

Application to the Nursing Major for Current St. Olaf Students

The Department of Nursing announces conditional admission to the nursing major every January. Conditional admission to the nursing major is necessary in order to matriculate in the spring-semester, 200-level nursing courses required for the major.

All individuals seeking conditional admission to the nursing major must meet the following requirements:

1. Demonstrate successful completion of a minimum of eleven (11) St. Olaf credits, or for non-St. Olaf graduates, at least the equivalent of eleven (11) St. Olaf credits, with a minimum cumulative St. Olaf GPA of 2.85 within the completed courses.
2. Demonstrate successful completion of the four prerequisite courses required for the nursing major, with a minimum GPA of 2.70 in these courses. Only one (1) of these prerequisite courses may be repeated for the purposes of meeting this requirement, and this course may be repeated only once.
3. Demonstrate that no more than one of the four prerequisite courses earned a grade below a C-. If a course is repeated, the final attempt's semester grade is the one of record for this purpose.
4. Interview with Department of Nursing faculty.

Conditional admission to the nursing major is competitive, and will be offered to the highest-ranking students according to the following criteria:

1. Successful completion of the requirements listed above. Students who have not met the admissions criteria may not be admitted.
2. Interview score based on the following criteria (0-4 points): Professional appearance; communication skills; understanding of, and commitment to, the nursing profession; and evidence of skills and strengths for the nursing profession.
3. Student status (0-3 points): enrolled = 3 points; St. Olaf graduate = 2 points; transfer student = 1 point; non-St. Olaf graduate = 0 points.
4. Cumulative overall GPA. The GPA will be added as points to the admissions ranking (e.g. a 2.96 GPA will contribute 2.96 points).
5. Cumulative GPA in prerequisite courses, added to admission ranks as above.

Students will be notified of their conditional admission to the nursing major by a letter from the nursing department chair during the January Interim following their application to the nursing major.

Students not admitted to the nursing major may choose to be placed on a waitlist and will be notified of their rank on that list. If openings occur, admission will be offered to waitlist students by rank, highest rank first.

Students on the waitlist 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 given advantage or guaranteed admission.

