



## Traditional BSN Application

Dear Prospective Nursing Student:

Thank you for your interest in Cleveland State University and the School of Nursing. Enclosed is information about our Traditional BSN Program, including a checklist, application form, two recommendation forms, and a prerequisite equivalency chart. The program offers two options: a daytime cohort that starts each fall semester and an evening/weekend cohort that starts each spring semester. The fall application deadlines are **January 1<sup>st</sup> (early decision)\* and March 1<sup>st</sup> (final deadline)**. The spring application deadline is **September 1**.

Admission into the Traditional BSN program requires the following steps:

1. Attain undergraduate admission to Cleveland State University
2. Completion of at least two science prerequisites at the time of the application deadline. The science prerequisites are Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, and Microbiology
3. Earn a prerequisite GPA of 3.00 or above **and** a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or above\*
4. Attain a minimum grade of B or better in the following prerequisites: Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology, College Level Mathematics\*
5. Attain a minimum grade of C or better in the following prerequisites: Chemistry I, Chemistry II, English I, English II, Introduction to Psychology\*
6. Each prerequisite may only be repeated once to achieve the minimum required grade
7. Submit all application materials prior to the deadline. Your complete application will include the application form, \$25 application fee, resume, and two recommendation forms

\*Early decision requires a prerequisite **and** cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above **and** no prerequisite grades less than a B.

The \$25 application fee may be paid online at: [campusnet.csuohio.edu/ShopNet/](https://campusnet.csuohio.edu/ShopNet/). On the right side of this page please select SON Application Fee and proceed with your payment information.

Questions and application materials may be submitted to [SONAdvising@csuohio.edu](mailto:SONAdvising@csuohio.edu).

For more information on the School of Nursing please visit: [health.csuohio.edu/nursing-school/school-nursing-0](https://health.csuohio.edu/nursing-school/school-nursing-0).

For more information on undergraduate admission to Cleveland State University please visit: [csuohio.edu/admissions](https://csuohio.edu/admissions).

The following checklist is for your information only. It is not necessary to submit this checklist with your application.

## Traditional BSN Admission Checklist

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Active undergraduate admission to Cleveland State University
- Minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.00
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (averaged from **all** colleges/universities attended)
- Minimum grade of B or better in Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology, College Level Mathematics
- Minimum grade of C or better in Chemistry I, Chemistry II, English I, English II, Intro to Psychology

#### Science Prerequisites

- Anatomy/Physiology I
- Anatomy/Physiology II
- Chemistry I
- Chemistry II
- Microbiology

#### Non-Science Prerequisites

- Intro to Psychology
- College Level Mathematics
- English I
- English II

\* Applicants should be computer competent

- If you attended another nursing school you, must speak with a nursing advisor **prior to applying**
- Grades for at least 2 of the 5 science prerequisites must be posted by application deadline
- All prerequisites must be successfully completed prior to the start of program
- Each prerequisite may only be repeated once to achieve the minimum required grade
- Science prerequisites must be no older than 10 years at the time of the application deadline

### APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Application form
- \$25 fee (payable at [campusnet.csuohio.edu/ShopNet/](http://campusnet.csuohio.edu/ShopNet/). Select SON Application Fee on right side of page)
- Resume highlighting professional and academic background as well as unique skills/abilities
- Submission of 2 recommendations from professors, supervisors, or employers (**not** colleagues, coworkers, friends, or family). These forms are provided at the end of the application packet

Application materials may be submitted via the following:

Email: [SONAdvising@csuohio.edu](mailto:SONAdvising@csuohio.edu).

Physical drop off: College of Health Building CH 116 (2112 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115)

Mail: Cleveland State University School of Nursing  
2121 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44115

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

- 3 year program (6 semesters). Daytime cohort begins each fall. Evening/Weekend cohort begins each spring.
- **The admission process is competitive and selective.** 80 seats available in fall and 64 seats available in spring.
- Your complete application is evaluated by the admissions committee with particular attention paid to:
  - GPA (both prerequisite and cumulative)
  - Interview & essay (essay is written immediately following the interview)
  - Professional recommendations (forms are found in the application packet)
  - Resume

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF NURSING  
UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

**Before submitting this application, you must:**

**1. Apply to Cleveland State University.**

Applications can be obtained through the Office of Admissions (Euclid Commons Welcome Center, 216-687-5411) or you can apply online at [www.csuohio.edu](http://www.csuohio.edu). This should be approximately four weeks prior to the nursing application deadline. You must be admitted to Cleveland State University in order for the School of Nursing to review your application for admission to a nursing program.

**2. Be accepted into Cleveland State University as a pre-Nursing student.**

New applicants to the University should check the appropriate box on the admissions application. You must forward official transcripts to the Admissions office when applying.

**3. Transcripts.**

Official transcripts must be on file with the CSU Admissions Office for all colleges and universities attended.

**4. Cumulative Grade-Point Average.**

Cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.50 for the BSN track (GPA from all colleges are calculated)

**Prerequisite Grade-Point Average.**

Have a prerequisite grade-point average of at least 3.00.

**5. In-take Advising Session.**

All interested applicants are encouraged to attend an Advising Session or speak with an advisor prior to starting the application process.

**6. School of Nursing Application.**

Complete this application and return to the School of Nursing with proof of payment of the \$25 application fee. The \$25 application fee is non-refundable and can be paid here: <https://campusnet.csuohio.edu/ShopNet/>

**7. Resume.**

Please submit a professional resume listing your academic and work experience with your School of Nursing application.

**8. Application Deadline.**

The fall application deadlines are **January 1<sup>st</sup> (early decision) and March 1<sup>st</sup> (final deadline)**. The spring application deadline is **September 1**.

