



General Requirements for Admission into the Nursing Program

1. High School Diploma or GED Certificate. Transcripts may be required.
2. An Associate's or Bachelor's Degree qualifies a student academically for the PN and RN programs. Transcripts required.

ACADEMIC QUALIFIERS – ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING, PRACTICAL NURSING, BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING

Applicants must have one of the following:

1. ACT score from within last 5 years. Composite score of 16 for PN; 19 for ADN; 20 for BSN.
2. SAT score from within last 5 years. Score of 930 for PN and 1000 for ADN; 1060 for BSN.
3. TEAS score within last year. Score of 56 for PN; 66 for ADN; 76 for BSN. TEAS can only be taken twice per application. Applicants may apply for enrollment twice per year.
4. Wonderlic Basic Skills Test Scores: Quantitative – 265, Verbal – 265 for PN. Quantitative – 315, Verbal – 365 for ADN; Quantitative – 365, Verbal – 365 for BSN. The Wonderlic Basic Skills test may be attempted three times. An applicant is required to take a refresher course prior to the third attempt. The applicant needs only to retest in the section they failed to reach the qualifying score.
5. Successful completion of academic courses offered at an institution whose accreditor is approved by the U.S. Department of Education. Must have a minimum of 24 academic quarter credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.4 for PN. Must have a minimum of 30 academic quarter credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.7 for ADN. Must have a minimum of 30 academic quarter credits with a minimum of 2.95 or 10 higher for the BSN. Occupational associate degrees and non-nursing collegiate diplomas are not recognized as academic qualifiers for admission into any of the nursing programs.
6. ADN and BSN applicants who previously entered into and graduated from a practical nursing program must possess an unencumbered, current Practical Nursing License to qualify for consideration into the RN program. The applicants must provide a transcript from their practical nursing education. Before being permitted to attend nursing concentration courses, students in either of the RN programs must possess a Practical Nursing Licensure, a Certified Nurse Assistant certificate, or must show proof of completion of a Nurse Assistant program approved by the appropriate state agency, or they must have successfully completed the NUR 100 pre-nursing course at Beckfield College.

Eligibility and Qualification for Enrollment Process

Applicants meet with a nursing admission representative or attend a nursing information session (NIS) to learn about the nursing program. When the candidate chooses the nursing program they are applying to, the nursing admission representative will begin the process to qualify the candidate and guide them through the process. This process includes meeting with a financial aid consultant and the business office if necessary. The candidate will be required to submit a typed essay in response to the question: "Why do you want to be a nurse?"

If the applicant was previously in a nursing program at another institution, the candidate will be expected to address why he/she was not successful with appropriate actions / plans instituted to be successful in this enrollment.

Candidates must also submit to a 30-year criminal background check pursuant to college policy.

Transcripts will be requested in admissions while the candidate is in the first admission meeting. The fee for this electronic transcript will be paid by the College. This will permit the Admissions Department to proceed with the admission process.

Any candidate who tests below the minimum required Wonderlic scores will be referred to a refresher course. Candidates may be permitted to complete remediation in Math and/or Verbal. Only ONE remediation is permitted for either or both Math and Verbal per applicant per quarter. Such candidates can be granted a conditional acceptance by the Nursing Admission Committee pending the result of the refresher course and the result(s) of the weak area(s) prior to final acceptance. The Wonderlic may be taken three times per application.

Beckfield College students or graduates from non-nursing programs are considered new applicants and will complete the same admission process as other applicants. In other words, the complete application process will be followed and submitted to the Nursing Admission Committee. Such applicants must qualify with one of the academic qualifiers published for the nursing programs (see previous page). All applicants' documents will be reviewed and evaluated by the Nursing Admission Committee for potential admission.

Once all information has been received by the nursing admission representative and the candidate is eligible to apply for enrollment, the information will be presented to the Nursing Admission Committee. The committee may consist of nursing faculty, nursing admission representatives, financial aid representatives, student services staff, and general education faculty. The nursing faculty are the voting members. The Nursing Admission Committee reserves the right to meet with any candidate regarding their application and admission into the program.

The Nursing Admission Committee will meet at least once each month (more often if necessary) to consider the candidates for acceptance for the next nursing program start. Once accepted, candidates will be notified of their acceptance and will meet with financial aid department again to finalize their financial arrangements. Candidates not accepted will be notified, as well, with instructions on what to do if they wish to be considered for the subsequent nursing program start. Candidates not accepted by the Nursing Admission Committee may appeal to the Vice President of Education or the College President for final consideration by writing a letter. Candidates will be notified of the appeal decision via letter or email within 14 days.

ACADEMIC QUALIFIERS – BACCALAUREATE DEGREE IN NURSING (RN to BSN)

In order to enroll for completion of the baccalaureate degree, the applicant must meet all three of the following requirements:

1. A.A.S. / A.D.N. Degree – An earned associate degree from an institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. An unofficial transcript may be presented for conditional enrollment, but Beckfield College must receive an official transcript of the associate degree from the student's prior institution within thirty (30) days of enrollment in order to be permitted to begin the BSN completion program.
2. RN License – A current, unrestricted licensure as a Registered Nurse. (Official documentation of licensure is required for enrollment.)
3. Completion of at least 32 quarter credit hours, or the equivalent, in collegiate general education courses, which must include:
 - a. Eight (8) quarter credit hours of Communications
 - b. Eight (8) quarter credit hours of Psychology
 - c. Twelve (12) quarter credit hours of Science with at least two (2) quarter credit hours in lab
 - d. Four (4) quarter credit hours of mathematics

Registered Nurses who are graduates of one of the College's associate degree program in nursing are deemed to have met course and degree requirements for admission into the baccalaureate degree program.

The Nursing Admission Committee will evaluate all documents submitted in determining a candidate's admission to the program. Any exception to these policies must be approved by the Nursing Department. Because enrollment in the program is limited, the College cannot guarantee the date of enrollment for any applicant. All applicants are required to undergo a background check prior to enrollment.

If Beckfield College does not receive official transcripts from the student's prior institution evidencing the associate degree in nursing and the required courses as listed above within thirty (30) days of the student's enrollment, the student will be dis-enrolled and will not be permitted to re-enroll until Beckfield College receives an official transcript from the student's prior institution. Transcripts marked "Issued to Student" are acceptable for initial enrollment, but official transcripts from the student's prior institution are required for official acceptance in the program. The College is currently enrolling for the online version of the RN to BSN program only.