

The Profession

Nursing is a caring profession that will always provide service to society. It is an interactive and deliberate process that enables individuals, families, and communities to achieve the highest level of wellness, enabling them to function in changing environments. Nurses provide primary, secondary, and tertiary services to clients in a variety of community environments, including clients' homes, schools, churches, hospitals, doctor's offices, and clinics.

Department of Nursing

The nursing program at Chicago State University was initiated in 1972 and has produced more than 1,000 nurses, most of whom are racial minorities. Chicago State University graduates more than 50 percent of all African American nurses with baccalaureate degrees in Illinois. More than 90 percent of the nursing graduates are employed in the Chicago metropolitan area and are contributing to the socioeconomic development of the community.

The mission of the Department of Nursing is to provide educational experiences that empower students, promote competence in the area of professional nursing, strengthen the employability in a variety of clinical practice settings within the health care community, and develop civic responsibility.

Basic- BSN Track Admission

Admission into the University as a Nursing Major (Pre-Professional Phase)

Admission into the nursing program has two phases: Phase one is the admission into the pre-professional program, and phase two is the admission into the professional program. High school graduating seniors or transfer students who have taken courses in other institutions are admitted to Chicago State University as nursing majors.

Admission Requirements

High School Applicants

- Completed and signed undergraduate admission application into the university
- Application fee
- High school official academic transcript(s)
- Minimum ACT composite score of 18 and a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (C+ average) for students with the GED, a minimum score of 2.25.
- High school courses completed must include a minimum of:
 - I Four English units emphasizing written and oral communications and literature.
 - II Three mathematics units, including introduction through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry or fundamentals of computer programming.
 - III Three social science units, including history or government.
 - IV Three science units that include laboratory sciences.
 - V Two elective units of foreign language, music, vocational educational or art.



Benefit from our experience as educators

Founded in 1867 as a teacher training school, Chicago State University is the oldest public university in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Find what you're looking for at Chicago State

The university offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in five colleges: health sciences, arts and sciences, business, education and pharmacy—as well as non-traditional and extension courses, an Honors College and one of the best graduate schools in the nation (Ranked by the U.S. News & World Report). The University offers two 15-week semesters (fall and spring) and summer session.

Learn from award-winning faculty

Eighty-seven percent of CSU faculty members hold a doctorate or equivalent terminal degree from some of the most renowned universities in the world. Our faculty-student ratio is 1:19, and only faculty, not teaching assistants, instruct our students.

Enjoy a naturally beautiful oasis in a world-class city

The University campus is nestled in 161 wooded acres adjacent to a residential community.

Chicago State attracts students from around the world

The University's outstanding academic programs attract a culturally diverse student body from the Chicago metropolitan area, the nation and the world. The University's residence life and dozens of student organizations offer a stimulating living-learning service experience that nurtures personal development and individual success.

Make an impact here—and abroad

Students benefit from internships and other beyond-the-classroom learning opportunities in metropolitan Chicago and around the world. These experiences expand career options and prepare our students for citizenship and leadership in a global community.

Your future begins now!

Chicago State University welcomes applications from prospective freshmen, transfer, international, non-traditional and professional students. For more information, contact:



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Department of Nursing Basic – BSN Track

Transfer and Second Degree Applicants

- Completed and signed undergraduate admission application into the university
- Application fee
- Official transcript(s) from each college or university attended
- Applicants with 24 or fewer semester hours or 36 quarter hours earned for college level coursework must also submit the following:
 - An official high school transcript indicating date of graduation or a GED score report.
 - Official ACT or SAT scores.

Chicago State University is a member of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Advance placement credit from any accredited college or university, which is listed on the official transcript of the institution, will be accepted for advanced credit at Chicago State University.

University placement examinations are waived for second baccalaureate degree students and students with Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees. All other transfer students must take the university placement examination. Students transferring from community colleges must complete the university's English and reading placement exams. The math placement exam is waived only if the student transfers credit hours in college math and general and organic chemistry.

Admission into the University as a Nursing Major (Pre-Professional Phase)

Admission into the professional program is based on the academic performance in the freshman and sophomore years. Acceptance into the university as a nursing major does not guarantee acceptance into the professional phase of the Basic-BSN track. Both freshmen and transfer students, after completing all the prerequisite courses, are screened by the admission, progression, retention and graduation (APRG) committee. Admissions decisions are based on established criteria. Students are admitted into the Basic-BSN track during the spring semester. Applications and supporting documents must be received by November 1, to be considered for the spring admission.

