Frequently Asked Questions

Application and Admission Questions

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?
- Completed application submitted online
- Current Resume
- Personal Statement: See writing prompts below
- Official transcripts from the institutions where your undergraduate degree and/or perquisite courses are from.
- $50 application fee paid to Curry College at www.curryce.afford.com (select Continuing and Graduate Studies - Admissions)

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

During the application process an interview with 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 visit www.curryce.afford.com. Under Make a One-Time Payment, select Continuing and Graduate Students Admission. Input ACCEL for the Student ID and Program Name. Select the term for which you are applying.

Are there any Information Sessions scheduled?
We hold Information Sessions throughout the year. Sign up to attend!
What is the minimum bachelor’s degree grade point average (GPA) you require?
A GPA of 3.0 or higher is preferred.

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 “Why Nursing, Why Curry, Why Now?” Consider calling attention to what you feel makes you a strong candidate for the program. Include academic honors, awards, unique experiences, and personal accomplishments.

Does it help my chance for admission if I apply early?
No, all applications are reviewed as one pool at the same time. Applications for a Fall start are reviewed after the January 31st deadline and after June 30th for a January start.

When will I learn the Committee’s decision?
Decision letters are sent to all applicants in mid-March for a Fall start and in mid-August for a January start.

I missed the application deadline. Can I still apply?
No, applications received after the deadline 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 spot in the cohort becomes available. This may occur at any time prior to the first day of class.

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 need to reapply if they wish to be considered for the next cohort.

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**Prerequisite Coursework Questions**

What are the required prerequisite courses?
Anatomy & Physiology I & II, Chemistry, Microbiology, Statistics, and Human Development. All four science courses must include a laboratory component.

Can I use prerequisite courses from my bachelor’s degree?
Yes, so long as the final course grade meets our minimum requirement -- B- for science lectures and labs; C- for non-science courses.

Is there an expiration date for applying my completed prerequisite courses to fulfill the application requirements?
No but if it has been many serval years since you completed the course you may want to take a refresher course for your educational 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.
Do I need to complete all the prerequisite courses 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?
We accept credits from any regionally accredited college including community colleges. Science courses must be 4 credits and include a lecture and a lab.

Do you accept prerequisites from online courses?
Yes. It must be from a regionally accredited college. Science courses must be 4 credits and include a lecture and a lab.

Do you accept prerequisite courses from Portage Learning?
Yes. Science courses must be 4 credits and include a lecture and a lab.

Will it help my chances for admission if I take the prerequisite courses at Curry?
No, by completing the courses with Curry it 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 Anatomy course and a full semester Physiology course. Is this format acceptable for meeting the prerequisite requirement?
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 with a major in psychology so I must have met the Human Growth and Development prerequisite requirement.
A distinct lifespan psychology course must be noted on your college transcript. If one is not you may take a CLEP or DSST exam to satisfy the prerequisite or complete the course with Curry or at another higher educational institution.

I have taken an advanced level Mathematics course. Will that cover the statistics requirement?
You need to submit a copy of the course syllabus to our office for transfer equivalency to be determined.
Tuition / Financial Assistance Questions

What is the ACCEL tuition?
The ACCEL Nursing program offers fixed tuition without additional course fees. This allows students to enter the program knowing the full cost upfront without being subject to a tuition increase providing they remain enrolled with their original cohort. For planning purposes, tuition for the cohort beginning Fall or January 2021 is $55,350. Tuition for the cohort beginning in Fall 2021 will be announced in May 2021. Expenses for textbooks and course related materials are not included in the tuition.

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 program with classes meeting two to four days a week depending on the semester.

Can I keep my full-time job and work while I am in the program?
Working full-time is discouraged. ACCEL is a highly 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.