

Application to the Nursing Major Direct Admission Process

Students intending to major in nursing at the time of application to the College may be considered for direct admission to the nursing program as a first-year student. Direct admission as a first-year student is limited, competitive, and conditional. Students seeking direct admission to the nursing program must complete an additional application to the program at the same time they submit an application to the College.

To complete an additional application for direct admission to the nursing program, students should:

1. Write an essay in response to the following two statements. Each essay should include your full name on each page, a maximum of two pages double-spaced per essay with font 12 Times New Roman and one inch margins.

Statement 1 – Describe an experience or personal goal that has led you to choose nursing as a career.

Statement 2 – Describe a situation that has influenced your understanding of someone different from yourself.

2. Submit both essays **AND** a one-page typed statement that indicates you are applying for direct admission to the nursing program and include your full name, address, telephone number, and email address to Mary Beth Kuehn at kuehn@stolaf.edu by:
Early Decision 1: November 15
Early Decision 2: January 6
Regular Decision: January 15
3. Students considered for direct admission to the nursing major will be contacted by the Nursing Department to schedule a virtual interview.
4. Students will be notified regarding direct admission to the nursing major along with the admission decision to the College by:
Early Decision 1: December 15
Early Decision 2: February 5
Regular Decision: March 15
5. The St. Olaf Nursing Program enrollment is limited and competitive. Direct admission to the St. Olaf Nursing program is available to 12-15 students each year. Students directly admitted into the St. Olaf Nursing program must meet grade and course expectations by the end of the sophomore year to continue in the program.
6. Students who are not directly admitted or wish to wait to commit to the nursing program may apply to major in nursing during the fall of their sophomore year at St. Olaf.