

# NURSING: TRADITIONAL BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (M)

## Our Program

The Traditional Undergraduate Nursing program at Concordia University program is committed to helping students develop in mind, body, and spirit. It is a challenging curriculum, but one that we think you will gain from in ways you can't even begin to imagine right now.

Guided by Christian principles, our nursing students receive a broad foundation in the liberal arts, and in the art and science of the nursing profession. You will have opportunities to apply theoretical concepts and skills into nursing practice as you develop clinical competence. You will explore concepts related to interprofessional communication, collaboration, professionalism and leadership, all of which are integrated into our rigorous program of study.

All of our required nursing courses are offered in both spring and fall, so you can begin your program in either semester, and be assured of finding the courses you need to progress. Our faculty and staff on both the Mequon and Ann Arbor campuses are committed to supporting your intellectual, physical, and spiritual growth. **We are dedicated to your success**, as we have been since we began this program in 1982. We look forward to guiding your path from beginning student through taking – and passing – your National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a professional Registered Nurse!

## Program Highlights

- Fall and spring program admission.
- Clinical courses begin second semester of sophomore year. Our program offers more specialty clinicals than many others.
- Cross-cultural and global health experiences are available.
- Individualized attention and faculty tutoring help students succeed.
- Multi-bed high-fidelity simulation lab and hands-on skills lab.
- Active Student Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society.
- Financial assistance and scholarships are available.

## Accreditation

Concordia University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Concordia University Wisconsin is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>).

The nursing program at Concordia University Ann Arbor is an additional campus location of the Concordia University Wisconsin baccalaureate nursing program.

The Traditional Undergraduate Nursing curriculum is based on Program Outcomes that reflect the standards for undergraduate nursing education established by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Student Learning Outcomes have also been developed for each Program Outcome

at each level of the program, and the Concordia University Global Learning Outcomes have been associated as well.

Following is a list of the Program Outcomes. These represent the guiding standards on which each course in our curriculum is built.

1. Apply liberal arts education and scientific background information into practice.
2. Apply organizational and leadership principles in practice to improve quality and patient safety.
3. Apply current evidence into professional nursing practice.
4. Use informatics and healthcare technologies to inform decision-making regarding quality patient care and safety.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of healthcare policy, finance, and regulatory environments.
6. Communicate and collaborate in an interprofessional healthcare environment to deliver safe, high quality patient care.
7. Apply knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention to improve individual and population health.
8. Demonstrate professionalism and professional values within the context of a Christian perspective.
9. Engage in the professional roles of the nurse as care provider, care manager/coordinator, lifelong learner and member of the profession.

## Admission: Traditional Freshman Students

Concordia University **pre-nursing students** who meet **all** of the following minimum requirements are eligible for direct admission to the traditional undergraduate nursing program. The number of students accepted into the program is dependent on available clinical space and the student's ranking based on the criteria below:

- Minimum **cumulative GPA**  $\geq 2.75$
- Minimum **science GPA**  $\geq 2.75$  with a **minimum grade of C** in the following courses:
  - Microbiology (BIO 149 or higher level microbiology course with lab section)
  - Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 191 or higher level microbiology course with lab section)
  - Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 192 or higher level microbiology course with lab section)
  - Chemistry (CHEM 105 or higher level microbiology course with lab section)
- **Minimum grade of C** in college algebra or higher level math course (statistics, pre-calculus or calculus) **OR**
  - Waiver with an AP score of 4 or 5 on the AP Calculus Exam, **OR**
  - CLEP credits for college algebra.
- English as Second Language, language test score:
  - TOEFL  $\geq 75$  **OR**
  - IELTS  $\geq 6.5$

## Admission: Transfer Students

- Transcript review.
- Letter of Good Standing from most recent college attended.
- Minimum Cumulative GPA  $\geq 3.0$
- Minimum Science GPA  $\geq 2.75$
- $\geq C$  in college algebra or higher level math course (statistics, pre-calculus or calculus) **OR**
  - Waiver with an AP score of 4 or 5 on the AP Calculus Exam, **OR**
  - CLEP credits for college algebra.
- English as Second Language test score:
  - TOEFL  $\geq 75$  **OR**
  - IELTS  $\geq 6.5$
- Transfer students are required to contact the admissions transfer counselor for Concordia's application process and timeline. All applications must be submitted to the Admissions Office by July 15 for the fall semester or December 15 for the spring semester.
- Applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the School of Nursing.
- The number of students accepted will be dependent on available clinical spots.

### Additional admission requirements:

- Current **American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Providers** (BLS). Certification must be kept current throughout the program.
- Current state license as a Nurse Aide (**CNA**). **NOTE: This requirement may be suspended on a case-by-case basis, due to special circumstances related to COVID-19.**
- A clear Background Check through CastleBranch.com.
- Students will be required to undergo a urine drug screen prior to their first clinical course (Sophomore 2 semester).
- All nursing courses (courses with a NURS prefix) **must be taken at CUW, CUAA, or through CU online.** The traditional BSN program will not accept nursing courses transferred from other institutions.

### Progression Policy

- Sophomore, junior and senior students must receive a **minimum grade of 79%** in all nursing courses (courses with a NURS prefix; and BIO 222, BIO 251, BIO 255 on the Ann Arbor campus), including all theory, clinical, and lab courses in order to progress in the program.
- Further information on progression policies is available in the ***Traditional Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook*** for the year you enter the program.