

# EDGEWOOD COLLEGE ACCELERATED POST-BACCALAUREATE NURSING



If you already have a bachelor's degree in a major other than nursing and have always dreamed of becoming a nurse, then this new program is just what you've been looking for. Our accelerated post-baccalaureate nursing program will allow you to complete your Bachelor of Science in Nursing in just 12 months.

Edgewood College has been awarding nursing degrees since 1983 and has a stellar reputation among nursing professional organizations. The nursing graduates of Edgewood College are knowledgeable, accountable, responsible, ethical and culturally sensitive as they provide quality nursing care. The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing.

There are important prerequisite courses required for admission to the program. But once you've completed this required course work, you'll be able to finish your nursing degree in one year. In just 12 short months, your career change will be accomplished and you'll be qualified for your dream job.

This accelerated curriculum is based on the same Dominican values as our traditional undergraduate program and mirrors that program in philosophy and implementation. Students will learn the art and science of professional nursing as they are closely supervised in a wide variety of clinical settings. Those experiences extend and complement the classroom activities that take place on our Deming Way campus.

At the completion of this program, students will be armed with the ability to practice holistic nursing care in multiple health care settings and fulfill their desire to begin a rewarding career in the nation's largest health care profession.

## GOALS FOR THE MAJOR

Graduates of the Accelerated Nursing Program will:

1. Establish therapeutic relationships with clients that demonstrate caring.
2. Demonstrate critical thinking skills and caring practices to promote, maintain and restore health.
3. Synthesize knowledge from nursing theory, research and practice, the humanities and the natural and behavioral sciences to provide a basis for professional nursing practice.
4. Respond to environmental factors that influence the health of individuals, families and communities.
5. Collaborate with clients and colleagues in the process of identifying and organizing resources for the effective provision of health care.
6. Demonstrate professional behaviors that reflect accountability and commitment in nursing practice



"I am incredibly impressed with Edgewood College, especially all of the faculty I have worked with. I am extremely thankful for the level of experience and knowledge that all of my instructors have. They always have a real life application to apply to the concepts we learn in the classroom. Not only does this make learning more interesting but I will also be better prepared when they do occur in the future.

I greatly appreciate the patience that each of them has as well. During my years as an undergraduate at another university I always felt like my instructors were working against me, they wanted me to do poorly, and the students were always in competition with each other to get better grades. It is the complete opposite at Edgewood. It makes me speechless sometimes at how wonderfully I am treated by my instructors, as well as all of the students. Everyone who is in this program really wants and deserves to be here. I have already helped and been helped by almost every student. We all get along great and we all work as a team every single day. I really cannot express how much I love being a part of this program. Thank you!"

*Lacey Delsman BSN, 2010*

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Accelerated Nursing Program is a two-stage process.

### Step 1

The School of Nursing at Edgewood College utilizes the Nursing Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS). Go to <http://nursingcas.org> to complete your application. You will submit all of your transcripts to NursingCAS who will then forward that information to Edgewood College.

1. Provide official high school transcripts and official college transcripts for all college coursework completed. Transcripts should be sent directly to Nursing Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS).

you will also be required to submit the following items prior to admission. After your application is processed, we will contact you with instructions as to how to submit these items.

2. Resume
3. Copy of CNA Certification
4. Copy of CPR Certification

You must have completed a baccalaureate degree from a United States regionally accredited or equivalent post-secondary institution with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Priority will be given to students with a 3.0 and higher.

The following courses (or transfer equivalents) must be completed or currently in progress at time of application to be considered for admission:

- a. MATH 101 or 111 College Algebra
- b. PSY 101 General Psychology
- c. PSY 345 Lifespan Development
- d. A Religious Studies Course
- e. Foreign Language that fulfills Edgewood College degree requirements
- f. The following science courses:
  - i. CHEM 110 Introductory Chemistry
  - ii. CHEM 111 Introduction to Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry
  - iii. BIO 210 Anatomy & Physiology I
  - iv. BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II
  - v. BIO 312 Microbiology, including lab component

The required math/science GPA is 2.75. Priority will be given to students with a 3.0 and higher. All required math/science courses must have been completed within five years of admission unless math/science courses were part of a degree earned within the last five years.



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**Step 2** - Applicants who successfully submit ALL application materials and meet minimum admission requirements will be contacted by the School of Nursing to schedule a Faculty Interview and a Writing Sample Session. Faculty Interviews and Writing Sample Sessions are scheduled three times per year:

2010 Admission Cycle Dates:

- January 15th
- March 15th
- May 15th

The cycle in which applicants are reviewed is determined by the timeliness of their application. For example, if an applicant submits all required materials on March 1st, their application will be reviewed for eligibility during the March 15th admission cycle. If eligible, applicants' Faculty Interview and Writing Sample Sessions will be scheduled for a date that precedes the next admission cycle (May 15th). Applicants taking part in Faculty Interview and Writing Sample Sessions will be notified of their admission status by letter shortly after their participation in this process. An invitation to participate in the Faculty Interview and Writing Sample Session, however, does not imply admission. Please be aware that the program employs an "open until full" policy. If 21 students are accepted prior to the next admission cycle deadline, students applying after the program fills will not be considered for admission into the upcoming cohort. Please submit your application and required admission materials as quickly as possible.

The School of Nursing Admissions Committee is composed of nursing faculty. This Committee reviews applications, conducts the faculty interview, evaluates the writing sample and assesses the relevance of experience. Based on the strength of their qualifications, this Committee selects the applicants for admission to the Accelerated BSN Program. The Committee reserves the right to evaluate and modify the selection criteria and admission procedures each year. Admission to the Accelerated BSN program at Edgewood College will be offered to 21 students each academic year.

Students accepted into the program must accept admission by a specified date specified in their Offer of Admission Letter or forfeit their space to other qualified applicants.

Due to space availability, highly-qualified students may be denied admission. However, qualified students not initially offered admission may be offered admission at a later date if space becomes available.



We want to hear from you! For a personal consultation about our graduate programs,

**Contact Joann Eastman at**  
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**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS****Fall – Term A****Credits**

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| RNRS 210 | Foundations of Professional Nursing       | 3 |
| RNRS 211 | Caring: Nursing Assessment & Intervention | 3 |
| RNRS 315 | Caring: Adult Health Nursing Lab          | 1 |
| RBIO 410 | Pathology                                 | 3 |

**Fall – Term B**

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| RNRS 310 | Professional Nursing: Adult Health | 4 |
| RNRS 311 | Caring: Adult Health Nursing       | 4 |
| RNRS 312 | Pharmacology                       | 2 |

**Spring – Term C**

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| RNRS 340  | Professional Nursing: Long Term Issues   | 4 |
| RNRS 341  | Collaborative Practice in Long Term Care | 4 |
| RNRS 341A | Mental Health                            | ½ |
| RNRS 390  | Research in Professional Nursing         | 3 |

**Spring – Term D**

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| RNRS 341B | Mental Health                            | ½ |
| RNRS 409  | Liberation Nursing                       | 3 |
| RNRS 412  | Leadership within the Health Care System | 3 |

**Summer – Term E**

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| RNRS 410 | Families in Transition         | 4 |
| RNRS 411 | Caring: Families in Transition | 4 |

**Summer – Term F**

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| RNRS 460 | Professional Nursing: Health of Communities | 4 |
| RNRS 461 | Nursing Care with Aggregates                | 4 |
| RNRS 440 | Adult Health: Advanced Topics               | 2 |