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General Undergraduate Admissions

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for admission into the undergraduate programs of the College.

POLICY

Applicants to undergraduate programs must meet all admission requirements of the desired program.

PROCEDURE

Applications are evaluated when all required documents are received by the Admissions Office, and admission is based upon individual undergraduate program criteria.

The College does not practice or condone discrimination in any form as described in the Non-Discrimination Policy.

Acceptance Process

Applicants for Bachelors programs with limited enrollment must meet the requirements identified below by May 31st.

Applicants are evaluated first based on their GPA in pre-requisite courses. In situations where the pre-requisite GPAs are the same, the College will admit applicants according to the following priorities:

- Priority One: Freshmen and Transfer Freshmen from Culver-Stockton College(CSC) and Quincy University (QU)
 - Freshman and Transfer Freshman are defined as a first time student or transfer

student who has not completed the required pre-requisite courses at the time of initial application to the partner college.

- Priority Two: Direct Transfer applicants
 - Direct Transfer is defined as applicants who apply directly to the College without entering a partner institution.
- Priority Three: Transfer Sophomores from Culver-Stockton College (CSC) and Quincy University (QU)
 - Transfer Sophomore is defined as a student who has completed the required pre-requisite courses at the time of initial application to the partner college.

The College in its discretion may consider other factors in alignment with the mission of the College and consistent with applicable law, such as cumulative GPA, interest in and commitment to degree field, work/ volunteer/ leadership/ life experience, extracurricular activities, maturity, and references.

Requirements for Individual Programs

Associate of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology (conferred solely through the College)

This program begins each summer semester.

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application to the Admissions Office
 - Submit official transcripts from all secondary higher education institutions attended
- Admissions Requirements
 - 34 credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - Fundamentals of Public Speaking (Speech)
 - English Composition I
 - Ethics
 - History, Literature, or Fine Arts
 - College Algebra or Statistics
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
 - Microbiology & Lab
 - General Chemistry
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Cumulative and pre-requisite Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography(DMS)

This program begins each fall semester.

First-Time Freshman (conferred in partnership with Culver-Stockton College and Quincy University)

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Culver-Stockton College (CSC) or Quincy University (QU)
 - Submit official high school transcripts to CSC or QU
- Admissions Requirements- First-time freshmen are admitted into the following categories based on high school GPA:
 - Freshman DMS Major
 - 3.0 or higher high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Freshman Pre-DMS
 - Below a 3.0 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Sophomore Level- Prior to progression to the sophomore level sonography courses, all freshmen must meet the following criteria before classes begin (see College calendar for specified deadlines):
 - Freshman year cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20* credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
 - College Algebra
 - Medical Terminology**

*Students may be required to successfully complete skills validation prior to the end of the add/drop period.

**Medical Terminology to be a prerequisite course or taken concurrently during the Sophomore year

Transfer Students (conferred in partnership with Culver-Stockton College and Quincy University)

An applicant with 12 or more college credit hours is considered a Transfer student.

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Culver-Stockton College (CSC) or Quincy University (QU)

- Submit official high school and/or college transcripts to CSC or QU
- Admissions Requirements (Transfer students may be admitted into the following acceptance categories based on college GPA, and number of pre-requisites completed.)
 - Transfer Freshman DMS Major
 - 2.7 or higher college GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Transfer Freshman Pre-DMS
 - Below a 2.7 college GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Transfer Sophomore DMS Major
 - Cumulative college GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20* credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
 - College Algebra
 - Medical Terminology**

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**Medical Terminology to be a prerequisite course or taken concurrently during the Sophomore year

- Sophomore Level- Prior to progression to the sophomore level sonography courses, all freshmen must meet the following criteria before classes begin (see College calendar for specified deadlines):
 - Partner school cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20* credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
 - College Algebra
 - Medical Terminology**

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**Medical Terminology to be a prerequisite course or taken concurrently during the Sophomore year

Direct Transfer Option (conferred solely through the College)

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Blessing-Rieman College
 - Submit official college transcripts to Blessing-Rieman College
- Admissions Requirements
 - Cumulative college GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20* credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
 - College Algebra
 - Medical Terminology**

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**Medical Terminology to be a prerequisite course or taken concurrently during the Sophomore year

Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences

This program begins each fall semester.

