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THE CATHERINE MCAULEY SCHOOL OF

# Nursing

## Make your opportunity.

There's more need than ever before for well-educated and highly trained nurses. For more than 50 years, Trocaire College has a proud heritage of educating compassionate, knowledgeable and devoted nurses ready to answer the call.

Our Nursing graduates are grounded in Mercy traditions and armed with real-world clinical experiences they've earned hands-on at hospitals and healthcare facilities all over Western New York. Here, you'll gain the knowledge and skills you need to start your career in healthcare.

Whether you're new to the profession or have already been working in the field and wish to advance your career, the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing at Trocaire is for you. Healthcare is always evolving. Our goal is to help you build and expand the competencies and leadership skills you need to thrive in today's complex healthcare system. Trocaire's Nursing programs combine flexibility, affordability and personal attention, all so you can further your professional skills as well as increase your salary potential.

## What does it take to succeed in this field?

While clinical skills are incredibly essential, compassion and empathy are the most important qualities any nurse should possess.

## What careers will this degree prepare you for?

Nursing is an incredibly flexible occupation. With 104 specialties and a number of advanced nursing degrees, many nurses change and explore new jobs and specialties throughout their careers.

## What are the admission requirements?

Trocaire College evaluates students using a holistic admissions review approach, which gives the best opportunity to assess metrics, (listed on each program page) their strengths and potential for success in our Nursing programs. Students are evaluated based on academic metrics, experience, and personal attributes of maturity, motivation, persistence, and attitude.

All of the following items are required:

### Experience

- Download, complete and submit the Experience Form (available online)

–OR–

submit a current resume with the following categories to organize your experience: Healthcare or Work Experience, Community Involvement/Service, and Healthcare Training, Licenses or Certificates (if applicable).

## Personal Attributes

Students may choose to submit one of the three options below for the personal attributes of maturity, motivation, persistence and attitude to be assessed.

### 1 Interview with Trocaire Admissions Counselor

(please call 716-827-2545 to schedule)

–OR–

### 2 Letter of Recommendation

If this option is chosen, students should submit one letter of recommendation with their application. Please provide the recommender the following questions to include in their recommendation, or download the Recommender Form (available online) and fill it out.

- Please describe the setting in which you supervised the applicant. Give details about their responsibilities.
- Give an example of how the applicant does or does not demonstrate problem-solving skills. In your opinion, does the applicant have the maturity and emotional stability to function effectively? If you observed the applicant dealing with conflict or crisis, please describe the situation and how the applicant handled it.
- What qualities and traits does the applicant possess that would make them a successful nurse?
- What are some areas you think the applicant could improve?

–OR–

### 3 Personal Statement

Please choose A or B of the personal statement topics below and answer in 500 words or less.

- A. Why does Nursing appeal to you? What particular aspects or special fields of Nursing interest you most? What contributions will you make to the school and to your fellow students?
- B. Reflect upon and describe a strength and a weakness you have identified about yourself and explain how you use the strength to your advantage and what steps you have taken to overcome your weakness.

## Optional Statement

There may be areas of your background you want to share that are not addressed in other parts of this application. For example, if you think your transcripts or resume questions do not accurately reflect your abilities and readiness for study in the Nursing programs at Trocaire, or if you have any breaks in education or employment, you may explain why in this optional statement.

## Application Review

The priority application deadline for a Fall start is April 1 and for a Spring start is November 1; however, applicants after those dates will continue to be reviewed until the program is full. Applications are reviewed by application date. Admissions decisions are final.

## Nursing PN Certificate Program: Academic Metrics

- Official transcripts from high school or HSE, and all post-secondary colleges/universities attended
- High school diploma (minimum 75% average) or HSE (High School Equivalency) diploma
- A cumulative college-level Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 is the benchmark
- A minimum grade of “C” in biology (high school or college level)
- Academic preparedness will be considered based on past courses and success in past courses

## Nursing PN Certificate Program: Curriculum

**Degree Levels:** Certificate

**Time to Completion:** 12 months

**Time of Program:** Day classes/Clinical

**Mode of Delivery:** On-site/Seated

Semester 1
English Composition or Advanced Composition
Anatomy and Physiology I
Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory
College Seminar or College Success
General Psychology
Principles of Sociology

