



**Colorado Mountain College
Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN)**

Fall 2024 Admissions Information Packet

New Requirements Effective Immediately

*This information packet is only valid until 2/15/2024.
After 2/15/2024, it is to be used for reference.*

Program Locations

Breckenridge
Steamboat Springs
Spring Valley in Glenwood Springs



Dear Prospective Nursing Student:

Thank you for your interest in the nursing program at Colorado Mountain College (CMC). We offer a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN). This degree is offered in-person at the Breckenridge, Spring Valley, and Steamboat Springs campuses. The BSN nursing program builds upon an academic foundation providing a comprehensive nursing education preparing students for licensure as a registered nurse through examination. The program is designed to provide students with knowledge, skills, and strong clinical judgement within the framework of safe, quality care for population focused nursing practice. Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX-RN) to obtain their RN license. The BSN degree at Colorado Mountain College is approved by the Colorado State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road N.E., Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326; phone: 404-975-5000; fax: 404-975-5020; <http://www.acenursing.org/>.

This packet is designed to provide information and guide you through the process of applying to the CMC nursing program at any of the locations for the fall 2024 semester. Accepted applicants must meet specific requirements. Admission to the CMC nursing program is a competitive process. All applicants are strongly encouraged to work with our Assistant Director of Admissions for Nursing & Selective Programs, who can provide you with information regarding general education courses to prepare for entrance to the BSN program and connect you with a variety of resources.

Please pay close attention to the deadlines and details noted throughout this information packet to enhance your opportunity for success in the application process. The application for admission and all supporting documents must be submitted electronically no later than **February 15, 2024**. Transcripts from other colleges and universities must be submitted by **January 4, 2024**. You must submit a general CMC application (<https://apply.coloradomtn.edu>) to access the nursing application. Additionally, transcripts will not be evaluated without a general CMC application on-file.

All nursing applications will be submitted electronically via CMC's application system. If you have any questions regarding admission requirements and to obtain access to the nursing application, please contact Dr. Jacki Brazill, Assistant Director of Admissions for Nursing & Selective Programs, at 970-947-8353 or jbrazill@coloradomtn.edu. You may also contact Dr. Whitney Erickson, Dean, School of Nursing at 970-989-1325 or werickson@coloradomtn.edu.

We look forward to assisting you with the nursing application process!

Sincerely,

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Colorado Mountain College

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Fall 2024 BSN Program Admissions Application Process Overview

Applicants who meet the criteria as outlined in the application process will be considered for admission to the BSN program at CMC. In the review process, applicants are awarded points based on their grades in prerequisite and general education coursework, earned degrees, residency status, and alternate status in the previous year. Certain professional licensures will be considered as well.

After starting your online application, you will have access to an online checklist that provides a list of all documents to be submitted to complete the application process. The checklist will be part of the online application and a paper copy is included in this packet for your reference.

Admission requirements are reviewed annually and are subject to change. It is the student's responsibility to obtain a copy of the current year's admission packet to meet admission requirements. Students who are not admitted for fall 2024 must re-apply for a future entrance term. CMC does not maintain a waitlist of admitted students from year-to-year.

1. Apply to CMC

- a. A **new** CMC general application for admission is **required** for all new applicants and students who have not taken classes at CMC in more than a year. Students currently enrolled in classes do not need to provide a new application. The application can be accessed at <https://apply.coloradomtn.edu>.

2. Access the Supplemental Nursing Application

- a. The nursing application will be completed and submitted online using CMC's application system. You can access the supplemental nursing application through your CMC admissions account, which you created when you originally applied to CMC: <https://apply.coloradomtn.edu/Account/Login>. If you have not yet created a CMC admissions account, please complete step one above.
- b. Once in your admissions account, you will select "Create a New Application".
- c. Select **BSN: Prelicensure** as your Student Type and answer the questions that populate to access the application. Please make sure to read the requirements and questions carefully.

3. Submit Transcripts

- a. Applicants must submit their official college transcript(s) for college credits completed. A general CMC application must be submitted prior to having transcripts sent. *The Admissions Office will automatically generate all CMC transcripts and current schedules for CMC students.* Please do not request your CMC transcripts to be sent to Admissions. Applicants earn points for academic degrees they have earned and general education courses as indicated below.

