

Frequently Asked Questions

Application and Admission Questions

Please note the current policies for the 21-22 Academic Year due to 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 <http://appcegrad.curry.edu>.

What are the Admission Requirements?

- 2.9 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 <https://curry.estore.flywire.com/> (search App Fee-ACCEL)

TEAS exams and letters of recommendation are not required or accepted in the admissions process.

During the application process, an interview with the SoN *may* be required.

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?

Answer *one* of the below questions. Limit response to 500 words or less:

- Explain the academic challenges, success, or obstacles in your life that impacted your ability to achieve your goals and whether by a personal attribute, characteristic, culture, experience, or behavior, please tell us how you believe you will contribute to the diversity of Curry College and the nursing profession.
- Describe how your personal strengths and experiences will contribute to your success in nursing school and advance the practice of nursing (community service, leadership experience, healthcare experience).

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 2 business days of receipt.

How do I pay my Curry Application Fee?

To pay your \$50 application fee go to <https://curry.estore.flywire.com/>. Search ACCEL in the search bar and click on App Fee-ACCEL to make payment.

Are there any Information Sessions scheduled?

We hold Information Sessions regularly throughout the year. Sign up to attend at: <https://currycollege.secure.force.com/EventListing/>

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

A GPA of 3.0 or higher is preferred; a 2.9 minimum GPA is required.

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. You might also want to call attention to things you believe make you stand out as a candidate, such as honors, awards, or unique experiences.

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

No, all applications are reviewed at the same time. One review period for priority deadlines and one review period for the formal deadline.

I missed the application deadline. Can I still apply?

No, applications received after the formal deadline for each cohort are not considered.

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 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 admission for the following year?

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

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?

No, however, if it has been many years since you took the course, you might wish to take a refresher course for your own benefit.

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 not 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 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 courses with Curry you may do so through our Division of Continuing and Graduate Studies located in Milton, Plymouth, and Online.

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

Yes, providing that Anatomy is a 4-credit course and Physiology is also 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 fulfill this pre-requisite. Connect with a Curry College ACCEL advisor if you are uncertain whether your course satisfies this requirement.

I earned my bachelor's degree as Psychology major, so I must have covered the 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.

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

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

Tuition / Financial Assistance Questions

What is the ACCEL tuition?

The ACCEL Nursing program has fixed tuition which allows 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, tuition for the cohort beginning in January 2022 is \$55,350.

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 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 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.

What is the NCLEX-RN exam pass rate for ACCEL graduates?

The current NCLEX pass rate is over 94%.

Is on-campus housing available?

No.

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.