



Xavier–Rush University College of Nursing Preferential Admission Program

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Xavier University of Louisiana and Rush University College of Nursing in Chicago have established the Preferential Admission Program whereby Rush will offer admission into the [Master's Entry in Nursing \(MSN\) for Non-Nurses: Clinical Nurse Leader Program](https://www.rushu.rush.edu/college-nursing/programs-admissions/masters-entry-nursing-msn-non-nurses) for up to 2 (two) qualified Xavier applicants for entry in the fall and up to two (2) qualified Xavier applicants for entry in the spring. The program prepares students for nursing leadership roles and advanced education in nursing (e.g. nurse practitioner, nurse anesthesia, etc.). Visit <https://www.rushu.rush.edu/college-nursing/programs-admissions/masters-entry-nursing-msn-non-nurses> for additional program details.

The College of Nursing has dedicated financial need and merit scholarships for diverse and underrepresented students in nursing. Students will be eligible for diversity scholarships if they are Black or African-American, Hispanic, American Indian or Alaska Native, specific Asian populations or male (groups underrepresented in nursing) or from financially disadvantaged backgrounds. An individual from a financially disadvantaged background is defined as one who comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the consumer price index (CPI), and adjusted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services for use in health professions and nursing programs.

In order to be reviewed by Rush for admission via the Preferential Admission Program, XU applicants must first apply for endorsement/recommendation by the Premedical Office. Xavier students who wish to be considered for entry into Rush via the Preferential Admission Program must submit the Endorsement Application to the Premedical Office by June 15th (if applying to enter the nursing school in the following spring semester) and by November 15th (if applying to enter the nursing school in the following fall semester). Further, the NursingCAS application, with Rush designated, must be submitted no later than the application deadline detailed in the "Admissions" section at <https://www.rushu.rush.edu/college-nursing/programs-admissions/masters-entry-nursing-msn-non-nurses>. The NursingCAS application is available at <https://www.nursingcas.org>.

Applicants seeking admission into Rush University College of Nursing through the Preferential Admission Program must meet the following requirements:

- Overall cumulative GPA: 3.0 minimum GPA (on 4.0 scale); Prerequisite science courses (listed below) GPA: 3.0 minimum GPA (on 4.0 scale)
- Recommendation/Endorsement from XU's Premedical Office
- Acceptable personal interview with RUSH faculty
- Acceptable GRE scores *if cumulative GPA is less than 3.00 (GRE is NOT required if cumulative GPA is ≥ 3.00)*
- Acceptable TOEFL scores, if required (Test of English as Foreign Language)
- A completed application must be submitted to NursingCAS by the application deadline for the term of entry (NursingCAS due by August for students who hope to enter the nursing school in the following Spring semester; NursingCAS due by early January for students who hope to enter the nursing school in the following Fall semester)
- **By the Rush U College of Nursing NursingCAS application deadline**, student must have completed all of the prerequisite courses at XU or another 4-year college or university with a "C" or better (one prerequisite course from a community college will be accepted, provided the student earned a "C" or better in the course).

- **At the time of matriculation into Rush College of Nursing**, student must be a graduate of XU, have a minimum of three (3) years from XU OR have at least two (2) years of credit from XU, and have completed ALL of the prerequisite courses.

Prerequisite Courses

- One (1) semester of Chemistry with lab (any general chemistry, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, or biochemistry course with lab are all acceptable to meet the requirement)
- Two (2) semesters of Human Anatomy & Physiology (Human Anatomy & Physiology I and Human Anatomy & Physiology II OR Human Anatomy and Human Physiology)
- Microbiology with lab

Please note: All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better prior to Rush’s NursingCAS admissions deadline. At least 3 of the 4 prerequisites must be completed at XU or another four-year college or university. An applicant who takes more than 1 prerequisite course at a community college will not be eligible for consideration via the Preferential Admission Program.

How does an XU student apply for the program? Students interested in the program and who meet the qualifications listed above must do the following well in advance of submitting the Premed Office Endorsement Application for the Preferential Admission Program:

- Submit nursing school Personal Statement, Post-Secondary Experience Form, and EAP Essay to the Premed Office for review and revise and re-submit, as needed, well in advance of Endorsement Application due date (June 15th if applying to enter nursing school the following spring semester and November 15th if applying to enter nursing school the following fall semester);
- Collect letters of evaluation specific to nursing school from three (3) faculty members (2 BCPM, 1 non-science BCPM) and request to have them submitted to the Premedical Office by the Endorsement Application due date;
- Complete the online Endorsement Application, available at <https://my.xula.edu/groups/34/feed> under “Resources/Forms”;
- Submit your endorsement application, critiqued/revised personal statement, critiqued/revised post-secondary experience form, and other required items to the PM Office **NO LATER THAN** June 15th (for spring entry) or November 15th (for fall entry); also, ALL evaluations and your XU unofficial transcript are due in the PM Office by June 15th (for spring entry) or November 15th (for fall entry).

NOTE: XU alumni who apply must do so with no more than twelve (12) months lapsing between graduating from XU and matriculation at Rush.

What happens to applications after they are submitted to the Premed Office? Following the endorsement application deadline (June 15th for spring entry and November 15th for fall entry), the Premed Office will review all applications and then choose qualified students to recommend to the admissions committee at Rush for the Preferential Admission Program. It is IMPERATIVE that the email address you check DAILY is on file in the Premed Office since further instructions will be forwarded to applicants by email.

If you are recommended/endorsed by the Premedical Office, you will need to complete the NursingCAS application, designating Rush as a school on the application, and submit NursingCAS by the deadline specified on Rush’s MSN for Non-Nurses Program website. Upon submission of the NursingCAS application, the admissions committee at Rush will consider endorsed students for interviews. After the interviews have been completed, Rush will offer admission into the [Master’s Entry in Nursing \(MSN\) for Non-Nurses: Clinical Nurse Leader Program](#) for up to 2 (two) qualified Xavier applicants for entry in the fall and up to two (2) qualified Xavier applicants for entry in the spring.