4. Academic Requirements

- a. Applicants must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of a 2.4 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- b. Applicants must be scholastically qualified to read and write at college-level English and scholastically qualified to enroll in college-level math classes. Applicants must demonstrate these required skill proficiencies by the following (see the summary below). For full details, please meet with an academic advisor/college counselor and refer to the [Academic Catalog](#).

i. College-Level Reading and English Skills:

College Entrance Exams	17 ACT Reading and 18 ACT English
	470 SAT Reading and Writing
Accuplacer	246 Write
College Credit	Complete ENG 1000, ENG 1021 or ENG 1022 earning a C or higher

ii. College-Level Math Skills

College Entrance Exams	21 ACT Math
	500 SAT Math
Accuplacer	240 QAS
College Credit	Complete one of the following earning a C or higher: MAT 0250, MAT 0300, MAT 1240, MAT 1260 or MAT1340

5. Prerequisites and General Education Requirements

- a. All prerequisite courses must be completed or in-progress prior to the application deadline. This mandate will be waived for the fall 2024 application cycle. Please work with the Assistant Director of Admissions for Nursing & Selective Programs to complete a pathway plan for completing all the prerequisite coursework in the 2024 and 2025 summer semesters.

The majority of students admitted to the program have completed most, if not all, of the general education courses at the time of application to the program. A grade of 'C' or higher (not a C-) is required in general education and nursing courses. Applicants are assigned points based on grades achieved in these classes.

Prerequisite Course	Credits
BIO1111: General College Biology	5
BIO2101: Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO2102: Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIO2104: Microbiology	4
BIO2116: Pathophysiology	4
CHE1111: General College Chemistry	5
COM1250: Interpersonal Communication	3
ENG1021: English Composition I	3
ENG1022: English Composition II	3
History Elective	3
HPR1008: Law & Ethics for Health Professionals	2
HPR1039: Medical Terminology	2
HWE1050: Human Nutrition	3
MAT1260: Introduction to Statistics	3
MAT1340: College Algebra	4
PSY2440: Human Growth & Development	3
Sociology elective <i>Choose between: SOC 1001, 1002, 2007, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020</i>	3
SUS1001: Introduction to Sustainability	3
Total: 18 classes	61

- b. Students with courses in-progress during the spring semester will need to note this on the nursing application. Applicants will receive partial points for in-progress coursework. Please make sure you upload a current class schedule of courses in-progress if you are not enrolled at CMC. Students with courses in-progress may be offered a *conditional acceptance* pending successful completion of the course(s). **For 2024 fall:** if you will still have prerequisite coursework to complete in the summer terms, your pathway plan will also need to be uploaded during the application process.
- c. The nursing program requires that all courses in the nursing curriculum be completed at CMC. Credit for prior learning, CMC challenge exams, or individual nursing courses completed at another institution may not be used to fulfill nursing (NUR) courses. **The nursing program does not accept AP, IB or CLEP credits for any class, including the prerequisite and general education coursework.**

6. CPR Certification

- a. Admitted applicants must have a *current* CPR Certification (must be American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support – BLS). We will not accept any other CPR certification. Students are required to have this before classes start in the fall. Students will be asked to upload a copy of this certification or registration for a certification class with their application.

7. Resume

- a. Applicants must submit a one-page chronological resume detailing education, related certifications, and work experience in chronological order. Applicants will upload their resume with their application.

8. Health Care Certificates and Work Experience

- a. Applicants with health care certifications and work experience which they would like to have reviewed for points on the nursing application are required to detail this information in their application. Students will be required to upload copies of any certificates or licenses along with their application. Applicants will be awarded points during the application review process for certain current, active, health-care related certificates, plus work experience over six months using those healthcare certifications.

9. TEAS Assessment

- a. Applicants must complete an entrance examination. CMC utilizes TEAS, an online assessment provided through Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI). No minimum TEAS score is required for admission to the program, but points are awarded based on total composite scores. TEAS scores are valid up to 24 months prior to the admissions deadline of February 15. Scores prior to February 15, 2022 will not be accepted for the 2024 application. The TEAS feedback will assist faculty and advisors in guiding students toward success in the program. See page 9 for details on taking the TEAS.,

10. CASPer Exam

- a. Applicants are also required to complete a mandatory online 120-minute computer-based assessment as a component of the selection process. The CASPer exam is an open-response situational judgment test. See page 10 for details on taking the CASPer.

11. Previous Alternate Status

- a. The nursing program application review process recognizes applicants who have been an alternate to the nursing program in **the previous year** by awarding points. Students who were selected as alternates in the previous application year and would like to receive these points must upload a copy of their alternate acceptance letter with their application.

12. Residency Status

- a. CMC is a dual mission institution that is deeply involved with and supported by our local communities. To support community students, all applicants who qualify for in-district tuition will be awarded points in the application process.

13. Access

- a. Those accepted to the nursing program are expected to be computer literate and be able to actively email, word process, use Canvas, utilize Basecamp, and effectively research using the internet and related electronic resources.

