Bethel College Department of Nursing
Nursing Program Admission Information

ADMISSION PROCESS

FOR TRANSFERS

- Apply to Bethel College at https://engage.bethelks.edu/apply
- Schedule a visit to the college at https://engage.bethelks.edu/portal/visit
- Submit official transcripts

FOR BC STUDENTS

- Visit with a member of the nursing faculty
- Declare your major
- Apply to the nursing program

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

- Meet the general education competencies set forth in the BC Course Catalog
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Completion of prerequisite courses with a C or better (not a C-):
  Chemistry- 3 credit hours
  Anatomy & Physiology -4 credit hours
  Cell Biology & Microbes- 4 credit hours
  Psychology- 3 credit hours
  Pathophysiology- 3 credit hours
  Sociology- 3 credit hours
  Life Span Development- 3 credit hours (Human Growth & Development is equivalent)
  Statistics- 3 credit hours
  Nutrition- 3 credit hours
  English Comp II- 3 credit hours
  Speech- 3 credit hours
- No more than 9 credit hours of general education courses or competencies remaining by August 1st prior to the start of the nursing program
- Ability to meet the Bethel College Department of Technical Standards for Nursing Practice Policy

PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

- Submit the nursing program application
- Submit two names for recommendations; 1) a current or former employer and 2) a professional reference (non-relative). Send names, email address and affiliation to tshirley@bethelks.edu
- Submit official transcripts and ACT scores
- Submit TOEFL exam scores if your primary language is not English
- Your final step is to schedule a nursing admission interview by contacting the Coordinator of Nursing Admissions, the Director of Nursing or the Assistant Director of Nursing

THE NURSING INTERVIEW, SELF-EVALUATION AND ESSAY

THE INTERVIEW

- This is a professional interview- dress accordingly (slacks, blouse, dress shoes)
- Be on time
- Expect the interview to last 15-20 minutes
- Be prepared to discuss the following:
  Motivation for becoming a nurse
  Obstacles you have overcome
  Professionalism- what it means to you

THE SELF-EVALUATON

- The self-evaluation will allow you to identify your strengths and weaknesses. Identifying areas for improvement will foster professional growth and develop personalized learning plans if necessary.

THE ESSAYS

- During your visit, you will complete two essays using Microsoft Word. You will not have internet access and may not use notes. You will be expected to demonstrate good writing skills, grammar and spelling. Each essay will be 750-1000 words.

  1) Professional Values Essay
  You will receive a prompt and be expected to illustrate professional values by drawing on your personal life experiences.

  2) Critical Thinking Essay
  You will receive a prompt and be expected to demonstrate your critical thinking skills in your response.

NURSING PROGRAM DETERMINATION

After your interview, your completed application file will be reviewed by the Nursing Admissions and Progressions Committee. You will be notified of your acceptance/denial as soon as the determination is made, typically within two weeks.

NURSING DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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