First-Time Freshman (conferred in partnership with Culver-Stockton College and Quincy University)

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Culver-Stockton College (CSC) or Quincy University (QU)
 - Submit official high school transcripts to CSC or QU
- Admissions Requirements- First-time freshmen are admitted into the following categories based on high school GPA:
 - Freshman Radiology Major
 - 3.0 or higher high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Freshman Pre-Radiology

- Below a 3.0 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Sophomore Level- Prior to progression to the sophomore level radiology courses, all freshmen must meet the following criteria before classes begin (see College calendar for specified deadlines):
 - Freshman year cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20* credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
 - College Algebra
 - Medical Terminology**

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**Medical Terminology to be a prerequisite course or taken concurrently during the Sophomore year
Transfer Students (conferred in partnership with Culver-Stockton College and Quincy University)

An applicant with 12 or more college credit hours is considered a Transfer student.

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Culver-Stockton College (CSC) or Quincy University (QU)
 - Submit official high school and/or college transcripts to CSC or QU
- Admissions Requirements (Transfer students may be admitted into the following acceptance categories based on college GPA, and number of pre-requisites completed.)
 - Transfer Freshman Radiology Major
 - 2.7 or higher college GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Transfer Freshman Pre-Radiology
 - Below a 2.7 college GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Transfer Sophomore Radiology Major
 - Cumulative college GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20* credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:

- English Composition I
- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
- Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
- Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
- College Algebra
- Medical Terminology**

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**Medical Terminology to be a prerequisite course or taken concurrently during the Sophomore year

- Sophomore Level- Prior to progression to the sophomore level radiology courses, all freshmen must meet the following criteria before classes begin (see College calendar for specified deadlines):
 - Partner school cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20* credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
 - College Algebra
 - Medical Terminology**

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**Medical Terminology to be a prerequisite course or taken concurrently during the Sophomore year

Direct Transfer Option (conferred solely through the College)

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Blessing-Rieman College
 - Submit official college transcripts to Blessing-Rieman College
- Admissions Requirements
 - Cumulative college GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20* credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or

higher including:

- English Composition I
- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
- Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
- Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
- College Algebra
- Medical Terminology**

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**Medical Terminology to be a prerequisite course or taken concurrently during the Sophomore year

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care

This program begins each fall semester.

First-Time Freshman (conferred in partnership with Culver-Stockton College and Quincy University)

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Culver-Stockton College (CSC) or Quincy University (QU)
 - Submit official high school transcripts to CSC or QU
- Admissions Requirements- First-time freshmen are admitted into the following categories based on high school GPA:
 - Freshman Respiratory Care Major
 - 3.0 or higher high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Freshman Pre-Respiratory Care
 - Below a 3.0 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Sophomore Level- Prior to progression to the sophomore level respiratory courses, all freshmen must meet the following criteria before classes begin (see College calendar for specified deadlines):
 - Freshman year cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20 credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab

- Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
- College Algebra

Transfer Students (conferred in partnership with Culver-Stockton College and Quincy University)

An applicant with 12 or more college credit hours is considered a Transfer student.

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Culver-Stockton College (CSC) or Quincy University (QU)
 - Submit official high school and/or college transcripts to CSC or QU
- Admissions Requirements (Transfer students may be admitted into the following acceptance categories based on college GPA, and number of pre-requisites completed.)
 - Transfer Freshman Respiratory Care Major
 - 2.7 or higher college GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Transfer Freshman Pre-Respiratory Care
 - Below a 2.7 college GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Transfer Sophomore Radiology Major
 - Cumulative college GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20 credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
 - College Algebra
- Sophomore Level- Prior to progression to the sophomore level respiratory courses, all freshmen must meet the following criteria before classes begin (see College calendar for specified deadlines):
 - Partner school cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20 credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab

- Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
- College Algebra

Direct Transfer Option (conferred solely through the College)

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Blessing-Rieman College
 - Submit official college transcripts to Blessing-Rieman College
- Admissions Requirements
 - Cumulative college GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 20 credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
 - College Algebra

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Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care- RRT to BSRT(conferred solely through the College)

This program begins every January, March, May, August, and October.

This RRT-BSRT option is for students who have an Associate Degree or Diploma in Respiratory Therapy.

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application to the Admissions Office
 - Submit official college transcripts to the Admissions Office
 - Submit copy of Registered Respiratory Therapist license to the Admissions Office
- Admissions Requirements
 - Unencumbered Respiratory Therapist license

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

This program begins in the fall and spring semesters.