Application Process & Requirements

Application Deadline:

- ***The nursing application deadline is February 15, 2024***
- Applications, including all supplemental documents, must be uploaded to the online application by 11:59 pm MT on February 15th. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they have uploaded all required application materials. Failure to submit all required items with an application may result in disqualification.
- Technology issues will not suffice as a reason an applicant could not get everything uploaded on time. We suggest planning and uploading materials in advance of the deadline.

Transcript Information:

- Official transcripts must be submitted to CMC's Office of the Registrar by **January 4, 2024** (earlier is appreciated!) to be evaluated and reviewed with the application.
- Official college transcripts must be sent *directly* to the Registrar from all previous institutions. We will not accept transcripts from the student.
- We will automatically generate CMC transcripts for current or past CMC students.
- Transcripts will be accepted electronically or via the US Post from your former institution(s). Transcripts should be sent to registrar@coloradomtn.edu or
Colorado Mountain College
Office of the Registrar
802 Grand Avenue
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Transfer Credits & Course Substitutions:

- *If you are planning to use any transfer credits to fulfill prerequisite or general education requirements, please make sure you have spoken with the Assistant Director of Admissions for Nursing to determine if your courses will meet the nursing program requirements.*
- The general education and prerequisite courses include:
 - BIO 1111 General College Biology (5)
 - BIO 2101 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4)
 - BIO 2102 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4)
 - BIO 2104 Microbiology (4)
 - BIO 2116- Pathophysiology (4)
 - CHE1111 General College chemistry I (5)
 - COM 1250 Interpersonal Communication (3)
 - ENG 1021 English Composition (3)
 - ENG 1022 – English Composition II (3)
 - History Elective (3)
 - HPR 1008 Law and Ethics for Health Professionals (2)
 - HPR1039: Medical Terminology (2)
 - HWE 1050 Nutrition (3)
 - MAT 1260 Introduction to Statistics (3)
 - MAT 1340 College Algebra (4)
 - PSY 2440 Human Growth& Development (3)
 - SUS 1001-Introduction to Sustainability (3)
 - Sociology elective (3)
 - Choose between SOC1001, SOC1002, SOC2007, SOC2015, SOC2016, SOC2018, or SOC2020

These classes must be from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning and must be transferred to CMC with a letter grade. **The nursing program will not accept AP, IB, or CLEP credits as a substitution for any of these classes.** A Challenge Exam may be available for some general education courses if a grade is awarded. Please contact an academic advisor/college counselor for more information.

Program Location Options:

- Colorado Mountain College offers the nursing program in-person at the following locations:
 - Breckenridge
 - Spring Valley at Glenwood Springs
 - Steamboat Springs
- Applicants will select the primary campus they are applying to on the application. There is also the opportunity to select a second-choice location.
- Once you have accepted a position at a particular location, you are locked-in to that location. You may not transfer to another location at any time during the program.

Required Assessments

All applicants applying to the nursing program at CMC are required to complete two online assessments, the **TEAS and the CASPer**, to assist with our selection process.

TEAS Testing

- CMC utilizes the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), an online assessment provided through Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI). The TEAS is specifically designed to assess applicants in the areas of reading, math, science, and English, as related to nursing education.
- The TEAS score is used to award points to applicants for admission to the program.
- Several items are available to assist students in preparation for the test (study guides, online practice tests). You may purchase any or all of the items from ATI (www.atitesting.com). Pricing information can be found on ATI's website. Alternatively, CMC offers access for current students to some TEAS prep materials. Please visit the CMC library website (<https://library.coloradomtn.edu/>) and select the *LearningExpress* database from the A-Z Database list to access these materials.
- TEAS test results must be from **within the past 24 months from the application deadline**, using the most current version of the test. No scores prior to February 15, 2022 will be accepted for the 2024 application.
- To register for the TEAS, please visit: <https://atitesting.com/teas/register>
 - Select the 'ATI Remote Proctor – Nursing' option.
 - Please note, there is a fee associated with the TEAS.
- Applicants are required to upload a copy of their TEAS results when submitting their application.
- More information about the TEAS test and how to register can be found in the appendices of this packet.

