

## APPLICATION & ADMISSION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please note the current policies for COVID-19 below.

Keep these protocols in mind when applying to the program:

Students will be required to adhere to the immunization policies of the agency in which they are placed or employed.

Additionally, any COVID-19 vaccine requirements set by the college and/or mandated by the affiliating clinical agency must be adhered to. Please be aware that affiliating clinical agencies may have vaccine requirements different from Curry College and may not exempt any clinical students from mandatory vaccination requirements in their facilities or organizations.

### How do I apply?

The ACCEL Nursing program application is available online, and students can apply at [Curry.edu/ACCEL](http://Curry.edu/ACCEL).

### What are the Admission Requirements?

- 2.7 undergraduate GPA required: 3.0 preferred
- Completed application submitted online
- Current Resume
- Personal Statement: *See writing prompts below*
- Official transcripts from the institutions where your undergraduate degree and/or prerequisite courses are from.
- \$50 application fee paid to Curry College at [Application Fee Payment](#)
- *TEAS exams and letters of recommendation are not required or accepted in the admissions process.*

### Who should I contact for technical problems with the application process?

Please contact the Continuing Education office at (617) 333-2364.



**What are the Essay questions? Limit response to 500 words or less:** What do you feel is the most pressing issue in healthcare causing you to currently seek a career in nursing? In what ways will your entry into Curry College help the nursing profession

**How do I know if my transcripts have been received by Curry College?**

You may review the status of our application file by

logging into your Curry College online application portal at: <http://appcegrad.curry.edu>. Documents are processed within 3-5 business days of receipt.

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### How do I pay my Curry Application Fee?

To pay your \$50 application fee, go to [Application Fee Payment](#)

### Are there any Information Sessions scheduled?

Information Sessions are held regularly throughout the year. Go to [ACCEL Event Listing](#) to sign up.

### What is the minimum bachelor's degree grade point average (GPA) you require?

A GPA of 3.0 or higher is preferred; a 2.7 minimum GPA is required. If an applicant has a baccalaureate GPA of less than 2.7, the candidate may be considered for admission if they have a conferred master's degree, upon which both GPAs (baccalaureate and masters) will be averaged to obtain the cumulative GPA per the admissions rubric.

### What does the Admissions Committee look for in an application?

The Committee takes a holistic approach when reviewing applications. Your undergraduate GPA and your prerequisite course grades are very important. The Committee also considers your essay and resume. In your resume you may want to call attention to any volunteer/service work or leadership positions you've had. In your essay you might want to call attention to things that you believe make you stand out as a candidate, such as honors, awards, unique experiences, obstacles you had to overcome or examples of your compassion and professionalism.

### Does it help my chance for admission if I apply early?

Applicants will be selected on a rolling basis until all available openings have been filled. Applications that do not meet minimum requirements will not be considered for review. Decisions will be made within 2 weeks of completed application.

### I was not accepted but was offered a spot on the waitlist. When will I be contacted?

Waitlisted students are contacted only when and if a place in the class becomes available. This may happen at any time right up to the week before the start of the program.

### What is my ranking on the waitlist?

We do not provide students with a waitlist ranking.

### If I don't get accepted from the waitlist this year, will I be considered for admission for the following year?

Waitlisted students must reapply if they wish to be considered for the next cohort.

### I was accepted, but I need to defer my admission. Is that allowed?

If accepted, an applicant may defer their start date one time only.



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## Prerequisite Coursework Questions

### What are the required prerequisite courses?

Anatomy & Physiology 1 & 2, Chemistry, Microbiology, Statistics, Human Development. All four science courses must include a laboratory component.

### Can I use prerequisite courses from my bachelor's?

Yes, if the grades are sufficient (at least B- for science course lectures and labs, at least C- for non-science courses)

### Is there a time limit on using prerequisite courses I've taken?

Yes. Science courses must have been taken within the past 10 years.

### I have completed only two science prerequisites, and I have a C+ in one of them.

### Can I still apply and repeat the course later?

No. A minimum of *two* science prerequisites must successfully be completed with a minimum grade of a B- for the lecture *and* the lab for our college to review your application. Lecture and lab grades will be averaged.

