

Nursing Admission Requirements for 2026-2027

Why Nursing At Elmhurst?

Now more than ever, the healthcare profession depends on highly educated nurses to provide expert nursing care and management. At **Elmhurst**, you'll develop not only a full range of cutting-edge skills, but also the imagination, flexibility and compassion you'll need on the front lines of patient care.

Elmhurst Nursing Graduates are awarded the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN). They are then eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), which enables them to receive their licenses as registered nurses (RNs).

Packet Overview

The Elmhurst University Nursing program requires an application separate from that for admission to the University. This guide provides details on the application process and program requirements. The prerequisite courses are listed in the back along with their course equivalencies at many of the area's community colleges. For additional information about the transfer process please reach out to the Office of Admission.

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Admission Requirements for Nursing Program

Transfer Students must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for admission to the nursing program:

1. A **cumulative** grade-point average of **3.2 or higher**
2. All 12 prerequisite courses completed by the end of the **spring term** immediately preceding the fall term start of the nursing program. Summer terms prior to the fall start terms **will not** be used to complete prerequisites.
 - a. A **2.8 or greater science** combined grade-point average overall. All science prerequisites completed (BIO 107, 108, 221, CHM 101 and 103); **Students may only repeat one of these courses to remove a W or improve a grade of C or lower.**
 - b. Completion of the following non-science prerequisite courses: ENG 105 (Composition 1); ENG 106 (Composition 2); PSY 210 (Intro to Psychology); PSY 315 (Lifespan Development); PSY 327 (Abnormal Psychology); one college-level mathematics course, one statistics course. **Students may only repeat one of these courses to remove a W or improve a grade of C or lower. (Students may not repeat a grade of C for the non-science prerequisite courses).**
 - i. ****Please note that starting for Fall 2027 Admission- Transfer Students will be required to have a 3.0 science GPA and a 3.2 cumulative GPA.****
3. Documentation of a score of **75% or higher** on **all four sections** of the **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)** Exam OR documentation of a **75% or higher** on **each area** of the **HESI Admission Assessment (A2)**. Sections required are: Reading, Math, and Anatomy & Physiology.
4. Completion of the nursing application for the Diane Tyrell Department of Nursing and Public Health and other required supplemental materials (a writing sample and two letters of recommendation from professors). Please refer to the nursing website at www.elmhurst.edu/nursing for full instructions.
 - a. The Writing Sample is a one-page written personal statement answering the following questions in 250 words or less.
 - i. In what ways is nursing a science-based, professional practice discipline?
 - ii. What makes you interested in a science-based professional nursing career?
5. A letter of recommendation from the director(s)/dean(s) of all nursing programs previously attended. This applies to those who have completed courses or are currently enrolled in nursing courses.

Frequently Asked Questions

1.Q: When is the deadline to apply to the Nursing Program?

- A: January 25th, 2026

2. Q: Is the Nursing program offered in the fall and spring?

- A: The nursing program has a fall start only

3.Q: How many prerequisites should I have done in order to apply?

- A: The nursing department prioritizes candidates based on GPA, number of prerequisites completed and grades earned in prerequisite courses. **It is required to have at all 12 prerequisites completed or in progress at the time of application.** They should be completed by the Spring term prior to the Fall start term. Summer terms prior to the fall start terms **will not** be used to complete prerequisites.

4. Q: How can I sign up to take the HESI exam at Elmhurst University?

- A: To sign up for the HESI exam at Elmhurst University email **Dr. Katie Miller** at katherine.miller@elmhurst.edu. The HESI exam is offered a number of different days/times in January on Elmhurst University's campus.

5. Q: Do I have to apply to the Nursing program and Elmhurst University separately?

- A: Yes, admission to Elmhurst University is **separate** from admission to the nursing program. You will need to submit an application to Elmhurst University to be considered for admission to the University in addition to your nursing application. **Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to the nursing program.**

Important Links

- [Elmhurst University Admission Application](#)
- [Prelicensure Option Admission Requirements](#)
- [2026-2027 Prelicensure Application](#)

Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 226
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 227
BIO 221	Microbiology	MICRO 233
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 121 or 201
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	CHM 212
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSY 201
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSY 224
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSYCH 213
ENG 105	English I	ENG 101
ENG 106	English II	ENG 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MTH 125
Additional Math Courses		MTH 118 or above

Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	ANAT/PHYS 1551 or 1571
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	ANAT/PHYS 1552 or 1572
BIO 221	Microbiology	MICRO 1420
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHEMI 1211 or 1551
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	CHEMI 1212 and CHEMI 2213*
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSYCH 1100
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSYCH 2237
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSYCH 2260
ENG 105	English I	ENGLI 1101
ENG 106	English II	ENGLI 1102
MTH 345	Statistics	MATH 1635, PSYCH 2280
Additional Math Courses		MATH 1108 ≥ 1218
*If planning to complete the Microbiology course at COD, then only complete CHEMI 1212 or CHEMI 2213		



Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 244
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 245
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIO 246
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 120 or CHM 121
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	CHM 125
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSY 121
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSY 220
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 223
ENG 105	English I	ENG 121
ENG 106	English II	ENG 122
MTH 345	Statistics	MTH 142 or 222
Additional Math Courses		MTH 122 or Above



Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 245
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 246
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIO 265
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 112 or 142
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	BIO 110 and CHM 170
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSY 100
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSY 218
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 216
ENG 105	English I	ENG 101
ENG 106	English II	ENG 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MTH 102 or MTH 120
Additional Math Courses		MTH 112 or Above



Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 260 Anatomy*
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 261 Physiology*
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIO 230
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 100 or 110 or 121
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	CHM 201**
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSY 101
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSY 228
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 230
ENG 105	English I	ENG 101
ENG 106	English II	ENG 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MTH 165
Additional Math Courses		MTH 101 or Above
*Need to complete the entire year sequence at Harper. **MUST take Microbiology at Harper for this course to substitute fully for CHEM 103		



Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 250
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 251
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIO 240
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHEM 100 or CHEM 101
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	CHEM 108 & 212, or CHEM 210 & 212
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSYC 101
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSYC 215
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSYC 205
ENG 105	English I	ENG 101
ENG 106	English II	ENG 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MATH 128
Additional Math Courses		MATH 127 or Above
*If planning to complete the Microbiology course at JJC, then only complete CHEM 108 OR CHEM 212		



Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 263
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 264
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIO 255
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 164 or 165
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	CHM 170
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSY 151
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSY 250
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 275
ENG 105	English I	ENG 151
ENG 106	English II	ENG 152
MTH 345	Statistics	MAT 220
Additional Math Courses		MAT 161 or Above



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Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 180
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 181
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIO 119
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 111 or CHM 131
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	*see below*
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSY 101
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSY 104
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 205
ENG 105	English I	COM 101
ENG 106	English II	COM 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MTH 139
Additional Math Courses		MTH 120 or Above 141
*If planning to complete the Microbiology course at MVCC, select one additional chemistry course with lab other than CHM 111 or 131		



Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 103
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 104
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIO 212
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 100 or 101 or 105
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	*see below*
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSY 101
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSY 215
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 202
ENG 105	English I	ENG 101
ENG 106	English II	ENG 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MAT 141
Additional Math Courses		MAT 105 or Above
*If planning to complete the Microbiology course at MC, select one additional chemistry course with lab.		



Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 231
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 232 or 234
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIO 251
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 105 or 121
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	CHM 207 <i>and</i> CHM 229*
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSY 101
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSY 120
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 203
ENG 105	English I	EGL 101
ENG 106	English II	EGL 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MAT 131
Additional Math Courses		MAT 122 or Above
*If planning to complete the Microbiology course at OC, then complete only CHM 207 or CHM 229		



Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIOL 221
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIOL 222
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIOL 211
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHEM 105 or 110
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	*see below*
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSYCH 101
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSYCH 102
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 203
ENG 105	English I	ENG 101
ENG 106	English II	ENG 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MATH 115 or 153
Additional Math Courses		MATH 112 or Above 151
*If planning to complete the Microbiology course at Prairie State, select one additional chemistry course with lab other than CHEM 105 or 110.		

Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 185
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 186
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIO 224
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 111 or 113
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	CHM 205
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSY 101
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSY 211
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 206
ENG 105	English I	ENG 101
ENG 106	English II	ENG 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MTH 126 or 211
Additional Math Courses		MTH 115 or Above 161





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Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIS 240
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIS 241
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIS 222
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 140
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	CHM 132
PSY 210	PSY 100	PSY 100
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	EDU 206
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 238
ENG 105	English I	RHT 101
ENG 106	English II	RHT 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MAT 170
Additional Math Courses		MAT 101, 102, or 110 or above

Elmhurst University Requirements		Equivalent Courses
BIO 107	Anat & Phys I	BIO 270
BIO 108	Anat & Phys II	BIO 272
BIO 221	Microbiology	BIO 250
CHM 101	General Chemistry	CHM 100 and 101
CHM 103	Elem. Organic & Biochem	CHM 102
PSY 210	General Psychology	PSY 100
PSY 315	Lifespan Development	PSY 240
PSY 327	Abnormal Psychology	PSY 205
ENG 105	English I	ENG 101
ENG 106	English II	ENG 102
MTH 345	Statistics	MTH 107
Additional Math Courses		MTH 101, MTH 109 or above



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