CASPer Assessment

- The Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics (CASPer) is an online test which assesses non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program. Successful completion of the CASPer is mandatory to maintain admission eligibility.
- The CASPer score is used to award points to applicants for admission to the program. The CASPer complements the other tools that we use for applicant screening.
- The CASPer test is comprised of two response sections, including both written and video scenarios. The entire test is expected to take 90-110 minutes to complete. Each response is graded by a different rater, giving a very robust and reliable view of personal and professional characteristics important to our program.
- While students cannot necessarily study the content that will be on the CASPer, they can prepare for the *format* of this exam. Please visit www.takeCASPer.com for information about how to prepare for the CASPer.
- The applicant is responsible for securing access to a computer with audio capabilities, a webcam, and a reliable internet connection on the selected test date. The CASPer can be taken practically anywhere that these requirements can be satisfied. No exceptions will be provided for applicants unable to take CASPer online due to being located at sites where the internet is not dependable due to technical or political factors. Please ensure you have a quiet environment to take the test. If you have concerns about your testing environment, please contact the Assistant Director of Admissions for Nursing.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to register online with CASPer to reserve a spot on one of the available test dates. To register for the CASPer, please visit: www.takeCASPer.com.
 - Register for the **CSP-10106 – US Undergraduate Health Sciences** test and reserve a test using a government issued photo ID.
 - Please note there is a fee associated with the CASPer.
- There are a limited number of testing dates and times – please note these are the *only* testing dates available for the CASPer test. There will be no additional dates scheduled. Please be aware that CASPer lists the times on their website using Eastern Standard Time.
- The dates will be posted on the CASPer website. Please check the dates frequently, as they are subject to change.
- Our program does NOT require applicants to complete the CASPer Snapshot for this admissions cycle.
- CASPer results are valid for one admissions cycle. Applicants who have already taken the test in previous years will therefore be expected to retake it.
- Please direct any inquiries on the test to support@takecasper.com. Alternatively, you may use the chat bubble in the bottom right-hand corner of their website.
- More information about the format of the CASPer can be found in the appendices.

Accepted & Alternate Student Information

Notification of Acceptance

- All applicants will receive an email notification of the status of their application in April (or before).
- Those students who are conditionally accepted and those who are conditional alternates (offered a position if one becomes available) are expected to accept or decline their position in writing by returning the dated form included with the acceptance or alternate notification letter. Failure to respond by the date indicated in the letter will result in forfeiture of acceptance. **No exceptions will be made.**

Orientation and Registration

- Students offered conditional acceptance to the nursing program are required to attend two nursing program orientation sessions held in the summer and a week before courses begin. During this time, students will receive a complete orientation to the nursing program, register for fall nursing courses and get to know future nursing classmates, faculty, and staff. Details on the orientation session will be e-mailed to all accepted applicants.
- *Admitted students who do not attend the orientation session will forfeit their space in the nursing program.*

Scheduling & Work Recommendations

- Due to the fast pace, challenging, and rigorous academic demands of the nursing program, the nursing faculty urge students to avoid work commitments while enrolled in the program for a variety of reasons. Clinical schedules are subject to last minute revisions each semester. Clinical rotations are scheduled at a variety of clinical sites that may be over 500 miles or more from campus, throughout the state. All coursework and clinical rotations are in-person experiences.
- Students' personal commitments must remain flexible to meet course objectives and accommodate program requirements. Students are encouraged to pursue personal support and assistance such as financial aid, additional childcare, and back-up support to allow for a more flexible schedule. Reliable transportation is needed due to the distance of some of the clinical sites. A curriculum outline for the program is included with this packet.

Required Paperwork & Background Check

- Accepted students will receive a Health History and Immunization Form that **must** be completed by a medical care provider and submitted before they are considered accepted, and no longer have conditional status.
- Conditionally accepted students will be required to obtain and pass a criminal background investigation, FBI fingerprinting, and drug screening (approx. cost to the student is \$160.00). Accepted students will receive instructions for completing these screenings from the nursing department.
- Due to the clinical site requirements, nursing program students will be subject to random drug testing at various times throughout the program. Fees associated with these requirements are the student's responsibility.

Nursing Textbooks & Learning Materials

- Getting all required textbooks is convenient and affordable through the CMC Textbook Learning Materials Program (LMP). The program fee is billed per credit hour and includes the costs of textbooks and course materials customized to your schedule. Refer to the website to learn more: <https://coloradomtn.edu/classes/textbooks/>.

COVID-19 Disclaimer

- Modification of nursing courses may be necessary related to COVID-19 restrictions that may result in limited clinical placement access for students and faculty that may delay in course progression in the nursing program. Every effort will be made to continue and secure clinical placements for nursing courses. However, the pandemic status and progression of COVID-19 will influence student placements and recommendations of CDC, public health departments, and CMC guidelines will be monitored and provided directions during these uncertain times.
- Students are highly encouraged to be vaccinated and boosted for the COVID-19, as some healthcare facilities **require** vaccination to complete clinical hours. All clinical hours are necessary to complete the nursing program.

Cost Estimates

1st Year of the CMC Nursing Program (BSN Year 3)

NOTE: Cost are for the 2023-24 academic year. They do NOT include general education courses.

