

### Information for Applicants to Nursing Programs

### About:

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.

### Goals:

- Streamline the application process for prospective students.
- Maximize capacity in schools of nursing and fill all available seats.
- Help direct applicants to available seats in participating schools. In 2014, 75,000 qualified applicants were turned away from nursing schools even though 14,000 seats were unfilled.

### 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**

# Nursing **CAS** The Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs

## A Career in Nursing

Registered Nurses (RNs) comprise the largest group of health professionals with approximately 3.1 million licensed providers. RNs offer essential care to patients in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, community or public health areas, schools, workplaces, and home care. Nurses with graduate degrees may practice autonomously as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) - including certified nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists - nurse faculty, nurse researchers, nurse administrators, and public health nurses.

The services they provide are linked directly to the availability, cost, and quality of healthcare services. The contributions made by the practice and science of nursing are significant, and help to improve the quality of America's healthcare system.

## The Demand for Nurses

The Department of Labor projects that the number of RNs will grow from 2.74 million in 2010 to 3.45 million in 2020, an increase of 712,000 or 26%. With almost 500,000 RNs expected to retire within the next 10 years, the total number of job openings for nurses due to growth and replacements is 1.2 million by 2020.

## The Benefits of Applying through NursingCAS

- Cuts down on the time and costs associated with duplicate applications, data entry, letters of reference, transcripts, and supporting materials for those applying to more than one school by using a single online application.
- Enables you to check your status online or on your smart phone 24/7 to track the receipt of your application, transcripts and references.
- Provides a single, online resource to research schools offering • different types of nursing programs.
- Gives you access to dedicated NursingCAS support staff • available throughout the application cycle to answer your questions.
- Each program has a dedicated homepage that provides clear direction on admissions requirements, including pre-requisite coursework, deadline, etc.

#### NursingCAS Applicant Support Hours:

Monday - Thursday from 9:00am-7:00pm ET and Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm ET



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