PATHWAYS TO NURSING
Pathways to Nursing is a collaboration between Chatham University and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Shadyside School of Nursing. There are a few additional admission steps and requirements for being considered for the program. Please follow the steps below to complete the application process.

STEP 1:
DO I MEET THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS?

COURSE AND GRADE REQUIREMENTS
If you would like to pursue the Pathways to Nursing program, we require you meet one of the following conditions in addition to the general Chatham application requirements:
• SAT scores minimum: Math: 450, Critical Reading: 450; or
• ACT scores minimum: English: 18, Math: 22, Reading: 21, Science: 24; or
• Score in the 50th percentile or higher in each subject area on the Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) Nursing School Aptitude Examination. To view instructions on how to register to take the exam, view exam dates and obtain test results, visit chatham.edu/pathwaysforms.

In addition to the required testing, we recommend that you complete four years of English, two years of mathematics (Algebra required), three years of social studies, and two years of science with related laboratory with a final grade of C or higher.

WHAT IF I DO NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS?
If a candidate does not meet the above requirements, she has the following options:
1. Apply to Chatham University and select a different major. Students often select science majors, including biology, biochemistry, integrative health studies, or work toward completing our Accelerated Graduate Program in our physician assistant or occupational therapy programs.
2. Start Pathways in the spring semester. Apply to Chatham University, begin in the fall semester and re-apply to the Pathways program for a spring start date. With this option, you will be required to complete an additional summer semester without financial aid.

STEP 2:
HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for admission to the Chatham University Pathways to Nursing Program, please submit the following to Chatham University’s Office of Admission, Woodland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15232 or admission@chatham.edu:
• Chatham University’s online application (www.chatham.edu/apply) or the Common Application.
• The supplemental Pathways to Nursing application or Shadyside School of Nursing application (link to form available at chatham.edu/pathwaysforms)
• An essay describing the reasons why you are selecting the Chatham University Pathways to Nursing program and discuss “Why I Want To Be A Nurse.” Before completing your essay, it is suggested you consult the UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing website – particularly the section that addresses Shadyside’s Philosophy of Learning. http://upmc.com/healthcare-professionals/education/nursing/shadyside-nursing-school/about/Pages/learning-philosophy.aspx
• At least two (2) letters of recommendation
• Official transcript(s) sent from your high school and any other school you may have attended
• SAT (Chatham Code: 2081), ACT (Chatham Code: 3535), or PSB (Psychological Service Bureau) Registered Nursing School Aptitude Examination scores. See the SAT/ACT Entrance Requirements section for details about required test scores. You should meet the test requirements prior to submitting the items listed above.

APPLICATION TIMELINE
All application documents must be received by Chatham University’s Office of Admission by:
• For fall semester start: June 1
• For spring semester start: October 1

Once we get all of these items we will begin to process your application. You should receive a general admission decision from Chatham University within two weeks of receiving your application and all required documents. After January 1, Pathways to Nursing admission decisions for fall applicants will be released on an ongoing basis by UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing.
STEP 3: POST-ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All admitted candidates must complete the following after they have been accepted into the Pathways program:

- Receive certification in CPR by the American Heart Association (healthcare provider).
- Complete a physical exam.
- Have an annual TB skin test.
- Complete drug screening.
- Produce evidence of several vaccinations.
- File for and receive Child Abuse Clearance and Criminal Clearance as well as compliance with the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) where fingerprints are required.
- Attend an Information Session at UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing.
- Attend a final Compliance meeting to verify that all requirements have been met.

Complete information for these requirements and deadlines will be provided upon acceptance to UPMC Shadyside. It is important that deadline dates be met for submission of all information requested. Students who do not meet deadlines for these requirements will not be able to participate in the Pathways to Nursing program.

STEP 4: WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE
For your first five terms, you will take a combination of general education, science, and pre-licensure nursing courses at both Chatham and Shadyside, which offers a state-of-the-art human simulation lab and is one of the few problem-based learning (PBL) nursing programs in the United States.

By the end of your junior year, you will earn your nursing diploma through Shadyside and be eligible to take the NCLEX (National Council for Licensing Examination) to obtain a license as a registered nurse (RN).

Upon passing the NCLEX-RN, you will enter into the University's Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education accredited RN-to-BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program for your final year and begin working as a professional nurse as early as your senior year, while taking courses online to complete your BSN degree. In addition to your online classes, three courses include a clinical component.

FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM PLAN
Below is the recommended curriculum for the Pathways program. Please see www.chatham.edu/academics/catalog.cfm for complete descriptions for each course. Courses listed in purple below are classes taken at Chatham University.

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Chatham University’s general education requirements are noted in italics. Updated 4/30/12.