



St. Johns College, Department of Nursing Fast Facts

Take a path that leads to a future full of varied experiences and opportunities, challenges and personal rewards – choose nursing.

St. Johns College, Department of Nursing provides an upper division curriculum leading to the baccalaureate in nursing degree.

Eligible students have completed pre-professional courses which include 54 hours of designated liberal arts and science courses and have earned a grade point of 2.5 or higher.

Qualified students are admitted to St. Johns College regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, veteran status or handicaps that do not impede patient care activities.

The Hospital Sisters of St. Francis sponsor the College. Their philosophy, moral and ethical standards of behavior and a legacy of caring and healing impact all of the St. Johns College experiences.

Students at St. Johns College participate in learning about self, about developing personal spirituality and maturity and about becoming a helping professional.

The typical student at St. Johns College is inquisitive, articulate, and creative and a productive member of the community in which he or she participates.

The professional education planned for students at St. Johns College, Department of Nursing emphasizes professional growth, a capability to contribute to the welfare of society and to demonstrate caring for others.

St. Johns College, Department of Nursing graduates are well versed in how to pursue lifelong learning, to continue growing as nurses in an ever-changing healthcare field.

Teaching, learning and community service are special to St. Johns College faculty and students. The unique faculty-student ratio allows students to receive individualized education with guidance from an expert faculty mentor.

The College tuition for 2009 – 2010 is \$6,132.—per semester plus fees and miscellaneous expenses. Part time tuition for 11 hours or fewer per semester is \$500.11 per course.

Students may apply for financial assistance, college work study funds, loans or other sources of funding to finance their nursing education. Every effort is made to assist

students in their full time study of nursing at St. Johns College.

St. Johns College, Department of Nursing is the oldest Catholic hospital based school of nursing in the United States and has been providing nursing education without interruption since 1869.



As graduates, St. Johns College students become nurses whose practice exemplifies excellence in health care.

For more information about St. John's College, Department of Nursing, go to the web site: www.Stjohnscollegespringfield.edu

To apply for admission to St. Johns College, students pay the \$60.00 application fee and complete the required forms, obtained from Linda Quigley, Admissions Officer and Registrar. Phone number: 217-544-6464, extension 45440; e-mail: Linda.quigley@st-johns.org

To inquire about Financial Assistance call Mary Deatherage at 217 – 544-6464, extension 44705; e-mail: Mary.deatherage@st-johns.org

St. Johns College is accredited by:
The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, Illinois 60602.

The National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission
Atlanta, Georgia

The College is approved by the:
Illinois Board of Higher Education
The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.



St. John's College, Department of Nursing Admissions

Applicants who meet the admission criteria and core performance standards are accepted into the program without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, handicap or veteran status on a space available basis throughout the year. Applicants are expected to exemplify good character enabling them to actively seek the moral, intellectual and professional growth described in the mission statement of the college. Students are encouraged to recognize that submission of minimum acceptance requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. While applications are accepted throughout the year, on a rolling basis, applicants are encouraged to apply early due to the competitiveness of acceptance. Applications requiring special consideration will be submitted to the college Student Affairs Committee for review.

Criteria for Provisional Acceptance

Applications for provisional acceptance are accepted from high school seniors/graduates as well as persons actively pursuing the required lower division credits. Consideration for provisional acceptance is based on the following requirements:

Early Admit High School Seniors

1. Completed application accompanied by a \$60.00 nonrefundable application fee.
2. Submission of a legal document showing proof of name at time of application (certified birth certificate, marriage license, divorce decree, etc.)
3. Submission of an official transcript from a State Board of Education approved high school indicating completion of seven semesters of high school and the following requirements:
 - A. Cumulative high school GPA of 3.0/4.0.
 - B. Rank in the upper half of high school class.
 - C. 500 each section of the SAT or a composite score of 22 or better on the ACT.
(The school code for ACT is 1167.) If applicable, Illinois resident's official transcripts should include Prairie State Achievement scores. Minimum grade of C in all courses taken.
 - D. Completion of the following required courses with the college prep track:
4 years of English, 3 years of Social Studies, 3 years of Mathematics, 3 years of Lab Science and 2 years of electives.
4. Application deadline is September 1, following graduation from high school.
5. Applicant will be required to submit proof of graduation from a high school approved by a State Board of Education via an official transcript before provisional acceptance can be granted.
6. Applicants will be required to submit an official transcript after completion of two and three semesters of college course credit from a regionally accredited college. Official transcripts must come from the granting institution directly to St. John's College. Hand carried transcripts are not acceptable. No designated lower division course may be repeated more than once.
7. All applicants with English as a Second Language are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and achieve a score of 550 on the paper based version or 213 on the computer based version. Applicants are also required to take the Test of Spoken English (TSE) and achieve a minimum score of 50.

