Thank you for your interest in Nebraska Methodist College’s Accelerated Nursing Program (ACE)

Nebraska Methodist College’s accelerated 12-month nursing program integrates the Educated Citizen Philosophy and a Population Health curriculum. The most important outcome for our students is they become licensed professional Registered Nurses (RNs) who provide safe, competent and compassionate care to people across the life span in a variety of settings.

We look forward to working with you as you begin your journey to becoming a nurse at Nebraska Methodist College.

Susie Ward, PhD, RN
Dean of Nursing
Nebraska Methodist College
Accelerated Nursing Program (ACE)

If you are a college graduate and want to become a BSN nurse and put it to good use at a faster-than-normal pace, try our Accelerated Nursing degree option.

Graduates are prepared to assume nursing careers as competent nurses and healthcare leaders. The success of our Accelerated BSN graduates with state board examinations (NCLEX) is testimony to our student success.

Program Highlights

• Designed to be completed in 12 months for students with a non-nursing degree who are looking to enter the nursing field quickly
• High-tech simulation labs and in-depth clinical experiences that allow students to gain confidence in their nursing skills
• Students enter the program with a cohort that allows for a sense of community as they complete this fast-paced, rigorous program
• Expert faculty with the experience and passion for nursing and teaching
• NMC Accelerated Nursing Program holds a 99% average NCLEX-RN pass rate over the past four years
• 98.4% of ACE graduates are employed within six months of graduation

Program Admissions Criteria

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

• Associate or Bachelor’s degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 from a regionally accredited institution
• Meet program technical standards
• Successful completion (C- or above) of the general education prerequisite courses and conferred degree by July prior to program start

Program Application Process

To be considered for admission, the following items must be submitted to the Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS):

• NursingCAS application - www.nursingcas.org
• Admissions essay
• Program/career awareness questionnaire
• Official transcripts from all colleges attended

We strongly suggest that you begin working on your application as early as possible and submit no later than two to three weeks before the published deadline. This will allow time for NursingCAS to verify transcripts and other submitted documents.

Application Deadlines

Application Deadline
Please refer to our website for updated deadline information.

Program Start Date
August
### ARTS & SCIENCES REQUIREMENTS

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**Bachelor's prepared students must meet the following additional prerequisite requirements:**

| Electives in an Arts & Science Division | 9 |

**Associate prepared students must meet the following additional prerequisite requirements:**

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All transfer credits will be evaluated. Transfer of credit is typically not available for courses that are shaded in gray.

† As a reminder, you do not need to have your prerequisites completed prior to the application deadline. If you are accepted into the program, it is contingent upon successful completion (C- or better) of the remaining prerequisites and conferred degree the December prior to program start.

### ACE COURSEWORK

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<td>NRS 201 Public Health Science</td>
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<td>COM 230/252** Language and Culture in Healthcare</td>
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<td>NRS 301 Healthcare Policy</td>
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<td>NRS 400/400C Population Health IV with Clinical</td>
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<td><strong>Summer Semester</strong></td>
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<td>NRS 402 Transition to Practice</td>
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<td>NRS 405 Healthcare Collaboration &amp; Leadership/Global Health</td>
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<td>NRS 410/410C Nursing Care of Special Populations with Clinical</td>
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<td>NRS 471/471P Senior Synthesis with Practicum</td>
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<td>SSC 465 Capstone: The Educated Citizen</td>
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**Total Credits** 69

Upon graduation, students are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam, which is consistent with nursing practice.
In order to learn and apply the vast amount of information to the nursing profession at an accelerated rate will require a great time commitment from you. The experienced faculty and staff will assist with your success by offering ACE focused seminars and suggestions to effectively manage time, but it is recommended to plan your life around a very rigorous schedule that will change every eight weeks based on course experiences and requirements. Past accelerated nursing students have described the time commitment to this program as equal to working two jobs.

Some of the commitments that will be asked of an accelerated ACE student includes, but not limited to:

- **Classroom Sessions:** Attending 4-8 hour long classroom sessions (will include breaks throughout the day). Classroom activities may include team-based activities, lectures, discussions, critical thinking strategies, demonstrations and return demonstrations, independent studies, and written assignments. These activities will require preparation before the start of the class time.

- **Clinical Experiences:** Students will complete clinical experiences each week. These experiences will range from 5-10 hour long shifts and may total 30 hours weekly. In order to be a safe entry level nurse, nursing students must have a certain amount of hours in patient care settings. Clinical experiences are required to pass each course. If clinical is missed because of illness or extenuating circumstances the student would be required to make up the time. Arriving on time is a professional standard in the nursing profession, tardiness is not tolerated. Hospital units’ availability may require students to attend evening and weekend clinical. Clinical experiences may begin as early as 6:30am and may end as late as 10:30pm.

