NURSING - BSN

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College for Women BSN Information

The Baccalaureate Degree Program-College for Women (BDP-CFW) program of study in the School of Nursing at St. Catherine University prepares students to be safe, effective, professional general practitioners, function as responsible members of the nursing profession, and continue formal education through advanced study. Upon graduation, students are awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (B.S.N.). Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) to become a registered nurse and apply for public health certification and graduate programs in nursing. After passing NCLEX and obtaining RN licensure, graduates are also eligible for certification in holistic nursing by the American Holistic Nurses Certification Corporation (AHNCC).

Admission to the Major in the College for Women

All nursing candidates students must submit the nursing major application materials by a specified deadline in order to be considered for admission. Candidates should contact the School of Nursing at baccnursing@stkate.edu to receive application information.

Students apply for admission to the nursing major in the fall semester. The application opens **August 25th**, submission is due **September 15th,** and compliance requirements for application are due **November 1st**. The notification of decision is in early January. Students will be considered for admission to the nursing major in two groups.

1. Students who begin at St. Kate's as first year students are guaranteed admission into the nursing major provided they have a 3.25* or higher prerequisite GPA and a TEAS test result that is proficient or higher. Students must also complete all other admission requirements under the application eligibility criteria.
2. First year students who do not meet the requirements for guaranteed admission and students who transfer to St. Kate's will be offered admission into the nursing major contingent upon the number of positions available. Transfer students must meet the minimum 3.0 prerequisite GPA, have a TEAS test result that is proficient or higher, and they must also complete all other application eligibility criteria.
   Applications will be rank ordered by prerequisite GPA and TEAS results in the event that there are more students who are qualified than there are spots available.

*Students who began at St. Kate's as first-year students prior to 2018 are guaranteed admission into the nursing major with 3.0 or higher prerequisite GPA.

Application eligibility criteria:

1. Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. TEAS result of proficient or higher. TEAS test exam results must be within three years of the application to the major submission date.
3. Successful completion (C or above) of all prerequisite courses prior to admission.
4. All math and science prerequisites need to have been completed within five years prior to the first term of enrollment at the University.
5. No prerequisite or corequisite course may be taken "Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory."
6. Students who received more than two prerequisite course grades of a W or C- or lower within the last 5 years are ineligible for the nursing major.
7. If a prerequisite course grade is a C- or lower, this course (or an alternative course approved by the baccalaureate nursing program director) must be successfully completed with a grade of C or above.
8. Certification as a nursing assistant (CNA). Must be on the Minnesota CNA registry at the time of application for admission to the program.
9. Basic Life Support Certification (CPR/BLS). BLS through the American Heart Association or American Red Cross is required. Fully online courses will not be accepted, however a hybrid format (online + classroom) will fulfill the requirement. This certification must be maintained throughout the program.
10. Documented completion of all required immunizations and a clear criminal background check.
11. Students who have been unsuccessful in a previous nursing program at St. Catherine University or any other institution in the last five years are ineligible for this nursing program.

*Cumulative GPA is calculated using all college credits completed in the last 10 years, including Ds or Fs earned at other institutions.

College for Adults BSN Information

This section of the nursing baccalaureate degree program in the College for Adults is designed to embrace multicultural and social justice perspectives on health and healing. The BSN is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing, accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), and endorsed in holistic nursing by the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation (AHNCC). A holistic approach and compassionate attitude supports students as they matriculate at St. Catherine University. The purpose of the program is to advance the study, understanding, and professional practice of the discipline of nursing. Holistic nursing embraces multicultural healing perspectives alongside Western medicine to advance health and healing for all.

Holistic nursing practice builds on a foundation of liberal arts and sciences to focus on the person, family and community. The overall goal of the curriculum is to prepare nurses whose practice nurtures the wholeness of persons through caring in a variety of nursing situations and settings.

St. Catherine University has a vast array of respected clinical partners who provide opportunities for students to learn to be excellent holistic nurses and leaders in health care settings. The nursing major portion of

this baccalaureate degree will consist of 50 nursing credits over 21-23 months, depending on the start date, in a hybrid format. This program will prepare the graduate to take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam and practice as a registered nurse.

Admission to the Major in the College for Adults

All nursing candidates students must submit the nursing major application materials by a specified deadline in order to be considered for admission. Candidates should contact the Admissions Office at 651-690-7801 or cfabsninfo@stkate.edu to receive application information. Students apply for admission to the nursing major in either the spring or fall semester.

