

HOPE COLLEGE



Hope College Nursing Department Student Policy

POLICY #101 – PRE-ACCEPTANCE OF EXCEPTIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM

1. Exceptional high school graduates interested in pursuing a degree in nursing are eligible for pre-acceptance to the nursing program at Hope College. In order to qualify for pre-acceptance a student must meet the following criteria:
 - Acceptance to Hope College
 - ACT score equal to or greater than 28 or SAT critical reading score plus math score equal to or greater than 1260

2. Application for pre-acceptance to the nursing major must be submitted to the Hope College Nursing Department by February 15 of the student's senior year in high school. Requirements for the application include:
 - Application form
 - A "Goal Statement Essay" stating your potential as a nursing student and your long-term professional goals as a nurse. Please give examples of the following factors: critical thinking, caring, communication, and other personal characteristics. The essay must be formatted in Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-spaced, and no more than 500 words.
 - Two references from two professional people (non-family). One must be from a high school science teacher.
 - Application and reference forms for pre-acceptance to the nursing program may be obtained from the Hope College Department of Nursing website: <http://www.hope.edu/academic/nursing/>
 - A copy of the student's high school transcript, including grade point average (GPA) and ACT or SAT exam scores will be provided to the Nursing Department by the Hope College Admissions Office.

3. Qualification and completion of application does not guarantee pre-acceptance into the nursing major. Probability of pre-acceptance will be influenced by the total number of applicants and their qualifications.

Exceptional high school students will be notified of pre-acceptance by March 15 of their high school senior year.

4. Pre-acceptance to the nursing program and continuation in the nursing program is contingent on passing a criminal background (fingerprint) check as a college freshman (Policy # 126 in the Hope College Nursing Department Student Handbook). The criminal background check will be completed at the same time as other students who are accepted into the nursing major in the spring semester of their freshman year. This background check must be completed before beginning nursing major courses in the fall of the sophomore year.
5. Students who are awarded pre-acceptance status must meet the following criteria by February 1 of the freshman year at Hope College:
 - Cumulative Hope College GPA of at least 3.50
 - GPA for each completed Hope College natural science course of at least 3.30
 - Completion of one required pre-requisite natural science course
 - Enrollment in or completion of an additional pre-requisite natural science course
 - Enrollment in or completion of one pre-requisite social science course

Students who do not maintain each of the above standards will lose pre-acceptance status but may apply to the nursing program with all other potential applicants on February 1st of their freshmen year.
6. After February 1 of the freshmen year at Hope, pre-accepted students must meet the same progression criteria as all other nursing major students as described in Policy #105 (Student Progression) in the Hope College Nursing Department Student Handbook.

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HOPE COLLEGE NURSING DEPARTMENT

Student Reference Form

Return reference forms to the Hope College Department of Nursing (See address below)

Under the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, this applicant (if admitted and enrolled) will have access to the information provided below unless he/she has waived such access.

(Applicant complete top section)

Name of Applicant: _____

_____ (Date)

(Optional) I hereby waive my right of access to the material recorded below.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Person providing reference complete section below)

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

In completing this form, please rate the applicant in comparison to the other students or employees you have known. All completed forms will be treated confidentially.

Outstanding Satisfactory Needs improvement Unsatisfactory No basis for judgement

	<i>Outstanding</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Needs improvement</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>No basis for judgement</i>
Caring: compassionate, empathetic Comments:					
Critical Thinking: goal directed, creative, utilize a problem solving process Comments:					
Communication: Demonstrates effective speaking, writing, & listening skills Comments:					
Leadership: Additional strengths and attributes (for example, dedication honesty, integrity, organizational skills, emotional maturity.) Comments:					

(Printed Name)

(Address)

(Position)

(Telephone)

Signature _____

Date _____

Return to: Hope College Nursing Department
 Attention: Nursing Department Chairperson
 35 E. 12th Street
 Holland, MI 49423-3698