



Century College Nursing Program

Nursing Program Information Guide for
Applicants

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Welcome

Thank you for applying to the Century College Nursing Program. This guide contains general information about the nursing program. Upon completion of the program, graduates will receive an Associate of Science in Nursing and are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN®. Graduates apply to take boards through the Minnesota Board of Nursing or any state they wish to work in. Passing the examination qualifies the individual to apply for licensure as a registered nurse. The program prepares the graduate for employment in entry-level positions in a variety of health care settings and areas of nursing practice. The program is designed as a transfer degree and will satisfy core requirements at many colleges and universities that offer RN to BSN programs.

The Century College Nursing program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. Inquiries can be made by contacting the above agencies at Minnesota Board of Nursing, 1210 Northland Dr #120, Mendota Heights, MN 55120, (612) 317-3000, or www.mn.gov/boards/nursing and/or Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3390 Peachtree Road N.E. Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA, 30326 or www.acenursing.org.

Application

This program requires special admission. You must apply for **general admission** first before submitting the special application. The admission application contains four areas.

Holistic Admission Criteria:

- Essay Questions on experiences and attributes-40%
- Health Science Reasoning Test-40%
- Previous Degrees or Certifications-10%
- Quiz on Program Information-10%

Once offered a spot in the nursing program, students will also be required to have completed the following courses or their equivalents with a 2.75 GPA for full acceptance into the program:

BIOL 1020-Biology Concepts or BIOL 1041-Principles of Biology I

CHEM 1020-Chemistry Concepts or CHEM 1041-Principles of Chemistry I

ENGL 1020 or 1021-Composition I

PSYC 1041-Developmental Psychology: Lifespan

Orientation

Once students are accepted into the program, they will receive a letter with information including the date for program orientation. **Orientation for incoming students is mandatory.** Registration will open for nursing courses after orientation. Students will also receive an email regarding the Student Passport System (SPS) which is a tool for you and our nursing program to manage the information required by healthcare providers

for you to legally participate in assignments that take place within their facilities. It is recommended that information is submitted to Passport prior to Orientation.

Additional Requirements

There are additional requirements needed to participate in the nursing program once accepted. These items will be uploaded into SPS.

Background Study

Minnesota Department of Human Services requires any individual having contact with patients to complete a background study prior to starting the clinical experience. An individual may be disqualified from having patient contact and would not be permitted to participate in the clinical experience if a clearance is not issued. This would result in the inability to successfully complete the nursing course requirements. The Minnesota Board of Nursing requires all new licensure applicants to complete an FBI Fingerprint Federal Background Study. Results of this study may affect a new licensure applicant's ability to become licensed as a Registered Nurse in Minnesota. The background study must be processed through the Century College Nursing Program. Students are not able to use background studies from other organizations.

Immunizations

To protect the health of the people our students care for, our clinical partners require students to fulfill certain health requirements including immunizations and screenings. These immunizations and screening include:

- COVID 19
- Varicella
- Hepatitis B
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- Influenza
- Pertussis, Tetanus, and Diphtheria (Tdap)
- Mantoux/Tuberculosis (TB) test

This list is subject to change.

Additional information may include

- Documentation of BLS Certification
- Release of Confidential Information
- Student Agreement Verification Form
- Health Form signed by healthcare provider

This list is subject to change.

Curriculum

Here is the nursing program curriculum.