Requirements for admission:

1. Unconditional admission to St. Catherine University.
2. Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. TEAS result of proficient or higher. TEAS test exam results must be within three years of the application to the major submission date.
4. No prerequisite or corequisite course may be taken "Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory."
5. Students who received more than two prerequisite course grades of a W or C- or lower within the last 5 years are ineligible for the nursing major.
6. If a prerequisite course grade is a C- or lower, this course (or an alternative course approved by the baccalaureate nursing program director) must be successfully completed prior to admission with a grade of C or above.
7. Current certification as a nursing assistant (CNA) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). If CNA, must be on the Minnesota CNA registry at the time of application for admission to the program.
8. Basic Life Support Certification (CPR/BLS). BLS through the American Heart Association or American Red Cross is required. Fully online courses will not be accepted, however a hybrid format (online + classroom) will fulfill the requirement. This certification must be maintained throughout the program.
9. Documented completion of all required immunizations and a clear criminal background check.
10. Students who have been unsuccessful in a previous nursing program at St. Catherine University or any other institution in the last five years are ineligible for this nursing program.
11. Completion of all LIFE Core requirements. Exceptions include CORE 3990W, Global Search for Justice, which students may take during the Nursing program.

The application submission deadline for Early Admission will be **March 1st** for a fall start or **September 15th** for a spring start, with notification of the decision by **March 15th** (fall start) or **September 30th** (spring start). Requirements for Early Admission:

1. Successful completion (C or above) of at least six of 9 prerequisite courses prior to admission, including 2 lab science courses.
2. Students must maintain a C or better grade in all remaining prerequisites, have a 3.0 prerequisite GPA, and maintain their GPA prior to the start of the nursing program.
3. Successfully complete (C or above) all nine prerequisite courses by the final admission deadline.

The application submission deadline for Final Admission will be **June 1st** for a fall start or **November 1st** for a spring start with notification of the decision **June 15th** (fall start) or **December 23rd** (spring start). Requirements for Final Admission:

1. Successful completion (C or above) of all nine prerequisite courses prior to admission
2. All math and science prerequisites need to have been completed within five years prior to the first term of enrollment at the University.
3. Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Important Technical Standards

For successful admission and continuance in St. Catherine University's pre-licensure nursing programs, a specific set of essential cognitive, sensory, communication, psychomotor, and behavioral/ emotional/ spiritual health abilities are required to be performed with or without reasonable accommodations.

Read the full requirements (https://stkate.box.com/s/rzo0wgyertulhjcaumvqnk71rkqa3ynt)

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Nursing Courses		
NURS 2000	Foundations in Nursing and Holistic Health Assessment *	3-6
or NURS 2003	Foundations in Nursing and Holistic Health Assessment for the LPN	
NURS 2020	Holistic Nursing Philosophy, Theory, and Practice	4
NURS 3220	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I: Application in Nursing	4
NURS 3221	Acute Care I: Holistic Nursing Across the Lifespan	4
NURS 3222	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II: Application in Nursing	4
NURS 3223	Acute Care II: Holistic Nursing Across the Lifespan	4
NURS 3224	Behavioral Health Nursing	4
NURS 3225	Population and Global Health Nursing	4
NURS 4220	Transformational Leadership	3
NURS 4221	Holistic Nursing Care of Children and Childbearing Families	4
NURS 4222	Complex Holistic Nursing Care	4
NURS 4223	Holistic Nursing Preceptorship	4
NURS 4224	Prep for Nursing Practice	1
Total Credits		**47-50**

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite Courses (minimum grade of C required)		
BIOL 2200	Introduction to Microbiology with Lab [1]	4
BIOL 2610 & BIOL 2620	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab and Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab [1]	8
or BIOL 2400 & BIOL 2410	General Anatomy and Physiology with Lab and Advanced Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	
CHEM 1010	General Chemistry for Health Sciences with Lab [1,3]	4
or CHEM 1110	General Chemistry I with Lab	

FSNU 2300	Nutrition Foundations	4
IPE 1020	Medical Terminology	1
PSYC 1001	General Psychology with Lab	4
or PSYC 2025	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	
Select one of the following: [1]		4
MATH 2700	Fundamental Mathematics for Nursing	
PSYC 1090	Statistical Methods in Psychology	
STAT 1090	Statistical Analysis	
Select one of the following: [1]		4
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	
HHS 2050	Culture, Health and Healing	
SOCI 1000	Principles and Concepts of Sociology	
SOCI 2300	Sociology of Health and Medicine	
SOCI 3250	Cultural Anthropology	
Total Credits		**33**

Code	Title	Credits
Required Supporting Courses (minimum grade of C required)		
IPE 4200W	Healthcare Teams - Evidence-Based Practice [2]	4
Total Credits		**4**

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1 Course must have been completed no greater than 5 years prior to first term of enrollment at the University.

