



ABSN Application Procedure

A completed application packet must include the following items:

1. Online Application and \$50 non-refundable Application Fee

- a. Only **1 (ONE) online application** to the ABSN Program is required.
- b. ***All new and re-apply students must complete an online application.***
- c. **IMPORTANT:** Submit an online application **before** submitting all other documents (incl. online LORs and/or transcripts). ***Documents received without an application cannot be tracked.***

2. Statement of Intent/Essay

- a. All essay questions on the "Statement of Intent" form **must be answered in 1 (one) document.**
- b. Re-apply students must re-submit an updated statement of intent. ***Re-apply students may not re-use previously submitted essays.***

3. Completed Pre-requisite Form

- a. You are allowed to have a maximum of 3 (three) classes in-progress. You must provide proof of enrollment for in-progress classes (i.e. payment receipt and/or unofficial transcripts).
- b. All prerequisite classes must be completed by:
 - Spring term: January 1st of the intended term (ie. January 1, 2026 for Spring 2026)
 - Summer term: May 1st of the intended term (ie. May 1, 2026 for Summer 2026)
 - Fall term: August 1st of the intended term (ie. August 1, 2026 for Fall 2026)
- c. **If you are completing classes very close to the deadline listed above**, provide either unofficial transcripts **OR a signed and sealed** letter from your professor, verifying your progress report and/or current grade(s).

4. Completion of a minimum of 100 hours of qualifying patient care experiences*

- a. Provide a copy of your license/certification (for CNA, LVN, EMT, Cert. Medical Assistant) **or**,
- b. Provide descriptions of your job/volunteer responsibilities **and** verification of hour letter signed by a supervisor (for all other medical-related experiences).

** Healthcare hours are not required, but strongly recommended. If you are submitting hours, please provide the documents requested above.*

5. Background Check Waiver Form

- a. The form must be signed and dated.
- b. A complete background check must be submitted to the Department of Nursing **AFTER** your confirmed acceptance into the ABSN Program.



6. 2 (two) Professional and/or Academic Letters of Recommendation – Online **or** PDF

- Recommendations from family members and/or friends are not acceptable.

A. Online Format

- Provide your reference(s) with CUI online reference link **or**
- Provide an email address for each of your references when you fill out your online application (*an automated request email will be sent to your references*)
- It is your responsibility – as applicants – to follow up with your references to make sure the admissions office receives both letters by the deadline.**

B. PDF Format

- CUI forms must be utilized. If your reference prefers to write a separate letter, he/she **must also fill out the front page of the CUI form** and attach it to the letter.
- Your references have the option to send the letters directly to the admission office **or** send them to you in a sealed envelope.
- Electronic/Email references guidelines:**
 - Scan a copy of the CUI Letter of Recommendation (LOR) form to your reference(s) with your information completed.
 - Reference(s) can email the letter as **a PDF** attachment **directly to nursing@cu.edu** with the subject line "Letter of Recommendation ABSN [term of application] for [your full name as listed on your application]". **Reference(s) received without proper document format and/or subject line may not be accepted.**
 - Forwarded LORs will not be accepted.** i.e. your references may CC you on the email if they prefer, but they may not send LOR to you first and then you forward it to nursing@cu.edu.

7. Official College Transcripts

- Signed/sealed official hard copies **or** official e-transcripts delivered directly to CUI.
 - Send e-transcripts to either nursing@cu.edu (*preferred*) **or** **Graduate Admissions (gradadmissions@cu.edu)**
- You must provide official transcripts from **each and every** college/university attended (even if you only took 1 (one) class from that school).
 - **NOTE:** First-degree ABSN applicant **only** – official HS transcript is required.
- College transcripts must be in signed and sealed envelopes. **However, they do not have to be mailed in directly from your colleges/universities. Signed and sealed transcripts addressed to you will be considered "Official."**



- d. If you graduated from a university outside of the US, foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an NACES approved agency (ex: IERF <http://www.ierf.org>). A detailed evaluation is required. The Admission Office does not need your official foreign transcript. A signed and sealed IERF transcript is sufficient.
- e. ***If your degree is not posted at the time of application***, you are required to complete these additional steps:
- Provide official transcripts from your college (even without a degree posted).
 - Degree Verification Letter to be included in your application packet
 - Letter needs to come from your **registrar/enrollment office**:
 - Must include verification that you filed for graduation and are ready to graduate once grades are posted.
 - Must be in a signed and sealed envelope or emailed directly to nursing@cui.edu
 - **Provide final official transcripts with degree posted as soon as available.**

* ***CUI Undergraduate students only***: A letter from the the Registrar Office is sufficient.

If you have already **submitted** your online application **and** you need to defer your application to the next term, you **must** email the admission office (absn@cui.edu) to request the deferment.

NOTICE: Application packets must be either **mailed** to the address listed below, **uploaded** to your application portal, **or** electronically submitted via **email**. We **will not** accept documents that are **dropped off** at either the Turtle Rock or the Spectrum campus.

Mailing Address:

Office of Graduate Admissions

Attn: Nursing ABSN

16355 Laguna Canyon Rd.

Irvine, CA 92618

Electronic address:

Attached PDF documents to nursing@cui.edu

Subject line:

"[Term] application_ [Full Name]"

Example: "Fall 2026 application_Marty Eagle"