

# CURRY COLLEGE

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## Accelerated Entry MSN (AE-MSN) Frequently Asked Questions

### Application and Admissions Questions

**How do I apply?** The AE-MSN application is available online at:

[https://curry.my.site.com/ApplicantPortal/apex/ERx\\_Forms\\_PageMaker?pageId=Registration&type=grad](https://curry.my.site.com/ApplicantPortal/apex/ERx_Forms_PageMaker?pageId=Registration&type=grad)

**Who should I contact for technical problems or with the application process?** Please get in touch with the Continuing Education office at (617) 333-2364 or [ccce@curry.edu](mailto:ccce@curry.edu).

**What are the requirements to apply?**

- ✓ 3.0 Undergraduate GPA required (3.3 preferred)
- ✓ [Complete application](#)
- ✓ Current Resume
- ✓ Personal Statement: *See writing prompts below*
- ✓ Official transcripts sent directly to Curry College from the institutions where your undergraduate degree and prerequisite courses were taken
- ✓ \$50 application fee paid to Curry College (except for Curry College Alumni) at [curry.estore.flywire.com](https://curry.estore.flywire.com) (Search: App Fee - Accelerated Master in Nursing)
- ✓ Successful completion of 2 out of the 4 science prerequisite courses with a B- or higher.

**Please note:** All 6 of the prerequisite courses must be completed by the start of the program. (see prerequisite courses below) Science courses must have been taken within 10 years.

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

**What are the prerequisite courses?** Anatomy & Physiology I & II with a lab, Chemistry with a lab, Microbiology with a lab, Statistics, and Human Growth and Development. B- or higher is required.

**Where can I send my transcripts?** Please have any transcripts sent to “Curry College – Continuing Education” or “[ccce@curry.edu](mailto:ccce@curry.edu)”. If they need to be mailed, please send them to our Milton address at: Curry College - Continuing Ed; 1071 Blue Hill Ave, Milton, MA 02186

**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).

**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 note: Although Curry College may grant an approved waiver of Curry College's COVID-19 vaccine requirement, as a general practice hospitals and clinical agencies are not accepting college-approved waivers. Clinical agencies that Curry College School of Nursing has affiliations with are requiring that a nursing student be vaccinated against COVID-19, and only in the rare exception might a student receive a waiver from the hospital or agency's own COVID-19 vaccination policy. Starting Jan 1, 2022, due to this clinical requirement from hospitals and clinical agencies the School of Nursing cannot reasonably suggest an unvaccinated student will be able to participate in clinical settings. Clinical experience is a regulatory requirement of the nursing curriculum. The required participation in off-site clinical experiences, at clinical agencies, cannot be replaced through completion of laboratory/simulation hours or by other non-direct activities.

**How do I know if my transcripts have been received by Curry College?**

You may review your application status by logging into your Curry College online application portal at: <http://appcegrad.curry.edu> or contact the enrollment office at p. 617-333-2364 e. [ccce@curry.edu](mailto:ccce@curry.edu)

**How do I pay my application fee?**

Go to [curry.estimate.flywire.com](http://curry.estimate.flywire.com) (Search: App Fee -Accelerated Master in Nursing) **Curry Alumni are not required to pay the application fee.**

**Can I receive an application fee waiver if I am not an alumnus?**

No, the application fee cannot be waived.

**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?** Yes, applications are evaluated via rolling admissions: first come, first reviewed. If accepted, you will have 30 days to reserve your seat in the program with a \$500 hold deposit that will go toward your tuition.

**I missed the application deadline. Can I still apply?** No, applications received after the 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 if and when a place in the program 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.

## **Prerequisite Coursework Questions**

**Can I use prerequisite courses from my bachelor's?** Yes, if the grades are sufficient (B- or higher required).

**Is there a time limit on using prerequisite courses I've taken?** Science prerequisite courses must have been taken within 10 years. There is no time limit on Statistics and Human Growth and Development.

**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 before 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).

**Portage Learning has "General Chemistry with lab" and "Foundations of General Chemistry with lab" Which one should I take?** Either course will fulfill your chemistry prerequisite.

**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, provided 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 prerequisite. Connect with a Curry College AE-MSN advisor if you are uncertain whether your course satisfies this requirement.

**I earned my bachelor's degree as a Psychology major, so I must have covered Human Growth and Development already?** If you do 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.

**Who should I contact with any questions about the prerequisites?** Please email us at [ccce@curry.edu](mailto:ccce@curry.edu)

## **Tuition / Financial Assistance Questions**

**What is the AE-MSN tuition?** The AE-MSN Nursing program has fixed tuition which allows students to enter the program knowing the full cost of the AE-MSN program and not be subject to a tuition increase as long as they remain enrolled with their original cohort group. The AE-MSN 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 August 2022 is \$64,152.

**Is financial aid available?** AE-MSN students may be eligible to receive Federal Direct Loans. Students interested in borrowing Federal Direct Loans must complete a 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). 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](http://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 AE-MSN a day or evening program?** It is a full-time program with classes and clinical experiences meeting up to five days a week depending on the semester. Classes and clinicals are offered in 8 and 15 week terms depending on the semester.

**Can I keep my full-time job and work while I am in the program?** No, working full-time is highly discouraged. AE-MSN is an intensive program. Clinicals may be held in the evenings or on the weekends.

**What is the NCLEX-RN exam pass rate for AE-MSN graduates?** The current NCLEX pass rate is not available until the first cohort takes the NCLEX in the summer of 2024.

**Is on-campus housing available?** No.

**How can I get additional information about the AE-MSN program?** We encourage you to consider attending an information session that reviews in detail the program's curriculum and admission requirements. Here is a link to the info session schedule: <https://www.curry.edu/academics/continuing-education-and-graduate-programs/continuing-and-graduate-studies-information-sessions>