2 May be taken concurrent with nursing courses.

3 Any chemistry course with a lab component may also satisfy this requirement.

Nursing majors satisfy the Writing Requirement for Majors in IPE 4200W Healthcare Teams - Evidence-Based Practice. They complete the Liberal Arts and Science Core Writing Requirement with three other writing-intensive courses (CORE 1000W The Reflective Woman, CORE 3990W Global Search for Justice and any other writing-intensive course in another department).

The following demonstrates an average term-by-term schedule for students who have been admitted into the Nursing program and do **not** plan to take courses in the Summer term.

The list below does not include any prerequisite or general education coursework. Students should work with an advisor to create a customized graduation plan in Degree Works.

Code	Title	Credits
Spring Term		
NURS 2000	Foundations in Nursing and Holistic Health Assessment [1]	3-6
or NURS 2003	Foundations in Nursing and Holistic Health Assessment for the LPN	
NURS 2020	Holistic Nursing Philosophy, Theory, and Practice	4
Fall Term		
NURS 3220	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I: Application in Nursing	4
NURS 3221	Acute Care I: Holistic Nursing Across the Lifespan	4
NURS 3225	Population and Global Health Nursing	4
Spring Term		
NURS 3222	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II: Application in Nursing	4
NURS 3223	Acute Care II: Holistic Nursing Across the Lifespan	4
NURS 3224	Behavioral Health Nursing	4
Fall Term		
NURS 4221	Holistic Nursing Care of Children and Childbearing Families	4
NURS 4222	Complex Holistic Nursing Care	4
IPE 4200W	Healthcare Teams - Evidence-Based Practice [2]	4
Spring Term		
NURS 4220	Transformational Leadership	3
NURS 4223	Holistic Nursing Preceptorship	4
NURS 4224	Prep for Nursing Practice	1
Total Credits		**51-54**

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The list below does not include any prerequisite or general education coursework. Students should work with an advisor to create a customized graduation plan in Degree Works.

Fall Start

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Fall Term		
NURS 2000	Foundations in Nursing and Holistic Health Assessment [1]	3-6
or NURS 2003	Foundations in Nursing and Holistic Health Assessment for the LPN	
NURS 2020	Holistic Nursing Philosophy, Theory, and Practice	4
IPE 4200W	Healthcare Teams - Evidence-Based Practice	4
Spring Term		
NURS 3220	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I: Application in Nursing	4
NURS 3221	Acute Care I: Holistic Nursing Across the Lifespan	4
NURS 3224	Behavioral Health Nursing	4
Summer Term		
NURS 3222	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II: Application in Nursing	4
NURS 3223	Acute Care II: Holistic Nursing Across the Lifespan	4
Fall Term		

NURS 3225	Population and Global Health Nursing	4
NURS 4221	Holistic Nursing Care of Children and Childbearing Families	4
NURS 4222	Complex Holistic Nursing Care	4
Spring Term		
NURS 4220	Transformational Leadership	3
NURS 4223	Holistic Nursing Preceptorship	4
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NURS 2020	Holistic Nursing Philosophy, Theory, and Practice	4
IPE 4200W	Healthcare Teams - Evidence-Based Practice	4
Summer Term		
NURS 3220	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I: Application in Nursing	4
NURS 3221	Acute Care I: Holistic Nursing Across the Lifespan	4
Fall Term		
NURS 3222	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II: Application in Nursing	4
NURS 3223	Acute Care II: Holistic Nursing Across the Lifespan	4
NURS 3224	Behavioral Health Nursing	4
Spring Term		
NURS 3225	Population and Global Health Nursing	4
NURS 4221	Holistic Nursing Care of Children and Childbearing Families	4
NURS 4222	Complex Holistic Nursing Care	4
Summer Term		
NURS 4220	Transformational Leadership	3
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