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I. Mission, Vision and Values

This policy reflects our commitment to human dignity, integrity, compassion, stewardship, and service by guiding decisions and actions that uphold respect for all individuals and promote excellence in our work.

This policy aligns with our mission of extending the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of our communities and providing good help to those in need, especially the poor, dying, and underserved by ensuring that our practices support ethical, effective, and accountable service across all areas of the organization.

II. Policy

Nursing Admission

III. Purpose

This policy describes the admission requirements for prospective students to be admitted to Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing (BSMCON), a department operated and controlled by the Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center.

IV. Scope

This policy applies to all prospective students seeking admission to BSMCON.

V. Policy Details

Policy Statement:

To be eligible for admission to the College of Nursing in any published year, the application and all required materials must be received by the published deadlines on the College website.

Admission to nursing programs at BSMCON occurs as published and may include pre-licensure, post-licensure, and graduate-entry pathways. Admission materials for each program define specific deadlines, processes, and review committees involved. The Office of Admissions submits all qualified applicants to the Admission and Progression Committee for decision and approval.

All students must adhere to the College Admission Policy (ADM 3.11).

All students must attest to possessing the following Essential Skills and Competencies for Distance Education courses:

- Basic computer skills including, but not limited to:
 - Ability to communicate following rules of netiquette;
 - Ability to conduct web searches;
 - Ability to download/upload files;
 - Ability to communicate and collaborate asynchronously
- Basic reading and writing skills
- Time management and goal setting skills dedicated to prioritizing course work
- Ability to learn from text and multimedia
- Problem solving skills
- Willingness to seek support

Admission into the College of Nursing is competitive. An applicant who meets all requirements is not guaranteed acceptance to the program.

For transfer credit guidelines refer to policy ADM 3.10.

Once a student is offered admission to the program, the following are other requirements that must be completed before a student will be allowed to attend classes:

- Complete "New Student Orientation" per program specifications
- Complete the Online Readiness module
- Attend a Curriculum Planning session –per program specifications.
- Submit clinical compliance requirements as stated in policy ACA 1.03.

Baccalaureate Programs:

Pre-Licensure BSN Program Admission Requirements

- Graduation from an accredited high school or General Educational Development (GED) certificate. The admission office will confirm all students' transcripts arrive from a high school with a CEEB code, as well as the high school seal and/or signature. If a transcript is from a high school that lacks a CEEB code or seal/signature, the admission office will investigate to confirm the school is recognized by the state department of education or home school association (see link below). If a diploma is determined invalid, a GED may be required for admission consideration.

To search the U.S. Department of Education's Database of Schools, visit the following link below:

<https://www.nacacnet.org/knowledge-center/professional-standards/compliance-center/verification-of-high-school-completion/>

- Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or greater in the general education course requirements. Provision of official transcripts from high school, high school diploma or GED program certificate and all post-secondary schools/colleges/universities attended.
- Notice to the College of any convictions or present indictment for any felony or misdemeanor offense other than traffic violations that have not been expunged.

- Completion of 46 general education credits toward the BSN degree (refer to policy ADM 2.07). For transfer credit guidelines refer to policy ADM 3.10.
- Short Answer Essay(s) are required according to specific guidelines.

Graduates from the Christopher Newport University, College of William and Mary, George Mason University, James Madison University, Longwood University, Mary Washington University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, Randolph-Macon College, University of Richmond, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia State University, and Virginia Union University with a 3.0 GPA or higher and a B in the required pre-requisite courses will have guaranteed admission based on space availability. .

Post-Licensure RN-BSN Program Admission Requirements

- Guaranteed admission to all applicants that meet the following requirements:
 - Graduation from an accredited college or university; either diploma or associate degree.
 - Provision of official transcripts from high school, high school diploma or GED program certificate and all post-secondary schools/colleges/universities attended.
 - Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or greater in the general education course requirements.
 - Valid unrestricted license to practice registered nursing in the U.S.
 - Complete a minimum of 24 of the 46 required general education credits (refer to policy ACA 3.03) to include:
 - Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
 - Microbiology (3-4 credits)
 - Anatomy & Physiology (6-8 credits)
 - College Math (3 credits) – *Statistics Recommended*
 - English Comp I & II
 - If fewer than 46 credits are completed prior to admission, the student must take the remaining credits of general education at BSMCON. Any exceptions to general education credits as outlined by the Cluster Model (refer to policy ADM 2.07) are at the discretion of the Program Chair and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Graduate Programs

Direct-Entry Pre-Licensure Program Admission Requirements (DE-MSN)

This section applies to applicants with a non-nursing bachelor's degree seeking initial RN licensure through a graduate-entry program.

- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA in a completed bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Completion of required college-level prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better.
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Microbiology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & II
 - College Math – *Statistics Recommended*
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.

Guaranteed Admission:

Applicants from approved institutions are eligible for guaranteed admission, pending space availability with:

- A 3.0 GPA in the bachelor's degree
- A grade of "B" or higher in all required prerequisite courses

Approved Institutions for Guaranteed Admission:

Christopher Newport University, College of William and Mary, George Mason University, James Madison University, Longwood University, Mary Washington University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, Randolph-Macon College, University of Richmond, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia State University, and Virginia Union University

VI. Definitions

None

VII. Attachments

None

VIII. Related Policies

ACA 1.03 Clinical Compliance Requirements
 ACA 3.03 General Education Requirements
 ADM 3.10 Transfer Credits
 ADM 3.11 College Admissions/Readmissions

IX. Regulatory Notices

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing (BSMCON) and any party. BSMCON, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

X. Version Control

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This policy/procedure/guideline is not intended to establish a standard of clinical or non-clinical care or practice. Rather, this policy/procedure/guideline creates a general tool to help guide decision-making with the understanding that different action(s) may be necessary in response to the totality of the circumstances presented.

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