

## **Application to the Nursing Major Current St. Olaf Students**

The nursing major begins in the Spring semester of the sophomore year. Students should consult with the Nursing Department Chair (Mary Beth Kuehn at [kuehn@stolaf.edu](mailto:kuehn@stolaf.edu)) as soon as possible to express an interest in the completion of a nursing major.

Seek advising assistance to select courses prerequisite to the nursing major. Four prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the fall semester of the sophomore year.

1. In the Fall semester of the sophomore year – and by appointment – applicants will:
  - A. Complete an essay
  - B. Complete an interview with Nursing faculty
2. Students will be notified of their conditional acceptance into the nursing major by a letter from the Nursing Department Chair before Spring semester of the sophomore year, and will be based on the following criteria:
  - A. Cumulative grade point average after 3 semesters of 2.85 (0-4 points)
  - B. Cumulative grade point average in a minimum of 4 prerequisite courses of 2.70 (0-4 points)
  - C. Essay (0-4 points)
  - D. Interview (0-4 points)
  - E. Student status (enrolled=4 points, St. Olaf graduate=2 points, transfer=1 point, non-St. Olaf graduate=0.5 points)
3. Conditional acceptance to the nursing major will become final, if students meet the following criteria at the end of the sophomore year:
  - A. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.85
  - B. Prerequisites must be taken for a letter grade, cumulative grade point average of 2.70
  - C. Only 1 prerequisite course may be below C- and this course (or an alternate course approved by the Nursing Department Chair) may be repeated once
  - D. A minimum grade of C- must be achieved in the repeated or substituted course
  - E. If a grade of C- is not achieved in the repeated or substituted course, the student may not continue in the major
  - F. If 2 or more prerequisite courses are below C- the student may not continue in the major
4. Students will be notified of their conditional acceptance to the major by a letter from the Nursing Department Chair during the January Interim of the sophomore year.
5. Students not accepted may choose to be placed on a waiting list and will be notified of their rank on that list. If openings occur, admission will be offered to waiting list students by rank, highest rank first. Students not accepted may appeal the admission decision to the Dean of the College (St. Olaf Website...see College Academic Catalog, Nursing Department page).
6. Students on the waiting list may also reapply for admission to the nursing major the following year. They will be considered in the next pool of applicants but will not be guaranteed admission because they apply a second time.