What is the Nursing Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS)?

Nursing's Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS) 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
   (example)
   • Transcripts
   • References
   • Personal Statements
   • Supporting Documents (example: resume)
   • Licensure and Certification Data
   • Education History
   • Professional Experience

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

Applicants pay a nominal fee to use the service:

**Undergraduate Programs**
- First Program: $45
- Each Additional Program: $30

**Graduate Programs**
- First Program: $65
- Each Additional Program: $35

Benefits to the Schools/Programs

- Provide admission officers with secure, on-line access to track progress of their applicants and view application details in real-time.
- Increase exposure to a larger applicant pool, including applicants from minority populations.
- Helps fill all vacant slots for students in schools.
- No cost for schools or programs.
- Streamline the admissions process and reduce administrative tasks by refocusing of current resources on higher level interaction with applicants.
- Schools/programs receive verified and standardized applicant information for easier review (letters of recommendation, test scores, international transcripts).
- Allows schools to customize the information received from applicants to various entry-level and graduate nursing programs.
- Allows schools to track where applicants reside.
- Provide program-specific U. S. and profession-wide statistical reports on applicants.
- Provide Web and dedicated phone support to admissions officers and their applicants.
- Provide an ideal platform for sharing best practices among member programs.

Visit:
- [http://aacn.nche.edu/nursingcas](http://aacn.nche.edu/nursingcas)
- [http://www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org)
Benefits to the Applicants

- A convenient and efficient process to apply to multiple schools using a single Web-based application.
- A comprehensive online checklist and instructions to help applicants easily navigate through the application.
- Eliminate the need and costs associated with duplicate application data, letters of reference, and transcripts for those applying to more than one school.
- Provide applicants with real-time status to check the receipt of their applications, transcripts, and letters of reference.
- A single online resource to research and compare different schools using comparative data.
- Robust application validation rules that reduce unintended applicant errors and omissions.
- Dedicated and knowledgeable NursingCAS support staff available throughout the application cycle.

Benefits to the Health Profession Advisors

- Provide advisors with a secure Web portal that identifies status information on individual applicants from their institutions, pending authorization from the individual applicant releasing this information.
- The use of a single application for multiple schools helps advisors to better guide applicants through the admissions process.
- Have an impact in promoting the profession among advisors and foster good will in providing the advisors real-time data on their applicants.
- Provide feedback to advisors on the admissions trends and standards of the profession and their programs.

Benefits to the Profession

- Compile accurate statistics on the profession: Number of applicants, designations, feeder schools, matriculation and applicant pool profile (ethnicity, demographic, geographic, and economic).
- Assist in developing workforce projections, future trends, and recruitment strategies based on accurate set of data.
- Assist in managing career development and minority recruitment.
- Compare and assess the statistical data with other professional applicant pools.
- Win-win process that benefits all constituents and enables the association to provide a higher level of service to members.

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