



Nursing Department Application to Nursing Major

The application process to the BLC nursing major will be in the spring each year to enter the nursing major in the fall. Because space is limited, not all applicants are guaranteed acceptance into the nursing major. Preference for admission to the nursing major will be given to students with general education, prerequisite, and support course credits earned at Bethany. **Applications are accepted March 1st- April 1st** of the year requesting entrance to the nursing major. Applications received after April 1 will be reviewed at the discretion of the program director. Acceptance status letters will be emailed on or before April 15. Letters will be emailed to the address on the application unless otherwise indicated by applicant. Questions about the application process or acceptance should be directed to Deb Matzke-Lewis, Director of Nursing.

Submit your application and required documents to the Nursing Department by walk-in to Deb Matzke-Lewis' office (HH 308), email to Deborah.MatzkeLewis@blc.edu (write "Application" in subject line), or mail to: Bethany Lutheran College, Nursing Dept, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato, MN, 56001. DO NOT FAX.

Please type all information directly in the document

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| Date of Application: | Semester/Year Requesting Entry to Nursing Major: Fall 20_____ |
| Student Status: | <i>Indicate your student status:</i> BLC Student ID# _____ Transfer Student _____ |
| Name: | |
| Date of Birth: | |
| Email Address: | |
| Phone Number: | |

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS *(check all that apply)*

- ___ Successful completion of admission requirements to Bethany Lutheran College (application, official transcripts).
- ___ Sophomore standing eligibility (at least 28 credits) by end of semester of application.
- ___ Current cumulative GPA of at least 2.75.
- ___ Current enrollment in or successful completion ("C+" or higher) of the following prerequisite courses:
 - ___ BIOL 151* (General Biology 1)
 - ___ CHEM 107* (Gen/Organic/Biochem) **or** CHEM 113* (General Chemistry 1)
 - ___ BIOL 221* (Human Anatomy) ___ BIOL 222* (Human Physiology) ___ BIOL 360* (Microbiology)
 - ___ ENGL 110 (College Writing) ___ COMM 111 (Speech) ___ PSYC 120 (Human Growth)
- *Science credits must be earned in the six years preceding progression into the major.
- ___ Current enrollment in or successful completion ("C+" or higher) of NURS301 (Fundamentals of Nursing)
- Full acceptance to the nursing major is contingent on successful completion of all prerequisite courses.

Additional Requirement for International Student Applicants:

- ___ Provide evidence that International Language requirements for Nursing Program have been met.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS Complete and submit the following documents with your application:

- ___ Copy of Unofficial Transcript (BLC and other institutions for transfer courses)
- ___ HESI® Admission Assessment Score Report

EXPERIENCES AND ATTRIBUTES

Please type a 1-2 paragraph (no more than 250 words) response to each statement in the spaces below. If more space is needed, type all responses on a separate page and attach to this document.

1. Describe your reasons for studying nursing. Why do you want pursue your nursing education at Bethany Lutheran College?

2. Discuss your academic ability, motivation, commitment, and perseverance to complete an intense program of study.

3. Describe a person or one experience that has influenced your understanding of someone different from yourself and has helped prepare you to care for diverse populations.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the applicant to write their response to the question above.

4. Nursing students must demonstrate patterns of professional behaviors which reflect the professional values, legal codes, and ethical codes of nursing practice. Provide a specific example that shows how you accomplish each professional behavior.

Demonstrates ability to understand, accept, and take responsibility for one's actions and decisions

Responds positively to constructive feedback

Demonstrates ability to work with others with fairness and respect

Exhibits trustworthiness, honesty, and high personal standards when working with others

Demonstrates ability to critically think and solve problems effectively

Exhibits maturity and self-control in situations involving conflict or stress

5. Provide examples of your healthcare experiences, community engagement/experiences, and service experiences.

Full admission to the nursing program requires the following requirements prior to the program start date:

- Successful completion of the nursing major prerequisite courses with a minimum C+ grade
- Successful completion of a nursing assistant course or certification as a nursing assistant
- Approval to work with patients without supervision from the Minnesota Department of Human Services Background Study
- Submission of health clearance form with proof of required immunizations, medical insurance, and current CPR/BLS for health care providers
- Clear drug screen (*if requested by Director of Nursing*)

Additional information regarding these requirements will be provided to those admitted

The Board of Nursing will complete a criminal background check upon application for nurse licensure and may deny granting you a license for the following reasons. If any of the reasons listed applies to you, please speak with the Director of Nursing before applying to the nursing program.

- Violated a state or federal law or rule relating to the practice of nursing in any state, territory, or country
- Violated a state or federal law or rule relating to narcotics or controlled substances or other similar regulations
- Been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or no contest, for any felony, gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor offense
- In the last five years, misused or abused alcohol, other drugs or chemicals or been considered chemically dependent
- Been fired from a nursing-related job in the last five years due to conduct that may be grounds for disciplinary action under the Nurse Practice Act
- Under investigation or the subject of any pending or past disciplinary action or have been refused a nursing license or any other occupational license in any state, territory, or country
- Have any physical or mental disability or illness that may impair your ability to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety
- Have ever received notification from the Minnesota Department of Human Services or the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General that you have been disqualified from providing direct care or excluded from participation in Medicare or Medicaid

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

“I attest that I have satisfactorily completed all the application requirements and that all information listed on this application is true. I am aware that the Board of Nursing will complete a criminal background check upon application for nurse licensure and understand the above reasons, if they apply to me, may prevent the Board of Nursing from granting me a nursing license.”

Applicant’s Signature

Date

A digital signature, an image of your signature, or your typed name on the line will be considered a valid signature.