

ADMISSION TO SPECIAL PROGRAMS

First year applicants interested in the following programs should respond affirmatively to questions within the application for admission.

Admission to the Honors Program

UMW enrolls sixty to eighty students annually into our interdisciplinary Honors Program. Consideration generally begins for students who indicate interest, who are enrolled in the most rigorous programs available to them, who have earned a 3.9 GPA on a 4.0 scale or higher, and who have received combined Evidence Based Critical Reading plus Math SAT scores of 1350 or higher or ACT Composite scores of 29 or higher. Students may apply test optional and be considered for the Honors Program. Students not admitted to the Honors Program as new first year students may apply directly to the program after their first semester at UMW. See the Honors Program description (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/special-programs/honors-program/>) for additional details about program requirements and opportunities.

Admission to the STP Program

Nearly sixty students participate annually in the Student Transition Program (STP) which begins with a free five week residential summer session between high school graduation and the first semester at UMW and continues through the first year of enrollment. Priority consideration for admission to STP is given to underrepresented populations. All first year applicants may be considered for STP regardless of residency (domicile) or residential/commuter status. Students may be considered for both the Honors Program and STP or the Pre-Nursing Dual Degree Plan and STP.

Admission to the Pre-Nursing (1+2+1) Dual Degree Path

UMW partners with Germanna Community College to provide a unique dual degree pathway. First year applicants must indicate pre-nursing as their primary academic interest within the application to be considered. Students proceed as a cohort and are not admitted to the program as new transfer students or continuing sophomores or juniors. Due to limited spaces, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply under Early Decision (binding admission) or Early Action (non-binding admission) application processes for maximum consideration. Competitive applicants will have earned at least a "B" in high school math and science coursework including Algebra, Biology, and Chemistry. Students may not apply test optional for pre-nursing consideration. Minimum scores of 560 on Evidence Based Critical Reading and 550 on the Math sections of the SAT are required to continue on track within the cohort. Similar ACT scores of 22 will be considered. Admitted students are encouraged to deposit early to reserve a space. Space is limited to eighteen enrolling students each fall.

Additional admission details are provided in the section of the Catalog describing admission to the BSN degree program. (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/admission-enrollment/admission-bachelor-science-nursing-bsn-completion-program/>)

Pre-nursing students may be considered for the Student Transition Program but are not able to participate in the Honors Program.