IN-DISTRICT RESIDENTS

Tuition (32 credits x \$140)

Student Activity Fee (SV \$130/semester; SB \$140/semester)

Nursing Program Fee (\$450 per semester x 2)

Learning Materials Program (LMP) Books

TOTAL

ESTIMATES

\$ 4,480.00

\$ 260.00/year (SV)

\$280.00/year (SB)

\$ 900.00

\$ 800.00

**\$ 6,180.00 +
student activity
fees at SB, SV**

IN-STATE RESIDENTS

Tuition (32 credits x \$240)

Student Activity Fee (SV \$130/semester; SB \$140/semester)

Nursing Program Fee (\$450 per semester x 2)

Learning Materials Program (LMP) Books

TOTAL

ESTIMATES

\$ 7,680.00

\$ 260.00/year (SV)

\$280.00/year (SB)

\$ 900.00

\$ 800.00

**\$ 9,380.00 +
student activity
fees at SB, SV**

OUT of STATE RESIDENTS

Tuition (32 credits x \$550)

Student Activity Fee (SV \$130/semester; SB \$140/semester)

Nursing Program Fee (\$450 per semester x 2)

Learning Materials Program (LMP) Books

TOTAL

ESTIMATES

\$ 17,600.00

\$ 260.00/year (SV)

\$280.00/year (SB)

\$ 900.00

\$ 800.00

**\$19,300.00 +
student activity
fees at SB, SV**

*All prices are subject to change without notice. Please anticipate a 2%–3% increase. Other costs include clinical uniforms and immunizations, health insurance, and health exams. There will be additional costs for the program, i.e. travel to clinical sites, lodging during clinicals, meals etc. Costs for these items depend on student's individual choices. All admitted students will receive a **complete** listing of items required for their entrance year. **Do not purchase items ahead of time.** Specifics and instructions will be covered during orientation for accepted applicants. On-campus residence halls and food service are available **only** at the Spring Valley and Steamboat Springs locations. All three campuses have on-campus apartments (subject to availability). Interested students can learn more here: <https://coloradomtn.edu/housing>.*

2nd year Nursing Program (BSN Year 4)

NOTE: Cost estimates are for the 2023-24 academic year. These estimates **do not** include the general education courses. There also may be additional costs for the program, i.e. travel to clinical sites, lodging during clinicals, meals etc. Costs for these items depend on a student's individual choices.

IN-DISTRICT RESIDENTS

Tuition (30 credits x \$140)

Student Activity Fee (SV \$130/semester; SB \$140/semester)

Nursing Program Fee (\$450 per semester x 2)

Learning Materials Program (LMP) Books

TOTAL

ESTIMATES

\$ 4200.00

\$ 260.00/year (SV)

\$280.00/year (SB)

\$ 900.00

\$ 750.00

**\$ 5,850.00 +
student activity fees
at SB, SV**

IN-STATE RESIDENTS

Tuition (30 credits x \$240)

Student Activity Fee (SV \$130/semester; SB \$140/semester)

Nursing Program Fee (\$450 per semester x 2)

Learning Materials Program (LMP) Books

TOTAL

ESTIMATES

\$ 7,200.00

\$ 260.00/year (SV)

\$280.00/year (SB)

\$ 900.00

\$ 750.00

**\$8,850.00 +
student activity fees
at SB, SV**

OUT of STATE RESIDENTS

Tuition (30 credits x \$550)

Student Activity Fee (SV \$130/semester; SB \$140/semester)

Nursing Program Fee (\$450 per semester x 2)

Learning Materials Program (LMP) Books

TOTAL

ESTIMATES

\$ 16,500.00

\$ 260.00/year (SV)

\$280.00/year (SB)

\$ 900.00

\$ 750.00

**\$ 18,150.00 +
student activity fees
at SB, SV**

Financial Aid & Scholarship

Students applying for financial aid will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://www.fafsa.gov>. Please discuss your financial aid needs and circumstances with a Financial Aid Specialist and/or an academic advisor/college counselor to determine your optimal plan for completion of the general education courses and nursing courses once in the program.

There are scholarship opportunities specific to nursing students. Please visit: <https://coloradomtn.edu/scholarships/> to learn more about how to apply for these scholarships.

Financial Aid representatives are available to assist you with any scholarship, FAFSA, grant, or loan questions you may have. You can contact the Office of Financial Aid at 970-947-8322 or finaid@coloradomtn.edu.

