

TWO-YEAR TRACK OPTION

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Initial step: Certificate of Attendance at a required Nursing Information Session.

Attendance at a nursing program information session is required. Appointments may be scheduled from the nursing program website or call 763-433-1240 (Coon Rapids) or 763-433-1840 (Cambridge.) Original certificate dated no earlier than 12 months prior to application period must be included with the application.

Applicants must meet the following criteria before applying for admission to the Two-Year Track Nursing program.

- 1. Must be a high school graduate (or GED). Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 in high school or college.**
 - Applicants being admitted based on college GPA must have completed at least 9 semester (or quarter equivalent) credits from courses that are general education requirements for the AS degree in nursing (see guide sheet) and/or Chemistry or Biology courses that meet the science admission criteria.
 - Use of high school GPA is limited to two years following high school graduation.
 - High school seniors applying prior to graduation must submit a letter from their high school indicating academic progress toward graduation in the spring.
 - Cumulative GPA will be calculated using transcripts from all accredited colleges attended.
 - Applicants on academic suspension will not be eligible for admission. If academic suspension occurs after the student is admitted and is not lifted before the first semester of nursing, the student will not be eligible to start the program.
 - Eligible students must have passed the required science courses (Chemistry 1020 and Biology 1106, 2113 or 2114) or equivalents within two attempts no earlier than 7 years prior to the program start date, with a grade of C or better. Grades of W, D, F and NC (non-credit) are considered non-passing grades and may make the student ineligible to apply.
 - NC grades on college level courses will be recomputed as Fs for cumulative GPA calculations.
 - A grade of D will not satisfy admission and graduation requirements for the Nursing Program.
- 2. Chemistry 1020 Interpretive Chemistry, or equivalent, taken within seven (7) years prior to the program start date, with a minimum grade of C.**
- 3. Biology 1106 Principles of Biology, Biology 2113 Human Anatomy and Physiology I, or equivalents, taken within seven (7) years prior to the program start date, with a minimum grade of C.**

Biology 1106 and Chemistry 1020 test-outs are also available to meet these admission requirements. These two courses are prerequisites for Anatomy and Physiology. (See Testing Center)

- 4. Composite score of 19 or above on the ACT Exam.**

Students may register for the ACT exam at www.act.org. Written portion is not required. Applicants who have completed a baccalaureate degree or above are exempt from this requirement. NOTE: If the exam was taken more than once, please request ACT to send the highest score.
- 5. Certificate of Attendance at a required ARCC Nursing Information Session.**

Must be dated within the 12-month period prior to application.
- 6. Minimum rubric score of 6.0 must be achieved to be considered for acceptance into the program.**

No petitions will be accepted during the final two weeks of each application period. Petitions must be processed and recorded to be considered.

Requirements of this program are subject to change without notice so make sure you have reviewed this information at the time of application.