

# Benefits of NursingCAS

The Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs

## Schools and Users

- Provide staff involved in the admissions process with secure, on-line access to track progress of their applicants and view application details in real-time.
- Ability for faculty to review candidates online.
- Increase exposure to a larger applicant pool, including applicants from minority populations.
- Helps direct students to open seats in participating programs.
- No cost for schools or programs.
- Streamline the admissions process and reduce administrative tasks by refocusing of current resources on higher level interaction with applicants.
- Schools/programs receive verified and standardized applicant information for easier review (letters of recommendation, test scores, international transcripts).
- Allows schools to customize the information received from applicants to various entry-level and graduate nursing programs.
- Allows schools to track where applicants reside.
- Provide program-specific U. S. and profession-wide statistical reports on applicants.
- Provide Web and dedicated phone support to admissions officers and their applicants.
- Provides opportunities to share best practices among member programs.

## Visit:

- » <http://aacn.nche.edu/nursingcas>
- » <http://www.nursingcas.org>



## What is the Nursing Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS)?

Nursing's Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS) allows applicants to use a single online application and one set of materials to apply to multiple nursing programs at participating schools.

### How It Works:

1. Research Programs of Interest
2. Apply to Selected Programs
3. Submit Supporting Materials
  - Transcripts
  - References
  - Personal Statements
  - Supporting Documents (example: resume)
  - Licensure and Certification Data
  - Education History
  - Professional Experience

The application is submitted through the centralized application service designed to make available electronically applicant data to staff involved in the admissions process.

Applicants pay a nominal fee to use the service:

### Undergraduate Programs

First Program	\$45
Each Additional Program	\$30

### Graduate Programs

First Program	\$65
Each Additional Program	\$35

A new version of NursingCAS opened on  
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## Benefits to the Applicants

- A convenient and efficient process to apply to multiple schools using a single Web-based application.
- A comprehensive online checklist and instructions to help applicants easily navigate through the application.
- Eliminate the need and costs associated with duplicate application data, letters of reference, and transcripts for those applying to more than one school.
- Provide applicants with real-time status to check the receipt of their applications, transcripts, and letters of reference.
- A single online resource to research and compare different schools using comparative data.
- A seamless and integrated letters of reference process (electronic).
- Robust application validation rules that reduce unintended applicant errors and omissions.
- Dedicated and knowledgeable NursingCAS support staff available throughout the application cycle.



## Benefits to the Health Profession Advisors

- Provide advisors with a secure Web portal that identifies status information on individual applicants from their institutions, pending authorization from the individual applicant releasing this information.
- The use of a single application for multiple schools helps advisors to better guide applicants through the admissions process.
- Have an impact in promoting the profession among advisors and foster good will in providing the advisors real-time data on their applicants.
- Provide feedback to advisors on the admissions trends and standards of the profession and their programs.

## Benefits to the Profession

- Compile accurate statistics on the profession: Number of applicants, designations, feeder schools, matriculation and applicant pool profile (ethnicity, demographic, geographic, and economic).
- Assist in developing workforce projections, future trends, and recruitment strategies based on accurate set of data.
- Assist in managing career development and minority recruitment.
- Compare and assess the statistical data with other professional applicant pools.
- Win-win process that benefits all constituents and enables the association to provide a higher level of service to members.

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