**The School of Nursing cannot process your application unless the requirements listed above have been met.**

*It is your responsibility to make certain that your application is complete, that the School of Nursing has received all required application documents, and that you have been formally admitted to Cleveland State University. If you would like to verify that all of your School of Nursing application materials have been received, you may contact [SONAdvising@csuohio.edu](mailto:SONAdvising@csuohio.edu). The School of Nursing is not required to contact applicants to inform them of the status of their applications.*

**Mailing Address: Cleveland State University \* School of Nursing \* 2121 Euclid Avenue CH 116 \* Cleveland, Ohio  
44115-2214**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ CSU I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended CSU?  Yes  No Citizenship:  U.S.  Other

Have you previously applied to CSU's School of Nursing?  Yes  No If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended another School of Nursing?  Yes  No Are you an LPN?  Yes  No

**I am applying for the Traditional BSN Program**

to begin in the Fall (day) of 20\_\_  
or  
to begin in the Spring (evening/weekend) of 20\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** The session for which you specify program entry should be the session by which you intend to have all prerequisite courses completed.

**Your ability to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse in the State of Ohio and our ability to secure clinical placement for you may be impacted by your answers to the following questions. The answers to these questions are not used to determine admission to the Nursing Program. Should you be admitted to the Nursing Program and you have answered "yes" to any of the questions, you will be contacted if necessary. Please answer each question.**

1. Have you ever been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled no contest to any felony?  Y  N
2. Have you ever been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled no contest to any misdemeanor resulting from or related to the use of drugs?  Y  N
3. Has any State Board of Nursing denied you licensure or admission to a licensure examination?  Y  N
4. Have you ever received a reprimand, been placed on probation, or has your professional license been suspended or revoked?  Y  N

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I certify that the information provided herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

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Application Received	Application Fee Received	Resume Received
Application Complete	References Received	Transcripts Received



**Sensitivity To Others** - Is alert to and considerate of needs of clients and colleagues. .... 1 2 3 4 5 N

**Intellectual Ability**

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**Problem Solving Ability** - Uses a systematic approach to the identification and solution of intellectual problems. .... 1 2 3 4 5 N

**Employee Characteristics/Work Habits**

**Reliability** - Follows through on commitments..... 1 2 3 4 5 N

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Please include additional comments below:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by the person serving as a recommendation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time you have known applicant: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered nurse?  Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation. Please return to:

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CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF  
NURSING

**Recommendation Form for Traditional BSN Nursing Track Applicants**

To The Applicant: Please complete the following items on this form and forward it directly to the professor, supervisor, or employer who will serve as your reference. The completed form should then be submitted by your reference to [SONAdvising@csuohio.edu](mailto:SONAdvising@csuohio.edu). If submitting a physical copy, the form must be returned in a sealed envelope to ensure the confidentiality of the reference's assessment.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle or Maiden)

CSU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Privacy Act-Statement on Confidentiality of Recommendation:**

- I desire that this recommendation be accessible to me after final admission and matriculation under the provisions of the Family Privacy Act.
- I desire that this recommendation be considered as confidential and hereby waive my right of access to this form following final admission and matriculation.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To The Respondent:**

The above named person has made application for a traditional program of study leading to the BSN degree at Cleveland State University, and is requesting you to serve as a recommendation. Please comment on the following.

Circle the number (using the following scale) that represents the applicant's demonstration of the quality in relation to others with whom you have worked/supervised (in a classroom or work setting).

1	2	3	4	5	N
Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent	Not Observed

**Ability to work with others**

<b>Communication</b> - Expresses ideas succinctly and logically in writing	1	2	3	4	5	N
- Expresses ideas succinctly and logically when speaking	1	2	3	4	5	N
<b>Cooperation</b> - Works collaboratively with peers and others.	1	2	3	4	5	N
<b>Work With Others</b> - Establishes effective interpersonal relationships with others.	1	2	3	4	5	N
<b>Work Under Stress</b> - Accomplishes goals in situations that are stressful.	1	2	3	4	5	N

**Sensitivity To Others** - Is alert to and considerate of needs of clients and colleagues. .... 1 2 3 4 5 N

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Traditional Nursing Prerequisite Course Equivalents  
For Cleveland-area Community Colleges**

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Minimum # of Credit Hours</b>	<b>Cuyahoga Community College</b>	<b>Lakeland Community College</b>	<b>Lorain County Community College</b>
Anatomy & Physiology I (with Lab)	4	BIO 2331	BIOL 2210	BIOG 121
Anatomy & Physiology II (with Lab)	4	BIO 2341	BIOL 2220	BIOG 122
Chemistry I (with Lab) •Must be same sequence	4	CHEM 1010 or CHEM 1300w/130L	CHEM 1100 or CHEM 1500	CHMY 161 or CHMY 171
Chemistry II (with Lab) •Must be same sequence	4	CHEM 1020 or CHEM 1310 w/131L	CHEM 1150 or CHEM 1600	CHMY 162 or CHMY 172
Microbiology (with Lab)	4	BIO 2500	BIOL 2700	BIOG 251
General Psychology	3	PSY 1010	PSYC 1500	PSYH 151
English I	3-4	ENG 1010	ENG 1110	ENG 161
English II	3-4	ENG 1020	ENG 1120	ENG 162
College-level Mathematics	3-4	MATH 1240 or above	MATH 1600 or above	MTHM 158 or above

**Science prerequisites may be no more than ten (10) years old at the application deadline.  
The science prereqs are Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, and Microbiology**

For more information about Cleveland State University's Nursing Programs, please visit our website:  
[health.csuohio.edu/nursing-school/school-nursing-0](http://health.csuohio.edu/nursing-school/school-nursing-0).