

# Nursing (Baccalaureate Degree)

## Transferring from Century College to the College of St. Catherine

### The Nursing Major

There are three ways students can obtain a **baccalaureate degree** (B.A. or B.S.) in Nursing at St. Kate's:

- the **Day Program** for students pursuing their 4-year degree in Nursing;
- the **Weekend College** program for students who currently have a 2-year RN and wish to complete their baccalaureate degree in Nursing;
- the **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate** option for students who have already earned a bachelor's degree and are seeking a second major or degree in Nursing (available in Day or Weekend).

The Minneapolis Campus of the College of St. Catherine also offers an **associate degree** (2-year) RN program in both the day and evening/weekend format. Requirements for the associate degree are different than those listed below. Please see CSC catalog.

### Prerequisite Coursework

The following prerequisite courses are required for the CSC baccalaureate Nursing major (4-year RN). Be sure to read the information below about specific grade requirements for these courses.

NURSING PREREQUISITES	CENTURY COLLEGE EQUIVALENT
Chemistry	CHEM 1041 & 1042
Anatomy & Physiology I & II	BIOL 1031 & 1032 <b>OR</b> 2040 & 2045
Microbiology	BIOL 1035
General Psychology	PSYC 1020
Developmental Psychology	PSYC 1040 <b>OR</b> 1043 & 1045
Principles of Sociology	SOC 1020
Nutrition (can be taken concurrently w/1 <sup>st</sup> term of Nursing)	HLTH 1070 will be accepted for students who take the course through Spring 2004. After that time, HLTH 1070 will no longer be accepted to meet CSC's Nutrition requirement.

### Application Requirements for Nursing

Students applying to the Day Program must apply and be accepted to the College of St. Catherine and to the Nursing major before **March 1<sup>st</sup>** of their sophomore year. Weekend College and Post-Baccalaureate students must apply to the College and the major by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. The date of application is the date the **completed** application is received by the Department of Nursing, not the date the student signs the form. Applications will be accepted after the due date only if space is available.

The Department of Nursing will monitor progress until the student is ready for the clinical year. Students applying to the Day Program are encouraged to apply early and must have completed at least 64 semester credits toward the baccalaureate degree to begin the clinical year. Students applying to the Weekend College Program (RN students) must have completed at least 90 semester credits toward the baccalaureate degree to begin the clinical year. The following criteria will be used to make a decision on every applicant:

#### 1. Scholastic Ability

##### Day Program & Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program:

- Must have at least a 2.75 overall grade point average (GPA is calculated on all completed courses, including failed courses)
- At least a 2.6 overall GPA and at least a "C" or better earned in each of the required prerequisite courses listed above

**Note:** Only one prerequisite course may be below "C" and this course (or an alternate course approved by the department) must be repeated no more than once. A minimum grade of "C" must be achieved in the repeated or substituted course; if it is less than "C" the student is ineligible for the Nursing major. Also, if two or more prerequisites are below "C", the student is ineligible for the major. No prerequisite course may be taken on the "satisfactory/unsatisfactory" grading system.

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### 1. Scholastic Ability, continued

#### Weekend Program (for RNs):

- a) In order to be eligible for consideration, students must first apply and be admitted to the College of St. Catherine
- b) Must have at least a 2.75 overall GPA, calculated on all courses completed within the past 10 years (includes failed courses)
- c) At least a "C" or better in all associate degree nursing courses
- d) Completed at least 90 credits toward the baccalaureate degree and have prior work experience as a RN or be currently employed as a RN.

**Note:** All prerequisite courses are considered complete through associate degree nursing program completion.

**Students ineligible for the nursing major because of grade point average or course grades may be reconsidered on an individual basis. Petitioning materials are available in the Nursing Department Office, (651) 690-6585. This is true for all program options.**

### 2. College of St. Catherine Residency Credits:

Students are selected for the nursing major from a pool of qualified applicants based on the following priority considerations:

- a) Students who have entered the college as first-semester freshmen
- b) Students who transfer to the college prior to beginning the major (these students will be selected based on a combination of two factors: number of credits taken at CSC and cumulative grade point average). Students seeking a first degree and students seeking a second major/second degree will be considered simultaneously.
- c) Students who transfer to the college for the major only.

### 3. Completed Application:

An application to the Nursing major is considered to be complete only when:

- a) The application is submitted prior to due date
- b) Official transcripts of all post-secondary education are submitted
- c) Essay is submitted
- d) Both references are submitted

No student can be considered for a clinical seat until all the above are received.

### Other Important Information

Nursing courses for Day and Weekend programs begin each fall; Post-Baccalaureate Certificate students begin in January. **Prior** to enrolling in Nursing courses, all students **must** complete the following:

- a) C.N.A. certification
- b) CPR certification (American Heart Association)
- c) the Mathematics/Statistics requirement for the General Education core

### General Education Coursework

General education requirements and acceptable Century courses are listed on a separate **Transfer Guidelines / College of St. Catherine** handout available in the Century counseling center. Please refer to this handout frequently and ask an advisor if you have any questions. When considering general education requirements, remember that Nursing majors can choose either the B.A. or the B.S. degree. Admission and graduation requirements for the College of St. Catherine are also listed on the separate Transfer Guidelines / College of St. Catherine handout available in the Century counseling center.

Students are **strongly urged** to contact St. Catherine early regarding admission to the Nursing program and to determine the best time to transfer.

## Contact Information:

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### Day Admission

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### Weekend College Admission

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