Prerequisite Curriculum Pattern

Sample AA: Health Science Degree Pathway for Pre-Nursing Students

Semester	Classes
First semester 14 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIO1111: General College Biology with lab (5 credits) • ENG1021: English Composition 1 (3 credits) • PSY2440: Human Growth & Development (3 credits) • SOC Choose from 1001, 1002, 2007, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020 (3 credits)
Second Semester 16 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIO2101: Anatomy & Physiology 1 with lab (4 credits) • BIO2104: Microbiology with lab (4 credits) • ENG1022: English Composition 2 (3 credits) • HPR1008: Law & Ethics for Health Professionals (2 credits) • MAT1260: Introduction to Statistics (3 credits)
Third Semester 15 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIO2102: Anatomy & Physiology 2 with lab (4 credits) • CHE1111: General College Chemistry with lab (5 credits) • COM1250: Interpersonal Communication (3 credits) • HWE1050: Human Nutrition (3 credits)
Fourth Semester 16 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIO2116: Pathophysiology (4 credits) • History elective (3 credits) • HPR1039: Medical Terminology (2 credits) • MAT1340: College Algebra (4 credits) • SUS1001: Introduction to Sustainability Studies (3 credits)

- Please note that this plan is an example progression plan. Classes are interchangeable from semester to semester.
- The Nursing Department does **NOT** accept AP, IB, or CLEP credits. While CMC may accept these credits, they will not count towards the nursing program. The only alternative option is to complete a challenge exam, where the student receives a grade and actual credits.
- Students must receive a C or better (C- is **NOT** accepted) for all credits listed above at a regionally accredited institution to be eligible to apply to the nursing program.
- Course substitutions may be accepted upon approval by the Dean if the School of Nursing for any of the classes outlined above. However, we highly recommend that students complete the courses listed above. Students must take this entire curriculum to be eligible to apply to the nursing program. If students have completed only 4 credits of BIO1111, additional science credits may count for the last credit. Again, these decisions will be made by the Dean of the School of Nursing.
- The nursing prerequisites are designed so a student completes all the necessary credits for an Associate of Art in Health Science. Students must complete two additional humanities classes (total of 6 credits) to receive the AA of Health Science degree. We recommend completing these classes in the summer semester.

Bachelor of Science, Nursing (Prelicensure) Degree Pathway

<p>BSN Year 3 Semester 1</p> <p>16 Credits (3 Clinical)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUR 3100 Fundamentals of Nursing, Lab and Clinical (7 credits total: 2 theory/2 lab/3 clinical) • NUR 3110 Basic Nursing Pharmacology (2 credits total: 2 theory) • NUR 3120 Professional Nursing Practice I: Professional Nurse Role, Nursing Ethics and Legalities of Healthcare (3 credits total: 3 theory) • NUR 3130 Nursing Health Assessment and Lab (3 credits total: 2 theory/1 lab) • NUR 3115 Clinical Calculations (1 credit total: 1 theory)
<p>BSN Year 3 Semester 2</p> <p>16 Credits (4 Clinical)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUR 3210 Complex Nursing Pharmacology (3 credits total: 3 theory) • NUR 3200 Introduction to Adult and Geriatric Nursing Practice, Lab and Clinical (6 credits total: 2.5 theory/0.5 lab/3 clinical) • NUR 3220 Professional Nursing Practice II: Information Management, Healthcare Systems and Processes: Safety, Quality and Sustainability (3 credits total: 3 theory) • NUR 3240 Mental Health Nursing Practice and Clinical (4 credits total: 3 theory/1 clinical)
<p>BSN Year 4 Semester 1</p> <p>15 Credits (5 Clinical)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUR 4300 Advanced Adult and Geriatric Nursing Practice and Clinical (6 credits total: 3 theory/3 clinical) • NUR 4350 Pediatric Nursing Practice and Clinical (3 credits total: 2 theory/1 clinical) • NUR 4320 Professional Nursing Practice III: Research and Evidence Based Practice (3 credits total: 3 theory) • NUR 4360 Maternal Women's Health Nursing Practice & Clinical (3 credits total: 2 theory/1 clinical)
<p>BSN Year 4 Semester 2</p> <p>15 Credits (5 Clinical)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUR 4470 Leadership and Nursing Management (3 credits total: 3 theory) • NUR 4480 Community and Public Health Nursing (3 credits total: 3 theory) • NUR 4400 Complex Adult and Geriatric Nursing Practice (3 credits total: 3 theory) • NUR 4490 Senior Nursing Capstone Course and Clinical (6 credits total: 1 theory/5 clinical)

Appendix A



CMC Nursing Program Self Checklist-Fall 2024

This checklist is designed to serve as a guide for you. All documents must be uploaded in the online Application Checklist.