Admission into the professional program is highly competitive; a ranking criterion is implemented during the selection process. To be considered for admission into the professional phase of the nursing program, the students must:

- Successfully complete the required University placement examinations or developmental courses in English, mathematics and reading. University placement examinations are waived for second baccalaureate degree students and students with Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees.
- Attain a cumulative and science grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students with science and cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better are more likely admitted.
- Complete the following pre-requisite courses with a grade of C or better:
 - ENG 1270 and 1280 (Composition)
 - PSYC 1100 and 2000 (Introduction and Life Span Developmental Psychology)
 - BIOL 1080, 2020, 2021, and 2059 (Cell Biology, Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Microbiology)
 - CHEM 1050 (General and Organic Chemistry)
 - Any College level Mathematics course

- SOC 1010 (Sociology)--SOC 1250 is required effective from Fall 2007 and thereafter)
- NURS/HSC 2190 (Introduction to Nutrition)
- HSC 1150 (Introduction to Health Professions)
- PHIL 1020 or 1030 (Mathematics/Critical Thinking)
- Nine credits of Humanities; six credits must be in a single foreign language.

- Successfully complete the Nelson Denny Reading Test with a minimum score of 12 and complete the TEAS exam.
- Successfully complete NURS 0910 (Bridge I).

In addition to the academic requirements, applicants must be aware of the following policies:

- Prerequisite courses required for admission may be repeated only once when a grade of D or F has been earned.
- Natural science courses (BIO 1080, 2020, 2021, 2059 and CHEM 1050) will only be accepted if completed within the past five years.
- Nursing courses completed in other schools of nursing are not automatically transferable to the Chicago State University nursing curriculum. The APRG Committee will determine course equivalency.
- In conformity with the Illinois Articulation Initiative, students who enter the nursing program with RN licensure will receive 30 hours of nursing credits; LPN licensure will receive 15 hours of nursing credits. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students will receive three hours of nursing credits.
- An updated evaluation of credit form must be submitted with the application packet.

Curriculum Pattern for The Basic - BSN Track

Pre-Professional Phase - Freshman Level

| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|
| English 1270 | 3 | English 1280 | 3 |
| Mathematics ¹ | 3 | Chemistry 1050 | 5 |
| Psychology 1100 | 3 | Biology 2020 | 4 |
| Sociology 1250 | 3 | Psychology 2000 | 3 |
| Biology 1080 | 3 | | |
| | | | 15 hrs |
| Summer Semester | | | |
| 1150 HSC | 3 | | 3 hrs |

Pre-Professional Phase - Sophomore Level

| Fall Semester | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Biology 2059 | 3 |
| Biology 2021 | 4 |
| Nursing 2190 | 3 |
| Critical Thinking ² | 3 |
| Nursing 0910 | 3 |
| | 16 hrs. |

Professional Phase - Sophomore Level

| Spring Semester | | Summer Semester | |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| Nursing 2100 | 3 | 2300 Nursing | 3 |
| Nursing 2150 | 3 | Foreign language | 3 |
| Nursing 2200 | 4 | | 6 hrs |
| Foreign language | 3 | | |
| | 13 hrs | | |

Professional Phase - Junior Level

| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------|
| Nursing 3000 | 2 | Nursing 3200 | 3 |
| Nursing 3050 | 7 | Nursing 3250 | 6 |
| Nursing 3150 | 3 | Nursing 3300 | 6 |
| Psychology 4190 | 3 | | 15 hrs |
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| Summer Semester | | | |
| Humanities | 3 | | |
| Nursing 3321 | 3 | | 6 hrs |

Professional Phase - Senior Level

| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Nursing 4000 | 6 | Nursing 4200 | 6 |
| Nursing 4050 | 6 | Nursing 4250 | 6 |
| Nursing 4100 | 2 | Nursing 4300 | 2 |
| Nursing Elective | 3 | | 14 hrs |
| | 17 hrs | | |

¹Any college level math >1000

²PHIL 1020, 1030 or any designated critical thinking course
Note: NURS 0920, 0930, 0940 are mandatory no credit nursing courses for students who have received a grade of "D" or "F" in a nursing course, or who have failed an end-of-course examination (s).

Total Credit Hours: 135

Accreditation

The Department of Nursing is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), and is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

Information regarding Chicago State University's Department of Nursing accreditation status may be obtained by contacting:

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Scholarships

A variety of scholarships are available through the Department of Nursing, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies. For more information on scholarships, please call the Department of Nursing at (773) 995-3992 or the Office of Financial Aid at Chicago State University (773) 995-2304.