- **Weekly Care Plans:** Students complete Client Profiles or Care Plans prior to the acute care or community clinical experience. This assignment can take about 4 hours to complete the day prior to the clinical experience.

- **Study Time:** Accelerated nursing students spend approximately 20-30 hours per week outside of classroom sessions, clinical experiences, and creating weekly careplans studying and completing necessary assignments.
NMC SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR ACCELERATED NURSING STUDENTS

UPFRONT MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS\(^2\)\(^3\) (No application required.)

\[\begin{align*}
\text{\$5,000} & \quad \text{GPA } \geq 3.6 \\
\text{\$4,000} & \quad \text{GPA } \geq 3.3 \\
\text{\$3,000} & \quad \text{GPA } \geq 3.0
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ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS\(^2\) (Application required. Deadline 12/7/2020.)

The Kathleen Montgomery ACE Scholarship provides an award of \$7,500 for one year (\$2,500 each term). One-half of the scholarships awarded each year will be based on academic merit and one-half based on demonstrated financial need as determined by the FAFSA.

Scholarship funding is limited and distributed based upon deposit date and FAFSA filing date. Complete the FAFSA and our scholarship application to be considered for this prestigious award.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES\(^2\)\(^3\)

- **HOSA Leadership Scholarship** - \$1,000 one-time award for active members of high school HOSA chapter
- **Legacy Grant** - \$2,000 one-time award for a sibling of a current NMC student, or a sibling or dependent child of an NMC alumnus
- **Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship** - \$1,000 one-time award for initiated members
- **United Methodist Church Member Award** - \$1,000 one-time award for active UMC congregation members

Talk with your Admissions Coordinator about other scholarship opportunities. Scholarship funding is limited and distributed based on deposit date and FAFSA filing date.

2020/2021 PROGRAM COSTS

The following estimates are for the entire 12-month program. Actual costs may vary by student based on purchase of new or used books, personal decisions and lifestyle choices.

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\text{\$42,070} & \quad \text{Tuition and Fees}^4 \\
\text{\$2,900} & \quad \text{Textbooks & Supplies}^4 \\
\text{\$0} & \quad \text{Parking}
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\[\text{\$44,970} \quad \text{Estimated Total}^5\]

\[\text{We continue to hold the line on tuition costs while giving students clear and upfront pricing.}\]

\(^1\) Based on a 4.0 GPA scale. All students must complete FAFSA to be eligible for any scholarships.
\(^2\) FAFSA must be submitted by June 1, in order to receive scholarships.
\(^3\) Award available upon verification.
\(^4\) Estimated costs are based on the former 15-month curriculum and prices in effect for the 2020-2021 academic year.
\(^5\) Estimated totals do not include room and board, transportation, or miscellaneous personal expenses.

For more information, please see NMC’s Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination and Title IX—Sexual Misconduct policies at www.methodistcollege.edu.
FINANCIAL AID
TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID:

Step 1
COMPLETE THE FAFSA online at fafsa.gov
NMC Code: 009937
- 2020-2021 FAFSA opens October 1, 2020
- FAFSA must be submitted by June 1, in order to receive NMC scholarships

Step 2
SUBMIT YOUR ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT to secure your seat in admitted program and NMC scholarships.

Step 3
GOT QUESTIONS? Contact your NMC financial aid representative for help.

FINANCIAL AID STATS
- NMC students receive more than $17 million annually in total financial aid (includes grants, scholarships, work-study & loans)
- 73% of students received financial aid during the 2017-18 school year
- NMC awards $3.7 million annually in scholarships & grants, including $2 million in institutional scholarships

WHO TO CALL
Have questions? We have answers!
Mike Evert, Financial Aid Counselor
(402) 354-7011
Programs: Traditional BSN, Medical Assistant
Kathryn Freed, Financial Aid Counselor
(402) 354-7238
Programs: Associate degree programs, RN to BSN, non-nursing BS programs, CT/MRI certificates, Accelerated BSN
Mark Araujo, Associate Director
(402) 354-7227
Programs: All graduate programs
Nebraska Methodist College’s Accelerated Community-Based Education Nursing Program (ACE)

Unofficial Prerequisite Courses and Description Guide – August 2021 Enrollment

*Tentative worksheet until finalized by the Registrar’s Office staff, if accepted into the program.

Completion of the following courses can be accomplished through enrollment (on campus or online) at an accredited university or community college. Applicants can be in the process of completing the prerequisites when applying to the program; however all admitted students must complete all prerequisites by the July prior to the program start.

Transfer Guides for various institutions are posted as a guide for students regarding prerequisite registration.

Complete this academic evaluation worksheet with the course name, ID # and institution. Once you have reviewed your coursework and determined what courses you might be deficient in and/or have questions related to, we would be happy to entertain a conversation or campus visit. This can be set up by contact Enrollment Services at admissions@methodistcollege.edu.