- _____ Colorado Mountain College General Admissions Application online located: <http://coloradomtn.edu/admissions/applying>
- _____ I have completed the online supplemental nursing application.
- _____ I have worked with the Assistant Director of Admissions for Nursing to create a pathway plan to ensure all of my prerequisite coursework will be completed appropriately. The pathway plan has been uploaded to my application checklist.
- _____ Date official college transcripts were requested: _____
(CMC will automatically generate CMC transcripts and current schedules for all applicants)
- _____ I understand that AP, IB, and CLEP credits will not be accepted by the nursing program.
- _____ I have submitted a chronological resume detailing education, related certifications, and work experience.
- _____ I have attached a copy of my current CPR certification or enrollment registration for upcoming class (American Heart Assoc. Healthcare Provider ONLY).
- _____ I have attached a copy of current, medically related certification(s), such as: CNA, MA, EMT, etc.
- _____ I have thoroughly read Appendix B “Nursing Programs Disqualifying Criminal Offenses Sheet” and have contacted the Program Director, Chief Nursing Officer with questions or concerns.
- _____ I have uploaded a **copy of my scores from the TEAS exam** within the past 2 years (as of February 15, 2024), no scores prior to February 15, 2022, will be accepted.
- _____ I have successfully completed the CASPer exam during the 2023-24 academic year.
- _____ I have uploaded my alternate acceptance letter included if chosen as an Alternate for a previous academic year.
- _____ I understand that once I am accepted to a campus location for the nursing program, I am unable to change my campus location for any reason.

Appendix B



Nursing Background Check

The clinical sites used in the nursing program require background checks of all potential interns. The purpose is to maintain a safe and productive educational and clinical environment. New students who refuse to comply with the background investigation will not be allowed to enter the nursing program. **An applicant will be disqualified from the nursing program based on the following guidelines:**

- Any *violent* felony convictions of homicide. (No time limit)
- Crimes of violence (assault, sexual offenses, arson, kidnapping, any crime against an at-risk adult or juvenile, etc.) as defined in section 18-1.3-406 C.R.S. in the 10 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any offense involving unlawful sexual behavior in the 10 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime, the underlying basis of which has been found by the court on the record to include an act of domestic violence, as defined in section 18-6-800.3 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime of child abuse, as defined in section 18-6-401 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime related to the sale, possession, distribution or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any felony theft crimes in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any misdemeanor theft crimes in the 5 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any offense of sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist, as defined in section 18-3-405.5 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Crimes of moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc.) in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application. □
- Registered Sex Offenders. (No time limit)
- Any offense in another state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the above offenses.
- More than one (1) D.U.I. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application. If the investigation reveals information that could be relevant to the application, the designated individual responsible for background checks may request additional information from the applicant. The offense shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Students who have successfully completed the terms of a deferred adjudication agreement will not be disqualified. If any applicant feels the criminal background check is inaccurate, they may appeal the decision and request a review with the specific community college applied at. It is the applicant's burden to produce substantial evidence that proves the crimes charged are incorrect.

If there are any findings from your fingerprint or background check results, you will need to meet with the Dean, School of Nursing to discuss those findings.

Appendix C



Everything You Need To Know About The ATI TEAS® Exam.

PREPARE AND PASS WITH CONFIDENCE.

What is the ATI TEAS?

The ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is designed to specifically assess a students' preparedness entering the health science fields. Most likely, you've been asked to take the TEAS as part of your basic admissions requirements for your nursing or allied health program. That's because studies show a consistent link between a student's performance on the TEAS and future academic success.

The ATI TEAS exam is comprised of 170 questions, 20 of which are unscored pretest items. Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform in class in the areas of: Reading, Math, Science and English and Language Usage.

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QUESTIONS

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MINUTES

How to register for TEAS at ATI - the remote version of the ATI TEAS:

Ready to register for TEAS at ATI – the remote version of the ATI TEAS?

Step 1: Visit atitesting.com/teas/register and create a user account.

*Please be sure to associate your account with your first-choice institution. As part of your TEAS Exam registration, a transcript of your TEAS results will be shared with the listed institution.

Step 2: You will see a screen with three registration options. Select the ATI (Remote proctored by ATI) option.

You will then be directed to the online store.

Step 3: Once you are in the online store, find the "Register For" section in the left-hand navigation and select TEAS at ATI.

Register for the online TEAS at ATI session that works best for your schedule.

Step 4: Check your email! Following registration, you will receive an email confirmation from ATI. This includes test information such as system requirements, and most importantly your TEAS Assessment / Product ID. This will be needed on test day.

Already have an account or looking for more detailed instructions? Visit atitesting.com/registration-guide

Needing advice on taking a remote proctored exam? [Learn more here](#).

