Application to the Professional Nursing Major - Fall 2019

The Professional Nursing Major
Nursing, as a human interaction, is most effective when nurses reflect the population that it serves. The College of Nursing seeks to admit and educate a diverse student body in order to enrich the students' educational experience and to prepare them to meet the health needs of a diverse society.

Consistent with these philosophical beliefs, admission of qualified applicants to the CON is determined by a holistic review of academic and nonacademic factors that inform the potential success and ability of a student to contribute to the profession of nursing. These factors include the following:

- Strong academic and intellectual capacities
- Potential for developing leadership skills and abilities
- Community involvement such as: extracurricular activities/work/volunteer experience
- Emotional maturity
- Appreciation and valuing of diversity and differences

Consideration of these factors as well as a wide range of economic, social, racial/ethnic and geographic backgrounds will enhance diversity within the CON and the nursing profession. Due to the budget and other resources, and the number of applicants to the major in nursing, it is possible that some qualified students may be put on a waiting list or may not be admitted to the nursing major.

Deadlines
- Application must be received (not postmarked) by January 15, 2019 at 5:00pm. Late applications will not be considered.
- All required pre-major courses must be completed by the start of the professional major.

Academic Advising
- Students should schedule an appointment with an academic advisor to discuss any questions regarding the application or progression into the major. Advisors are available to all students considering a nursing major to help them recognize and meet the criteria for selection into the nursing major.

Applicants Not Currently Enrolled at UWM
Applicants who are not currently enrolled at UW-Milwaukee are required to submit two applications:

- All applicants must submit the attached application to be considered for possible admission to the Professional Nursing Major. Include transcripts or grade reports of non-UW-Milwaukee courses with the application to the major to avoid possible delays in processing.
- All applicants must also apply to and be accepted by UW-Milwaukee prior to enrolling in first semester nursing major courses. Acceptance to the university means transfer credits have been evaluated and eligibility to enroll in courses has been established.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to keep the College of Nursing Student Affairs Office informed of his/her academic progress if he/she remains enrolled at another campus while part of the applicant pool.
Review and Decisions

- Applications are reviewed by faculty and staff on the Undergraduate Program Committee. The reflective statement is reviewed without knowledge of your name or academic record.
- Admission is based on the evaluation of your reflective statement, academic record, and work/volunteer/leadership/other experiences.
- Admit/refusal/waitlist decisions will all be communicated in writing to the address provided on the application in late March.

Eligibility Check List

This checklist will help you determine whether or not you meet the eligibility requirements for acceptance to the Professional Nursing Major. To be eligible, you must be able to check each applicable box. If you cannot check one or more boxes, you do not meet the eligibility requirements to progress into the Professional Nursing Major. We recommend that you see an advisor immediately to plan how you will meet the eligibility requirements.

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<td>By the end of winterim session I will have an overall GPA of at least a 2.75.</td>
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<td>By the end of the winterim session I will have a GPA of at least a 2.5 in the required physical and biological sciences.</td>
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<td>Any “incompletes” will be removed before beginning the nursing major</td>
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<td>The required 45 pre-nursing credits will be completed by the start of the Fall semester</td>
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<td>I have a minimum final grade of “C” (2.0) in each pre-nursing prerequisite course</td>
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<td>If I have repeated a course, I have limited myself to:</td>
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<td>- One repeat per required course</td>
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<td>- Repeating no more than 3 total required courses</td>
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<td>I have completed all prerequisites within 10 years of filing this application</td>
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<td>If I have attended or am attending another institution, I have provided transcripts/grade reports, verified successful completion of transfer work (including any summer courses) and completed math and English competencies.</td>
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If Accepted:

If accepted you will receive a packet detailing all required next steps. Acceptance packets will be explained in detail at meetings held shortly after admission decisions are sent out.

Anticipated costs upon acceptance:

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<td>Tuition Differential</td>
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<td>Physical Exam and Immunizations</td>
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<td>Background Check</td>
<td>$38</td>
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<td>Drug Test</td>
<td>$34</td>
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<td>Books and learning materials</td>
<td>$1600 (@ $550/semester)</td>
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<td>Online fee for Nursing 434</td>
<td>$390</td>
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Application Cover Sheet - Fall 2019
Due January 15, 2019 by 5:00pm

Student ID Number ___________________________ Date _______________________

Name (print) ____________________________________________________________
Last                                           First                                           Middle Initial

Address (admissions decisions sent here) ______________________________________
City                                                       State                                      Zip Code

Phone number(s) _________________________            E-mail  _________________________________

Please check the appropriate cohort ____ Milwaukee   ____Parkside ____ UWWC

Please respond to all prompts below. Do not put your name or student ID on any copies of the reflective statement. All answers should be typed on their own pages under the title provided, double spaced, size 12 font. Completed applications should be returned to the Student Affairs Office, Cunningham 135 or mailed to the UWM College of Nursing Student Affairs, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee WI 53201; to be received by the deadline.

A completed application will consist of:
• A signed cover sheet with all additional pages stapled to it (reflective statement, volunteer and leadership experiences, work experiences, additional information)
• Two additional copies of just your reflective statement stapled separately and paper clipped to the rest of the packet

Reflective Statement
The statement is not a term paper, no references are necessary. Your response should be 2-3 pages in length. Consider and address the College of Nursing Core Values as appropriate when answering this question: accountability, collaboration, creativity, diversity, excellence, integrity, human dignity and social justice. 1-2 of the values should be addressed in your statement.

Describe a challenge that has impacted your life. What were the useful and not so useful ways in which you managed the challenge. Would you do anything differently now? If so, what and why?

Volunteer
In an outline format include the following information for each one:
• Name and location of agency or organization; include contact name and phone number/email
• Relevant dates, length of service
• A brief description of your roles or duties and level of responsibility Include leadership responsibilities/experiences (no more than 4 sentences)
• Briefly explain what you learned about yourself through this experience?
• Briefly explain the impact you made?
A random process will be used to contact agencies listed. If information is found to be falsified the applicant will be removed from the pool.

Work Experiences. Please list your work experience on a separate page in the same format listed above, include the same bullet points.

Additional Information Please share anything else you would like the Admission Committee to know about you that makes you a stronger applicant. Describe any special circumstances, talents, interests, activities or awards we should know about.
Education and Background

1. **Have you ever been enrolled in another nursing program?** (diploma, AD, or Baccalaureate)  
   Yes ___ No ___ If yes, give name of school and period enrolled.*

   Name of school
   Dates of attendance
   Reason for leaving

*Students who have been enrolled in nursing practice courses at another location are required to provide a written positive recommendation from the dean/director of that school. Please obtain a Request for Reference Form from the Student Affairs Office for this purpose.

2. **Have you completed all of your college level study at UW-Milwaukee?** Yes ___ No ___ If no, please complete. Second degree students should also indicate where their prior degree was earned (UWM or otherwise)

   Institutions Attended
   Dates of Attendance
   Degrees Earned

3. **List the courses you plan to complete prior to beginning the Professional Major:**

   Campus: ___________________________ Semester: ____________
   Course(s): ________________________
   Campus: ___________________________ Semester: ____________
   Course(s): ________________________

4. **Racial Heritage: (Optional)**
   ___ White, non-Hispanic  ___ Hispanic  ___ American Indian/Alaskan Native
   ___ Black, non-Hispanic  ___ Asian/Pacific Islander  ___ Southeast Asian
   (Country__________________)

Declaration of Authenticity
I have written my own personal statements and all information on this application is accurate.

_________________________________________  __________________________
Signature                                      Date