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Dear students interested in nursing,

The Century College Nursing Department is announcing that we will be transitioning our associate degree program to a revised curriculum independent of the Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education (MANE). This follows a decision by the eight Minnesota State partner institutions to no longer participate in the [MANE Alliance](#).

We will continue to use best practices in nursing education, examine processes at our sister schools in the Minnesota State System, and explore different pedagogies and program models to ensure that we continue to pursue excellence in our program.

Program Highlights:

- The program will be 64 credits taken over 4 semesters.
- The new program will start with the first cohort in Fall 2023.
- Students will be required to complete a special application for admission.
 - The application for the Fall 2023 cohort will open January 9, 2023, and close on March 1, 2023.
- Holistic admission criteria will be used to score applicants.
 - Essay Questions-40%
 - Insight Assessment Health Science Reasoning Test-Associate Degree Level (HSRT-AD)-40%
 - Previous Degrees or Certifications-10%
 - Quiz on Nursing Program Information Guide for Applicants-10%
- To be fully admitted to the program, students will also be required to complete the first semester general education courses (or their transfer equivalents) with a 2.75 GPA or higher.

More information about the new program and the application process can be found on the Century College [nursing program website](#).

Consistent with the current program, students will graduate with an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing. Upon graduation, students will be able to sit for the NCLEX exam to become licensed as a registered nurse. One of our primary goals continues to be that all graduates attain a baccalaureate degree in nursing to meet workforce needs in our communities and beyond. One of our primary goals continues to be that all graduates attain a baccalaureate degree in nursing to meet workforce needs in our community and beyond. As part of this we have designed our program and encourage students to continue to pursue their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree after completing the RN program at Century.

Please continue to review the nursing program website for updated program and application information.

Thank you.

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