READ MORE 

Learn more at
[atitesting.com/
teas-prep](https://atitesting.com/teas-prep)



How to prep for the ATI TEAS:

Study with ATI, the creator of the TEAS. No matter your study style and timeline, ATI has the materials and study packages to help you pass the exam the first time and earn the score you need.

ATI TEAS SmartPrep™ Tutorial

SmartPrep tests your knowledge upfront so you're able to study what you need to know in a focused manner. Includes over 650 review questions, 65 in-depth lessons – including concept videos, images, glossary and links to additional learning – and is proven to improve scores by 7.5%.

Online Practice Assessments

There are two different versions of our practice assessments available. Each test has 150 questions, paired with detailed rationales for right and wrong answers, and includes an end-of-assessment score report.

Study Manual

Study manual covering the four subject areas – Reading, Mathematics, Science and English & Language Usage – as well as 325 practice questions, unit quizzes consisting of 150 questions, and a full-length comprehensive practice test with an equating table to determine your preparedness.

Our study materials are meant to be used together.
See our study bundles and additional prep details on our website
www.atitesting.com/teas-prep



Appendix D

Casper Test Format & Length

Applicants for the 2023-2024 admission cycle

The new Casper test format includes both typed and video responses with a total of 14 scenarios divided into 6 video response scenarios followed by 8 typed response scenarios.

The entire test is expected to take 90-110 minutes to complete, and applicants will be presented with two optional breaks.

- an optional 10-minute break after the six scenarios in the video response section, and
- an optional 5-minute break after the first four typed response scenarios.

Video-based scenarios will proceed in the following order:

1. A prompt indicating your role in the following scene (e.g. “you are a friend”, “you are a colleague”, etc.)
2. A short video scenario
3. An optional 30-second reflection page for you to consider the scenario
4. A response page.

For the scenarios in the video response section, you will be presented with a set of two questions, one at a time, and you will have 1 minute each to record your answer.

The initial prompt indicated your role will be displayed again at the top of the page as a reminder and you will be given 10 seconds to read the question before recording starts.

Word-based scenarios will proceed in the following order:

1. A question or statement to consider
2. An optional 30-second reflection page for you to consider the statement
3. A response page.

For the scenarios in the typed response section, you will have 5 minutes to respond to a set of 3 questions.

We strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with the Casper test format in order to reduce test day anxiety and to ensure no technical issues prevent you from having a smooth test.

For more information please visit our [FAQ](#), [Test Prep](#), and [Resources](#) pages on the [Accuity Insights website](#).

****All responses must be answered using the appropriate medium (i.e. you cannot choose to record a video in the typed response section and vice versa). Speech-to-text software is not permitted, unless you have been pre-approved for [testing accommodations](#).***

Appendix E

Colorado Mountain College Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Admission/Selection Information Sheet

The Nursing Program uses an objective point system to select each class. Points are awarded for the following:

Selection Criteria	Description
Nursing Course Points	Completion of each general education and support course included in the program of study that is completed by the end of the fall semester prior to the application deadline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology courses receive more weight than other general education courses. • A grade of “C” or better required for all nursing curriculum courses.
Nursing GPA	A grade point average (GPA) is calculated based on the completion of all general education and support courses in the nursing curriculum.
CASPer	CASPer is an online test which assesses characteristics that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program.
TEAS Test	All applicants must have the results of a current TEAS test in their application packet. The test must have been taken within 24 months of the application deadline (Feb 15). Points are awarded based on the total composite score.
In-District/ Reapplying Applicants	We will recognize applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who qualify for in-district tuition status • Who have been an Alternate status in Nursing program in previous year’s application process
Degrees/ Related Health Certificates	Points are awarded for compensated, (non-volunteer) work experience of 6 months or longer, under a current health-care certification. We will recognize applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Who hold other degrees (AA, AS, AAS, BA, BS, and etc...) •Who hold a current health related certificate and who have worked 6 months or more in that field
College GPA	Though not included in the point calculations, applicants must hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.4 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

Appendix F: Sample Student Total Points Calculation 2024

1. Nursing Course Points	Program Admissions requirements completed before application submission deadline: 1 point each Gen Bio (Bio 1111) <u> 1 </u> Micro (Bio 2104) <u> 1 </u> A&P I (Bio 2101) <u> 1 </u> HG Dev (Psy 2440) <u> 1 </u> A&P II (Bio 2102) <u> </u>	General education courses completed before submission deadline: 1 point each Nut (HWE1050) <u> </u> Eng (Eng 1021) <u> 1 </u> Soc Sci elective <u> </u>	1. Nursing Course Points= 5 (Maximum=8 pts) Math at level Yes <u> x </u> No <u> </u>																																						
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