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<td>BIO 225</td>
<td>Human Anatomy with Lab</td>
<td>Human anatomy and physiology may be taken as separate courses or as a combined anatomy and physiology course. If anatomy and physiology is offered as a two- or three-part sequence (i.e., A &amp; P I and II), all courses in the sequence must be completed. Accompanying lab is required.</td>
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<td>BIO 226</td>
<td>Physiology with Lab</td>
<td>Human anatomy and physiology may be taken as separate courses or as a combined anatomy and physiology course. If anatomy and physiology is offered as a two- or three-part sequence (i.e., A &amp; P I and II), all courses in the sequence must be completed. Accompanying lab is required.</td>
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<td>BIO 240</td>
<td>Principles &amp; Concepts of Nutrition</td>
<td>This course in nutrition is designed for students to gain knowledge of the basic elements of nutrition, the nutrient needs in all age groups, and client teaching.</td>
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<td>BIO 281</td>
<td>Microbiology with Lab</td>
<td>This course is a study of the principles and application of microorganisms and their relationship to various disease processes. Includes a laboratory.</td>
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<td>PSY 101</td>
<td>Introduction/General Psychology</td>
<td>A broad and introductory course in general psychology is required.</td>
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<td>PSY 215</td>
<td>Developmental Psychology or Lifespan Development</td>
<td>All acceptable courses must cover the lifespan from conception through death and cover social, cognitive, emotional, and physical development.</td>
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<td>SSC 235</td>
<td>Introduction to Sociology of Culture or upper level (200+) Sociology course</td>
<td>This course explores the ways in which human beings make and remake the meaning of their social world through the production of culture.</td>
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<td>MAT 260</td>
<td>Introduction of Statistics</td>
<td>This course is designed to introduce students to the methods used in organizing, summarizing, analyzing and interpreting quantitative information.</td>
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<td>SSC 370</td>
<td>Principles of Research</td>
<td>A standalone research methods course is required that covers quantitative, qualitative and mixed method approaches. Additional knowledge about research designs, research ethics, library literature searches, data analysis, etc. is also essential.</td>
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<td>HUM 150</td>
<td><em>World of Ideas Humanities Elective</em></td>
<td>Some prefix ideas in those areas: ARTS, HUMS, THEA, ENGL, MUSC, THL, GEOG, PHIL, LIT.</td>
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<td><em>World of Ideas Humanities Elective</em></td>
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<td>HUM 270</td>
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<td>Must be a course from the history department.</td>
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<td>SSC 235</td>
<td><strong>The Sociology of Culture</strong></td>
<td>Typically an upper level 200+ SOC course, however some introductory courses have been accepted. Check transfer guides or submit course syllabi.</td>
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**Additional Notes**

- Students must earn a grade of C- or higher in order to fulfill prerequisite courses.
- One course cannot be used to satisfy more than one prerequisite.
- To review a full description of prerequisite course summaries, please visit [NMC’s website](#).
- For associate prepared students only: *At least one course in the 3 Humanities areas (HUM255) has to be in the History department. 2 HUM courses (HUM255 & HUM220 OR HUM270) can be another history course with HUM255, but all 3 HUM classes cannot be in history.**
- For associate prepared students only: **Replaces SSC235 – Introduction to Sociology requirement**
1. **What is your NCLEX-RN pass rate?**
   In the last ten years, *seven* ACE cohorts have all passed NCLEX on the first attempt. The overall pass rate average is 98%.

2. **Can I work during the program?**
   No. The rigorous pace of this full-time program makes any outside work inadvisable.
   ACE is a full time program on NMC’s campus. The program is generally M-F 8-5pm between class and lab, then additionally you can have clinical as early as 6:30am or as late as 10:30pm. Students study an average of 20-30 hours per week.

3. **What are the prerequisite course requirements:**
   There are different prerequisite requirements for those with a Bachelor degree vs an Associate degree: [see NMC Prerequisite Guide (pages 9-10)](#).

4. **Do my prerequisites have to be completed prior to the application deadline?**
   No. You do not need to have your prerequisites completed prior to the application deadline. You should have some math/sciences prerequisite courses completed because we evaluate a math and science GPA based on NMC’s prerequisites.

5. **Do you accept older coursework?**
   Yes, Nebraska Methodist College will accept older coursework. However, if a class exceeds 5 years we do encourage you to retake the course because information can change during that timeframe (especially for math and science courses as those are foundational for you to be successful in a nursing program). If a student determines they are comfortable with content in their older coursework, it is important to note they are responsible for their success in upper level courses.

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6. I think my course will meet the prerequisite requirement, but I’m not sure. How can I check?

We encourage you to review the ACE Prerequisite Guide (pages 9-10).

Transfer Guides for various institutions are posted online as a guide for students regarding prerequisites.