### Do I need to finish all the prerequisites before I apply?

No. However, for your application to be reviewed for consideration, at least *two* science prerequisites must successfully be completed with a minimum grade of a B- for the lecture and the lab. Accepted students must successfully fulfill all prerequisites and provide copies of official transcripts of coursework prior to beginning the program.

### What schools do you accept prerequisite coursework from?

Any regionally accredited college, including community colleges. The science courses must be 4 credits (lecture + lab).



### Do you accept prerequisites from online courses?

Yes, if from a regionally accredited college. The science courses must be 4 credits (lecture + lab).

### Do you accept prerequisite courses from Portage Learning?

Yes. The science courses must be 4 credits (lecture + lab).

### Will it help my chances for admission if I take the prerequisite courses at Curry?

No. Completing the courses with Curry has no bearing on our admissions decision. However, if you prefer to take classes with Curry, you may do so through our Division of Continuing and Graduate Studies located in Milton, Plymouth, and Online.

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**I repeated a prerequisite more than once in order to obtain a better grade. Will you consider the highest grade?**

An applicant's grades for the first and last attempts in a given course will be averaged for the admission application. Any prerequisites required for admission are subject to this policy. Any grade of W (withdrawal), R (grade replacement), or AD (audit) will count as an enrollment attempt. If there is no grade in the first two enrollment attempts, you are not eligible to apply for the major.

**My school offers a full semester of Anatomy and a full semester of Physiology. Is that format acceptable?**

Yes, provided that Anatomy is a 4-credit course and Physiology is a 4-credit course.

**What type of Chemistry course is required?**

Any college-level chemistry course with a laboratory component (4 semester credits total) fulfills this requirement.

**Will Biology or Cell Biology satisfy the Microbiology requirement?**

No.

**What is the Human Growth and Development course?**

This is a psychology course that covers the psychological development over one's entire lifespan. Introduction to Psychology, Child Psychology, or Child Development do not fulfill this requirement. A biology course also does not satisfy this prerequisite. Connect with a Curry College ACCEL advisor if you are uncertain whether your course satisfies this requirement.

**I earned my bachelor's degree as a Psychology major, so I must have covered Human Growth and Development already.**

If you did not have a distinct lifespan psychology course, you may take a CLEP or DSST exam to satisfy the prerequisite. Please view <https://www.getcollegecredit.com/> or <https://clep.collegeboard.org/> for more information regarding fees and schedule.

**I have taken an advanced level Mathematics course. Will that cover the statistics requirement?**

Not necessarily, but if you submit a syllabus, an advisor will review the course.



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### Tuition / Financial Assistance Questions

#### What is the ACCEL tuition?

The ACCEL Nursing program has fixed tuition, allowing students to enter the program knowing the full cost of the ACCEL program and not be subject to a tuition increase as long as they remain enrolled with their original cohort group. The ACCEL program charges no additional course fees. Expenses for textbooks and course-related materials are not included in the tuition. For planning purposes, the current cohort tuition is \$55,350. This is paid across the 4 semesters.

#### Is financial aid available?

ACCEL students can complete a FAFSA for federal student loans and federal or state need-based grants. Where ACCEL is a second bachelor's degree, those who apply for FAFSA are considered a 5th year undergraduate student and often do not receive enough funds to cover the cost of the ACCEL program. Students need to arrange for additional financing outside of the FAFSA. Please note that continuing education and graduate students do not receive institutional grants or assistance from Curry College.

### International Students / ESL Questions

#### I attended college outside the United States. What do I need to do?

International educational documents must be evaluated and certified by an accredited agency. Course-by-course evaluations are required for coursework completed at an international college level. A list of accredited agencies can be found at <http://www.naces.org/>

#### I am not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. What additional paperwork is required of me?

Upon acceptance into the program, documentation demonstrating that you can pay for your tuition and housing is required, as well as applying for a U.S. Student Visa using Form I-20: Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F1) Student.

### Miscellaneous Questions

#### Is ACCEL a day or evening program?

It is a full-day, full-time program.

#### Can I keep my full-time job and work while I am in the program?

Working full-time is highly discouraged. ACCEL is an intensive program. Some students have been able to manage working part-time hours but not full-time. Clinicals may be held on the weekend.

#### Is on-campus housing available?

Yes. Housing is available at the Milton campus on a limited basis.

#### How can I get additional information about the ACCEL program?

Attend an [Information Session](#) that reviews in detail the program's curriculum and admission requirements.