## Incoming College of Health Sciences Professional Nursing Candidate Requirements Agreement



**Concordia University Chicago | Division of Nursing** 

The intent of the Concordia University-Chicago Nursing program is to prepare students to actively balance the art and science of nursing by thinking critically, communicating effectively, working collaboratively on patient-centered teams, and performing indicated therapeutic nursing interventions safely, while applying an ethical perspective to decision making that respectfully considers the individual beliefs, values, and customs of each person. Through robust didactic, clinical, and simulated educational opportunities, students will meet the eligibility requirements necessary to successfully gain licensure as a registered nurse generalist (RN) through completion of the National Council State Board of Nursing Examination (NCLEX-RN).

The CUC nursing program will be delivered over three undergraduate academic years beginning in the fall semester of the sophomore year and consist of two parts:

Pre-Professional phase beginning in the fall of sophomore year, offering admission to students who feel a calling to the vocation of nursing.

Professional phase which will require an application for admission, commence in the fall of the student's junior year, and continue through the senior year.

## Undergraduate requirements to apply to the Division of Nursing Professional Nursing Education Phase:

- Attendance at all required orientation meetings (dates and times will be sent to you)
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher from all academic institutions
- Successful completion of pre-professional phase courses with a grade of C or higher
  - o NRG 2100 Foundations of Nursing Practice
  - NRG 2120 Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical and Simulated Learning
  - NRG 2340 Health Assessment and Promotion
  - NRG 2341 Health Assessment and Promotion Lab
  - NRG 2350 Pathophysiology
- Successful completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) provided by Assessment Technologies
  Institute (ATI) "TEAS" with a cumulative score of 68%
- Submission of a clear Criminal Background check performed by Castle Branch
- Submission of a negative 10 panel Drug Screen preformed through a vendor chosen by Castle Branch
- Required prerequisite courses completed with a grade of C of better:
  - CHE 2200 Fundamentals of Chemistry
  - BIO 2500 Microbiology
  - BIO 2700 Anatomy and Physiology for Clinical Practice I OR BIO 2111 Anatomy and Physiology I
  - o BIO 2800 Anatomy and Physiology for Clinical Practice II OR BIO 2111 Anatomy and Physiology II
  - o PSY 2100 Developmental Psychology: Life Span
  - PSY 2310 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences OR MAT 2200 Statistics

Applications for admission to the Professional Phase of the Nursing education program will be accepted in the spring of the student's sophomore year.