Semester 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• *BIOL 1020 Biology Concepts-4 credits• *CHEM 1020 Chemistry Concepts-4 credits• ENGL 1021: Composition I-4 credits• PSYC 1041: Development Psychology-4 credits
Semester 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIOL 2031: Anatomy/Physiology I-4 credits• Communication- choose one of the following (all 3 credits):<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ COMM 1031: Interpersonal or◦ COMM 1041: Small Group or◦ COMM1051: Intercultural Communications• NURS 2300 Nursing Fundamentals and Assessment-4 credits• NURS 2310 Application of Nursing Fundamentals and Assessment-4 credits• NURS 2320 Clinical Reasoning in Nursing-2 credits
Semester 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIOL 2032: Anatomy/Physiology II-4 credits• NURS 2400 Nursing Care for Persons with Common Health Alterations-4credits• NURS 2410 Application of Nursing Care for Persons with Common Health Alterations-4 credits• NURS 2420 Pharmacology and the Role of the Professional Nurse-3 credits
Semester 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIOL 2035: Microbiology-3 credits• **PHIL 1035 Biomedical Ethics-3 credits• NURS 2500 Nursing Care for Persons with Complex Health Alterations-4 credits• NURS 2510 Application of Nursing Care for Persons with Complex Health Alterations-4 credits• NURS 2520 Leadership in Contemporary Nursing Practice-2 credits

*Please see the Nursing webpage www.century.edu/programs/nursing for complete information on courses accepted.

Grades

Students must pass all course with a C or above to remain in the program.

Grading scale for nursing courses:

92 - 100% = A

85 – 91.99% = B

78 – 84.99% = C

72 – 77.99% = D

Below 71.99% = F

Minimum passing grade of **78%** is required for all nursing courses. There is no rounding of grades.

Clinical and Labs

Attendance at clinical and lab activities is mandatory to meet the course outcomes. Students must wear their uniform to all clinical and lab activities.

The uniform will consist of scrub top and pants/skirt. More information on uniforms will be given during orientation.

- A white, black, or grey short/long sleeve t-shirt can be worn under the uniform top.
- Solid white, black or neutral colored nursing or athletic style shoes with a non-skid surface and flat heel are required. The shoe material must be a flat, solid color without a patterned or embossed appearance. Shoes must be clean and in good repair. No mesh, suede, open toe, open heel, clogs, crocs are permitted. Shoes must be of impermeable material.

You will need a stethoscope (it does not need to be expensive) and a second-hand watch.

Student Behavior

Students enrolled in the nursing program at Century College accept the moral and ethical responsibilities that have been credited to the profession of nursing and are obligated to uphold and adhere to the professional American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics. The current edition of the [American Nurses Associate Code for Nurses with Interpretive Statements](#) outlines the goals, values, and ethical principles that direct the profession of nursing and it is the standard by which ethical conduct is guided and evaluated by the profession.

In the professional judgment of the faculty, any behavior deemed inconsistent with professional responsibilities including ethical misconduct and/or unsafe are addressed as an academic issue and may be subject to a failure grade (F) for the course and/or a possible dismissal from the program.

College resources

Here are some of the resources the college provides. Please take advantage of them to help you be successful.

Academic support <https://www.century.edu/support-services/academic-support>

Online Tutoring	+
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Academic Resource Centers

Academic Support Center	+
ESOL Center	+
Language Lab	+
Mathematics Resource Center	+
Reading & Student Success Center	+
Science Resource Center	+
Writing Center	+

Resource and Support Center/Basic Needs

<https://www.century.edu/support-services/resource-and-support-centerbasic-needs>

Campus and Community Resources

Food	+	Childcare & Parenting Resources	+
Financial Assistance	+	Housing	+
Mental and Physical Health	+	Technology	+
Transportation	+	Other Resources	+

Personal Counseling Services

<https://www.century.edu/support-services/advising-counseling/personal-counseling-services>

Each person's needs for managing their mental health is unique. This section provides tools and resources to help you find the best fit for your circumstance. If you would like help with navigating this process, make an appointment with your personal counselor through Starfish.

Mental Health Self-Assessment Tools	+
Mental Health Provider Resources	+
Support Groups/Online Support	+
Mental Health Resources	+
Crisis Resources	+

Library

<https://www.century.edu/academics/library>

Support is available via **chat**, **phone**, **email**, and **virtual reference appointments**.

Library Search

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