General Admission

(after 30 hours of designated lower division transferable college credit)

1. Completed application accompanied by a \$60.00 nonrefundable application fee. A late fee, \$50.00, will apply to applicants applying after March 1 of the year of enrollment for a total of \$100.00.
2. Submission of a legal document showing proof of name at time of application (certified birth certificate, marriage license, divorce decree, etc.)
3. Submission of official transcripts at the end of each term from all regionally accredited college(s) attended showing:
 - A. A minimum of thirty (30) semester hours of designated lower division transferable college credit with a cumulative GPA of 2.50/4.0.
 - B. A minimum grade of C in all required science courses completed within the last five years prior to enrollment in St. John's College.
 - C. No designated lower division course may be repeated more than once. Official transcripts must come from the

granting institution directly to St. John's College. Hand carried transcripts are not acceptable.

4. Good academic standing in the last institution attended.
5. Proof of graduation from a high school approved by the State Board of Education via an official transcript or possession of a high school equivalency certificate verified by an official GED score report. Official transcripts should include ACT, SAT, if taken, and for Illinois residents, the Prairie State Achievement scores or score reports should be sent to the college.
6. All applicants with English as a Second Language are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and achieve a score of 550 on the paper based version or 213 on the computer based version. Applicants are also required to take the Test of Spoken English (TSE) and achieve a minimum score of 50.

Criteria for Final Acceptance

To receive final acceptance and permission to enroll in classes, the student must achieve and maintain all provisional acceptance requirements whether as an Early Admit or General Admission applicant required by St. John's College and:

1. Submit official transcripts showing proof of completion of the sixty (60) semester hours of designated lower division transfer credits from a regionally accredited university or college which meet the following requirements:
 - A. Cumulative GPA of 2.50/4.0.
 - B. No designated lower division course may be repeated more than once.
 - C. All science courses completed with a minimum grade of C within the last five years prior to enrollment in St. John's College.
 - D. Required intersession courses (Nsg 202 and 204) completed at St. John's College with a minimum grade of C on the first attempt.
 - E. Good academic standing at the last institution attended.
2. Two professional references.
3. Completion of a pre-entrance health examination.
4. Personal interview as requested by the college
5. Criminal background check with no disqualifying conditions.

All persons provisionally accepted must meet the criteria for final admission before being enrolled in the college.

BSN Completion Option

St. John's College provides the opportunity for the RN who has graduated from a NLNAC approved Diploma or Associate Degree Program to complete the BSN. Applicants must meet the general admission criteria and:

1. Submit an official transcript from a NLNAC approved Diploma or Associate Degree program which lists all credits earned, dates attended, date of graduation, degree earned and GPA. The requirement that science courses must have been taken within the last five (5) years prior to enrollment at St. John's College will be waived for RN's.
2. Submit a copy of applicant's active RN license from the State of Illinois.
3. The college reserves the right to require placement testing on an individual basis as needed to determine entry point into the curriculum.
4. Personal interview as requested by the college.
5. Please contact the college for information on residing course requirements, escrow credit, course sequencing and course availability.

Transfer of Upper Division Credit

Students who wish to transfer credit for courses completed in other accredited baccalaureate programs must meet the general admission criteria and submit an official transcript and a college catalog. In addition, students seeking admission to the Nursing major must submit a statement indicating the reason they wish to transfer and provide copies of all nursing course syllabi. Upper division non-nursing courses taken on a CR/NC or P/F basis will be accepted only if the granting institution evaluates this option as a grade of C or above. The course hours will be counted towards graduation, but will not be calculated in the GPA.

Non-Degree Seeking Students

For those students who do not wish to pursue a degree but want to audit or earn academic credit for a course, admission as a "non-degree seeking" student is an option in accordance with current college policy. Once registered for the course, non-degree seeking students are subject to all college policies.

Readmission

Students who have not been enrolled in the college within the last year must complete the readmission process. Those seeking readmission must contact the Academic Dean for full details concerning the process. Decisions regarding readmission will be made by the Student Affairs Committee with full consideration of the individual student circumstances and space availability. Students re-enter under current academic and clinical policies/requirements.