First-Time Freshman (conferred in partnership with Culver-Stockton College and Quincy University)

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Culver-Stockton College (CSC) or Quincy

University (QU)

- Submit official high school transcripts to CSC or QU
- Admissions Requirements- First-time freshmen are admitted into the following categories based on high school GPA:
 - Freshman Nurse Major
 - 3.0 or higher high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Freshman Pre-Nursing
 - Below a 3.0 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Sophomore Level- Prior to progression to the sophomore level nursing courses, all freshmen must meet the following criteria before classes begin (see College calendar for specified deadlines):
 - Freshman year cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 17 credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab

Transfer Students (conferred in partnership through Culver-Stockton College and Quincy University)

An applicant with 12 or more college credit hours is considered a Transfer student.

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Culver-Stockton College (CSC) or Quincy University (QU)
 - Submit official high school and/or college transcripts to CSC or QU
- Admissions Requirements (Transfer students may be admitted into the following acceptance categories based on college GPA, and number of pre-requisites completed.)
 - Transfer Freshman Nurse Major
 - 2.7 or higher college GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Transfer Freshman Pre-Nursing
 - Below a 2.7 college GPA on a 4.0 scale
 - Transfer Sophomore Nurse Major
 - Cumulative college GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale

- 17 credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
- Sophomore Level- Prior to progression to the sophomore level nursing courses, all freshmen must meet the following criteria before classes begin (see College calendar for specified deadlines):
 - Partner school cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 17 credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab

Direct Transfer Option (conferred solely through the College)

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application through Blessing-Rieman College
 - Submit official college transcripts to Blessing-Rieman College
- Admissions Requirements
 - Cumulative college GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - 17 credit hours of required pre-requisite courses completed with a grade of C- or higher including:
 - English Composition I
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab

*Students must successfully complete skills validation prior to the end of the add/drop period.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing- Second Degree (conferred solely through the College)

This program begins each May.

The Second Degree option is for students who have a Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing.

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application to the Admissions Office
 - Submit official college transcripts to the Admissions Office
- Admissions Requirements
 - Pre-requisite GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale
 - Completion of the following pre-requisite courses with a grade of C- or higher while maintaining GPA requirements:
 - English Composition I
 - English Composition II
 - Ethics
 - Speech
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
 - Microbiology & Lab

Bachelor of Science in Nursing- RN to BSN (conferred solely through the College)

This program begins every January, March, May, August, and October.

This RN-BSN option is for students who have an Associate Degree or Diploma in Nursing.

- Application Process
 - Submit completed application to the Admissions Office
 - Submit official college transcripts to the Admissions Office
 - Submit copy of Registered Nursing license to the Admissions Office
- Admissions Requirements
 - Unencumbered Registered Nursing license
 - Completion of the following courses with a grade of C- or higher:
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Developmental/Lifespan/Child Psychology
 - Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab

- Microbiology & Lab

TOEFL Requirement

Applicants are required to complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) English proficiency examination when:

- The applicant is not from an English-speaking country
- English is not the primary language of the applicant
- The applicant is not fluent in reading or speaking English

The applicant must score above the following TOEFL scores, or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) equivalent, for admission:

- 500 on the paper and pencil test
- 173 on the computer-based test
- 80 on the computer-based Internet test
- 20 or above on all subsections (speaking, writing, listening, reading) of the computer-based Internet test

Any student having difficulty speaking or reading English after admission will be required to meet with the Learning Resource Center staff or complete an English as a Second Language (ESL) or Limited English Proficiency (LEP) course.

Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen Disclaimer Statement

Students are required to complete a criminal background check and drug screening after they have been notified of preliminary acceptance, but before nursing or health sciences classes begin:

- Drug screening must be done no more than 30 days before the start of the student's first class.
- The background check must be done no more than 60 days before the start of the student's first class.
- Acceptance is conditioned on passing this required background check and drug screening.
- A preliminarily accepted student may have his or her preliminary acceptance revoked if the drug screen is positive, or disqualifying offenses (as found in the 225 ILCS 65/70-5 Nurse Practice Act) are found on the criminal background check.

A nonexclusive list of disqualifying offenses can be found in the Program Catalog and Student Handbook under the Criminal Background Check policy, or on our website at: www.brcn.edu/student-services-requirements.

Approval Signatures

Step Description	Approver	Date
Approval by College Senate	Reta Richmond: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT-BRCN	08/2025
Approval by Academic Chair	Amanda Feeney: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR-RADIOLOGY	08/2025
Approval by Academic Chair	Lacey Petersen: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	06/2025