Admission Requirements

Pre-Nursing

Undergraduate Nursing Admissions Policy
Admission to Nursing is a two-stage process. Generic students (those who do not already hold an RN or LPN license) are initially admitted as Pre-Nursing (PNR) students. Admission to Pre-Nursing can occur at any time throughout the year. Pre-Nursing students must apply for admission to the upper-division program (NUR courses) by January 31 if desiring to enroll for the subsequent fall term and by July 31 for the winter term. Late applications will not be processed. Admission to the upper-division program is a selective and competitive process. Applications for the upper-division program are reviewed by a committee each February and August.

Criteria for admission to Pre-Nursing
Note: Admission to Pre-Nursing does NOT guarantee admission to the upper-division Nursing program.

Entry from high school

- High school (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- ACT composite score of 20 or higher
- Grades of C (2.0) or better in high school algebra, biology & chemistry

Entry from another college or university

- "Recalculated" college GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Submission of all college transcripts
- Evaluation of transcripts
- Grades of C (2.0) or better in algebra, basic biology and basic chemistry

Minimum criteria for consideration for admission to the Nursing program

- Accepted to Pre-Nursing as of the application date
- Completion of Madonna University Writing Assessment and any required workshops
- A letter of application/intent (addressed to the Chair, Undergraduate Nursing). The letter should be written in the first person, typed, double-spaced and not exceed two pages. It should include the student's Madonna University student number, a plan for completing any required prerequisites and addressing his/her choice of nursing as a career and why he/she chose to apply to Madonna's program. Students may consider adding personal goals, any additional qualifications that may be relevant and any applicable community service. Letters of recommendation from others (such as employers) are not required. Please submit letters two to four weeks before the application date.
- Madonna University GPA of 3.0 or higher which includes at least 12 semester hours. Students who hold bachelors' or higher degrees may be considered with fewer than 12 MU credits. Other applicants who have not yet completed 12 semester hours will be considered only if there is space available after students who meet these requirements have been accommodated.
- Receipt of all transcripts. Transfer credits for prerequisite courses from other institutions must be transcripted to the student record by June 1 if planning to begin the Nursing program in September and by Sept. 1 if planning for January.
- Expected completion of pre-requisite course work before the beginning of the semester for which the student is applying. Students who have had two or more grades below C (2.0) in courses equivalent to those included in our academic excellence policy (see below) at any institution within the past 7 years and students whose records indicate lack of success in other nursing programs will not be considered.

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- Satisfactory completion of an entrance test. The ATI critical thinking entrance test is currently being used and must be taken before the applications date. It may be retaken only once. Students who began study at Madonna directly after high school and who had a composite score of 20 or higher in the ACT and applicants who hold a masters' or higher degrees are not required to take this test as part of the application process. However, if admitted, these students will be required to take this test in the first few weeks of the first semester of the major for the department's internal review processes.

Students with complete applications who meet minimum requirements will be referred to the Admissions Committee. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application. Students may be selected, waitlisted or not selected. **Acceptance to the Nursing program is contingent on satisfactory results of a criminal background check.** Students who are not selected may re-apply for a future semester

Academic Excellence Policy
Students must earn grades of C (2.0) or higher in all Nursing and specific required support courses. The Nursing department's **academic excellence policy** provides that a student who receives two grades below C (2.0) in either Nursing or specified required support courses will be automatically dismissed from the program. Pre-Nursing students who earn two such grades prior to entering the program will not be considered for the upper-division program. The original grade below C (2.0) counts in relation to this policy even if the course has been repeated for a satisfactory grade.