If you don’t see your course/school listed and feel the class meets the course objectives please submit the course syllabi and course description to your Recruitment and Admissions Coordinator. After a course is submitted for review, it can take up to 2 weeks for a final decision.

The best way to obtain a syllabi is to either contact your professor or the school’s Registrar’s Office.

7. How do I get an academic evaluation done?

We are happy to complete an academic evaluation for students who have started the application process via NursingCAS and completed the NMC ACE Prerequisite Guide.

Please submit the NMC Prerequisite Guide and all of your transcripts to the Admissions Office via email (admissions@methodistcollege.edu). Once we review your transcripts (unofficial copies from each individual institution you’ve attended) we can share an unofficial advising plan and talk through next steps.

**You need to submit each separate transcript to ensure your entire academic history is assessed for an evaluation.

8. Can I complete pathophysiology and pharmacology prior to starting the ACE program?

Students are encouraged to complete pathophysiology and pharmacology if possible prior to starting the ACE program. While these courses are included in the ACE curriculum, previous students have found it helpful to take these courses in advance of starting the program. NMC will offer these courses in the summer preceding the start of the program. Students must have A+P 1, A+P 2, Chemistry, and Microbiology completed before enrolling in pathophysiology and pharmacology.

It is also important to note that ACE courses taken early are not Federal Financial Aid eligible. Students can seek private loans and/or set up a pay agreement if necessary.

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9. **How much does the program cost and what about scholarships?**

   For tuition, fees, scholarships and estimated cost of attendance, please see page 5.

10. **How do I fill out the FAFSA?**

    The Accelerated BSN program is unique, so we’ve prepared a special guidance sheet to help you understand the costs, financing options, and FAFSA tips. The 2021-2022 FAFSA will open in October 2020. Once the 2021-2022 FAFSA is open we will share our guidance sheet with updated information.

11. **What if my first language is not English or I have received education outside of the US?**

    It is Nebraska Methodist College’s intent to set students up for success in the classroom and as future healthcare providers. Therefore, The English Proficiency Requirement applies to all individuals with educational records from outside of the United States or whose first language is not English, regardless of U.S. citizenship status or time spent in the United States. Please visit our website to learn about how English Language Proficiency can be demonstrated.

12. **Why are there multiple application deadlines?**

    The earlier deadlines ensure a student can be set up for success in advance. When students take advantage of the earlier deadlines they have access to prerequisite advising and scholarship updates.

    It is the College’s goal to fill a cohort with applicants from the posted deadlines. If seats remain unfilled after the posted deadlines, applicants can apply on a rolling basis until the cohort is full.

    Students are always encouraged to apply to the earlier deadlines unless they need to improve their cumulative GPA (minimum 2.75) or do not have enough math and science prerequisites completed to evaluate.

13. **Do you require a current CNA or CPR certification prior to enrollment?**

    No.

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14. **What does provisional acceptance mean?**

All students are provisionally accepted until NMC receives official documentation of successful completion (C- or better) in remaining prerequisites, conferred degree and maintained cumulative GPA of a 2.75 by the July prior to the program start.

15. **When will I know if I’m accepted?**

After the application deadline, you should know your admissions status within 6 weeks by phone call and/or letter.

16. **How and when do I get started?**

NMC’s Accelerated Nursing program only starts once a year in August. Please visit our program page for application deadlines. We strongly suggest that you begin working on your application in NursingCAS as early as possible and submit no later than 2-3 weeks before the published deadline. This will allow time for NursingCAS to verify transcripts and other submitted documents.

17. **Is NMC the right fit for me?**

Let’s find out! Contact our Recruitment and Admissions Coordinator to learn more about NMC and our ACE program: (402) 354-7200 or admissions@methodistcollege.edu
1. **Where do I apply?**

   NMC only accepts applications through [NursingCAS.org](https://nursingcas.org). We do not have an additional internal application or fee.

2. **Where do I send my transcripts and application materials?**

   All application materials and official transcripts need to be sent to [NursingCAS: Transcript Process](https://nursingcas.org/transcript-process). NMC will not accept your official transcripts for the program application process because all application materials are processed through NursingCAS.

3. **I’m experiencing an issue with my application, can you help?**

   To receive assistance with your NursingCAS application, please contact their Customer Service line at 617-612-2880 or email at: [nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org](mailto:nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org)

4. **If I haven’t completed a prerequisite course yet, what do I indicate on the application?**

   If you have not completed a prerequisite, indicate the intended course and start date on NursingCAS.

5. **Can you tell me the status of my application?**

   NMC does not have access to your application until it has been submitted for review. You are responsible for monitoring and ensuring the progress of your application via NursingCAS.

6. **Do you require letters of recommendation?**

   No.

7. **Do I have to enter in all my college coursework into NursingCAS?**

   No. NMC only requires you to enter in your prerequisite coursework, not every college course taken.