grade point average
3. Your short answers on the BSN Application
4. Your statement of purpose
5. Both your letters of recommendation
6. A prior bachelor's degree and/or course work completed at Concordia may strengthen your application score
7. Critical thinking test score