



Accelerated BSN Program Fast Facts

For students with a baccalaureate degree in another field

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

St. John's College in Springfield, IL, offers an accelerated baccalaureate (BSN) nursing degree program for students who have earned a baccalaureate degree in another field and completed 56 hours of required lower-division pre-nursing courses at an accredited college or university with a prerequisite cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher. All lower-division pre-nursing requirements must be complete before entering St. John's College as the College only offers upper-division nursing courses.

Accelerated BSN Program

The Accelerated Pre-licensure BSN program is for students who have already earned a baccalaureate degree in another field of study. Applicants must also complete the required lower-division pre-nursing requirements if these required courses were not completed with their previous studies.

Application decisions begin November 15th of the year prior to enrolling.

Accelerated program students begin with our General Pre-licensure BSN students and take an additional class each semester of the first year (18 credit hours both semesters). After successfully completing the first year of study, accelerated program students begin a summer session of study (12 hours) and continue in the fall completing their studies (15 hours) in December.

Admissions Requirements for Accelerated BSN Students

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 for fall admission.

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.

Submission of minimum acceptance requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Due to the competitiveness of acceptance, applicants are encouraged to complete the application process with all required documents for provisional acceptance no later than November 15 of the year proceeding desired enrollment date.

Criteria for Provisional Acceptance

Applications for provisional acceptance are accepted from students that have a previously completed baccalaureate degree in another field of study. All applicants must have at least 30 credit hours of lower division pre-nursing requirements complete to be considered for admission. Consideration for provisional acceptance is based on the following required documents:

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 (state-issued photo ID).
3. Applicants are required to complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) with a minimum score of proficient.
4. Two professional references.
5. Personal essay (optional).
6. 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 2.75/4.0.
 - B. A minimum grade of C in all required courses. All science courses are recommended to be completed within the last five years prior to enrollment in St. John's College. Anatomy and physiology I & II must be taken at the same institution.
 - C. No designated lower division course may be repeated more than once.
 - D. Official transcripts must come from the granting institution directly to St. John's College. Hand-carried transcripts are not acceptable.
 - E. Good academic standing in the last institution attended.
7. Personal interview as requested by the College.

8. 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 560 on the paper version, 220 on the computer-based version or 83 on the internet-based (iBT) version.

Criteria for Final Acceptance

To receive final acceptance and permission to enroll in classes, the student must achieve and maintain all provisional acceptance requirements required by St. John's College and:

1. Submit official transcripts showing proof of completion of the fifty-six (56) semester hours of designated lower division transfer credits from a regionally accredited university or college which meet the following requirements:
 - A. Cumulative GPA of 2.75/4.0
 - B. No designated lower division course repeated more than once.
 - C. All transfer-courses completed with a minimum grade of C.
 - D. Good academic standing at the last institution attended.
2. Completion of a pre-entrance health examination and immunizations with no disqualifying conditions.
3. Criminal background check with no disqualifying conditions.
4. CPR certification (within the last year).
5. Proof of medical insurance.
6. Proof of malpractice insurance.
7. Completion of drug screening with no disqualifying conditions.

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

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.

Students seeking admission to the nursing major at St. John's College must submit a statement indicating the reason they wish to transfer and provide copies of all nursing course syllabi.



Lower Division Pre-Nursing Requirements

Course Semester Hours

English Composition	6
Communications/Humanities Electives**	9
Anatomy & Physiology I & II with Lab*	8
Chemistry with Lab	4
Nutrition	3
Microbiology with Lab	4
Lifespan Growth & Development	3
Social & Behavioral Science	9
Intro to Statistics	3
General Electives**	7
Total Semester Hours	56

* Must be taken at same institution

** Sixteen (16) semester hours of electives must be completed. Nine (9) of these hours must be from the Communications/Humanities area of study. Seven (7) semester hours may be from any area of study.

Upper Division Nursing Requirements

Course Semester Hours

Health Assessment	4
Nursing Informatics	3
Medical Surgical Nursing I	6
Pathophysiology/Pharmacology I	2
Diverse Populations I	5
Nursing Inquiry	3
Medical Surgical Nursing II	6
Pathophysiology/Pharmacology II	2
Diverse Populations II	5
Ethical Issues in Nursing	3
Medical Surgical Nursing III	7
Pathophysiology/Pharmacology III	2
Community Health Nursing	6
Transition to Practice	1
Professional Practice Immersion	8
Upper Division Non-Nursing Elective	3
Total Semester Hours	66

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