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KIRKHOF COLLEGE OF NURSING

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER



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ACADEMIC ADVISING

Your academic advisor is available to address your schedule questions, discuss application requirements, direct you to campus resources, and talk about opportunities at Grand Valley.

Phone, virtual, and in-person appointments in Allendale and Grand Rapids are available through the Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 semester.

[Schedule an Appointment](#)



NURSING APPLICATION

APPLICATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

The Traditional Nursing Program application will open at **8:00 AM on January 1st and close at 5:00 PM on January 8th** for admission into the Fall semester (August 2024).

The Second-Degree Nursign Program applicaton will open at **8:00 AM on January 1st and close at 5:00 PM on January 8th** for admission into the Summer semester (May 2024).

The Kirkhof College of Nursing's Office of Student Services is hosting two application preparation sessions:

- **Tuesday, December 5th at 5:00 PM via Zoom**
 - Zoom Link: <https://gvsu-edu.zoom.us/j/4853510857?pwd=MkFGWkozSTZNL0p5b2U4eUpHY0U5QT09>
- **Wednesday, December 6th at 3:00 PM in-person, Kirkhof Center, room 2204, Allendale Campus**

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to check out our application preparation website or meet with an advisor in an individual appointment to learn more.

[Click here for the application preparation & advice website](#)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met in order to submit an application to the nursing program in January:

- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher (including all non-GVSU courses)
- Admission pre-requisite GPA of 3.0 or higher
- An earned grade of 'C' (not C-) or higher in all pre-requisite courses
- Adhered to the KCON repeat policy that allows students to repeat three pre-requisite courses (only two of those courses can be BIO, BMS, or CHM). No required course may be repeated more than once.

Contact your academic advisor if you have any questions about your eligibility.

HOW TO PREPARE: MONTHLY TIP

The application consists of four components: (1) GPA, (2) Student Profile, (3) Personal Statement, and (4) Interview. The Personal Statement and Student Profile are available to download well before the application opens each semester.

Download these two documents and work on them in advance. This will give you plenty of time to brainstorm your thoughts, ask your academic advisor questions, and have things reviewed by faculty, the writing center, family, etc.

It's important to dedicate time and energy to filling out these documents so that they are truly representative of you, your experiences, and your readiness for the program.

GETTING INVOLVED & GAINING EXPERIENCE

GET INVOLVED

Looking for ways to get involved in your community or gain healthcare experience? Check out these resources to find opportunities:

- [GVSU Events Calendar](#)
- Login to [Laker Link](#) and join organizations like Pre-Nursing Association, Student Nurses Association, Graduate Student Association, and other service & advocacy groups on campus.
- Check out the [Community Service Learning Center](#) website for volunteer and service opportunities.
- Log in to [Handshake](#) and search for jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

Find more opportunities online here

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Begin searching for scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year NOW. The majority of scholarship deadlines fall between **February 15th and March 1st**.

- Sign in to the [myScholarships](#) database to search all GVSU-specific scholarships. *The keyword "nursing" will bring up all nursing-specific scholarships.*

FINANCIAL AID

If you have questions about covering the cost of tuition for the Winter 2024 semester, don't hesitate to reach out to the [Office of Financial Aid & Scholarship](#) or [Student Accounts](#) to learn about your opportunities:

Financial Aid & Scholarship

finaid@gvsu.edu

616-331-3234

Student Accounts

studenta@gvsu.edu

616-331-2209

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

FALL SEMESTER DATES

December 9 - Classes End

December 9 - Commencement

December 9 through 16 - Exam Week

December 21 - Grades available to students

December 22 through January 2 - University is closed

Full Fall 2023 semester calendar [online here](#).

TUTORING RESOURCES

Schedule an [individual 50-minute tutor session](#) for classes like BIO 120, CHM 109, CHM 230, BMS 250, STA 215, PSY 101, BMS 212, and more!

You can also use [drop-in tutoring](#) sessions for the following departments:

- Biology
- Anatomy
- Chemistry
- Statistics

[How to access individual and drop-in tutoring sessions](#)

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