Benefits of NursingCAS

Benefits to Schools and Users

• Provides a free cloud-based admissions software to all member schools to ensure business continuity and uninterrupted workflow.

• Provides your admissions staff with secure, online access to applicant data in real-time.

• Ability for your faculty to review candidates online.

• You gain exposure to a larger applicant pool, including from underrepresented populations.

• Helps direct students to open seats in participating programs.

• No cost for schools or programs.

• Refocus your resources on higher level interactions with applicants by streamlining the admissions process.

• You receive verified and standardized applicant information for easier review (references, test scores, transcripts).

• Allows you to customize the information you receive from applicants.

• Provides a robust automated communications tool.

• Provides program-specific and profession-wide reports on applicants.

• Provides web, chat, and phone support to your admissions officers and their applicants.

• Provides opportunities for you to share best practices among other member programs.

What is NursingCAS?

Nursing’s Centralized Application Service 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
   • Licensure and Certification Data
   • Education History
   • Professional Experience

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

Applicants pay a nominal fee to use the service (2020-2021 cycle):

**Undergraduate Programs:**
First Program $55
Each Additional Program $40

**Graduate Programs:**
First Program $75
Each Additional Program $45

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Benefits to Applicants

- A convenient and efficient process to apply to multiple schools using a single web-based application.
- Comprehensive instructions to help applicants easily navigate application.
- Eliminates time and costs associated with duplicate applications, references, and transcripts.
- Provides applicants with a real-time status to check the receipt of their applications, transcripts, and letters of reference.
- A single online resource to research different schools using comparative data.
- A seamless electronic letters of reference process.
- Robust validation rules that reduce unintended applicant errors and omissions.
- Dedicated and knowledgeable support staff available throughout the application cycle.

Benefits to Health Profession Advisors

- Provides advisors with a secure portal that identifies status information on individual applicants from their institutions, pending authorization from the applicant.
- The use of a single application for multiple schools helps advisors to better guide applicants through the admissions process.
- Helps to promote the profession and foster good will among advisors by providing them with real-time data on their applicants.
- Provides feedback to advisors on the admissions trends and standards of the profession and their programs.

Benefits to the Profession

- Compiles accurate statistics on the profession such as number of applicants, feeder schools, matriculation and applicant pool profile.
- Assists in developing workforce projections, future trends, and recruitment strategies through accurate data.
- Assists in managing pipeline development and underrepresented applicant recruitment.
- Compares and assesses statistical data with other professional applicant pools.
- Win-win process that benefits all constituents and enables AACN to provide a higher level of service to members.

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