Semester 2
Anatomy and Physiology II
Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory
Medication Essentials I
Fundamentals of Practical Nursing
Practical Nursing II

Semester 3
Medication Essentials II
Practical Nursing III
Practical Nursing IV



**Nursing is the fastest-growing occupation in the U.S. Nurses make up the majority of the healthcare industry, and that number continues to rise.**

# Nursing RN Program: Academic Metrics

- Official transcripts from high school or HSE, and all post-secondary colleges/universities/educational institutions attended
- High school diploma (minimum 85% average) or HSE (High School Equivalency) diploma
- A cumulative college-level Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 is the benchmark
- A minimum grade of “C” in biology (high school or college level) and Anatomy and Physiology I (college level)
- Academic preparedness will be considered based on past courses
- TEAS TEST: All applicants must take and complete the TEAS test; a score of 60% on all sections is the benchmark

# Nursing RN Program: Curriculum

**Degree Levels:** Associate

**Time to Completion:** 24 months

**Time of Program:** Day and evening classes/Clinical

**Mode of Delivery:** On-site/Seated

Semester 1
Anatomy and Physiology II
Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory
English Composition or Advanced Composition
College Seminar or College Success
Health Assessment and Promotion
Nursing Concepts
Medication Essentials I
Professional Issues I
General Psychology

Semester 2
Microbiology
Microbiology Laboratory
Medication Essentials II
Health Restoration I
Maternal Newborn Nursing
Developmental Psychology

Semester 3
Introduction to Literature
Health Restoration II
Pediatric Nursing
Introduction to Philosophy
Principles of Sociology

Semester 4
Mental Health Nursing
Health Restoration III
Ethics in Health Care

\*Sample schedule above for day program

**Recent nursing school grads enjoy some of the highest starting salaries among their peers in other industries.**

## BS in Nursing Program: Academic Metrics

- Applicants must hold an associate degree in Nursing from an accredited institution. Applicants who have graduated from a program that is not accredited but that is approved and registered with the New York State Education Department are also eligible for admission
- Applicants must have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 in their prior nursing program, and must have earned a minimum grade of “C” in all nursing courses. Applicants who have a GPA below 2.50 may be considered for the BS program if they have extensive clinical experience or extenuating circumstances
- Students who have graduated from an associate degree in Nursing program but have not obtained their nursing license may be admitted to the program and allowed to take any or all courses offered in the first semester of study **only**. Students may not progress to the second semester of study without an RN license, which must be submitted to the Registrar

## BS in Nursing Program: Curriculum

**Degree Levels:** Online Baccalaureate

**Time to Completion:** Variable

**Time of Program:** Online

**Mode of Delivery:** Online

### Semester 1

Pathophysiology
Race, Gender, and Literature
Statistical Methods
Comprehensive Health Assessments for Nursing Practice
Nursing Theory and Practice Issues
Coping with Illness

### Semester 2

Nutrition & Wellness
Introduction to Nursing Care Informatics
Research Procedures in Nursing Practice
Family Nursing Care Across a Lifespan
Pharmacology for the Registered Nurse
Sociology of Health And Medicine

### Semester 3

Community Health Nursing: Individual and Family
Leadership and Management for Professional Practice
Organizational Psychology

### Semester 4

Multiculturalism
Clinical Seminar
Professional Nursing Syntheses/Clinical Capstone
Philosophy of World Religions
Social Psychology

In keeping with the mission, values and traditions of Trocaire College, all students **must complete at least one (1) Mercy Action Project learning experience prior to graduation**. MAP is a tuition-free, non-credit, value-added, co-curricular learning experience that provides service opportunities that integrate the College's mission through an action-reflection approach connecting service to your career path.

Immunizations/Physicals: Updated medical records from within one year of the start of the program are required and are to be submitted prior to the start of the semester.

Technical standards for the profession can be found on the College's website and should be reviewed by all interested students: <https://trocaire.edu/program-technical-standards/>

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certificate is required prior to clinical experiences.

All 3 programs (PN, RN, BSN) are accredited by ACEN and registered with NYS.



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