APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN AND TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Application Priority Dates
Early admission – Dec. 1; Regular admission – March 1

Admission Process
The following are required to complete your admission file:

• Completed application; an online version is available at BethelCollege.edu/Apply
• Official SAT or ACT scores
  o Transfer students - scores are not required if you have passed college level courses in both math and English (100 level or higher)
• Official high school transcript including at least six semesters (sent directly to Bethel)
  o Transfer students – high school transcript is not required if you have at least 30 transferrable college credit hours (still required for nursing majors)
  o Home school students - transcripts should be signed by the primary educator
• Official college transcripts from ALL colleges or universities attended, regardless of hours completed or reasons for leaving

*Personal statement and reference (optional): If there is additional information you’d like to share with the admission committee, you may include a personal statement and/or reference with your application. For example, these may be helpful to explain personal or family issues, difficult semesters or failing grades, etc.

REACH - REGISTER EARLY TO ACHIEVE COLLEGE HOURS

Dual Enrollment Program
High school seniors and juniors may be admitted as nondegree students to take designated courses for college credit. Additional information available at BethelCollege.edu/REACH.

Admission Process
The following items are required to complete your admission file:

• A completed application; an online version is available at BethelCollege.edu/Apply
• A letter of permission from your guidance counselor, principal or primary home educator
• Official high school transcript (sent directly to Bethel) indicating exceptional ability
  o A minimum 3.0 (4.0 scale) is required
  o Home school students - transcripts should be signed by the primary educator
• Official SAT or ACT scores - only required for English, math and science courses

NURSING APPLICANTS

Admission to the school of nursing is a two-step process. Applicants for an undergraduate nursing program must be admitted to the college before applying to the nursing program. For more information about nursing admission criteria, visit BethelCollege.edu/Nursing.

GUEST STUDENTS

Students enrolled in another college who wish to enroll for course work at Bethel must submit an application and an official transcript indicating a cumulative grade point average of C (2.0/4.0) or higher, or a statement of good standing from the registrar at their home institution indicating eligibility to return.

RENEWED ENROLLMENT

Bethel undergraduates who have not attended Bethel for one or more semesters must contact the Bethel registrar’s office for a renewed enrollment application. An official transcript of any course work taken since last enrolled at Bethel must also be submitted from the college attended.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Application Priority Date - March 1

Bethel offers a variety of options to help you finance your college education. Our financial assistance program includes merit and talent (athletic, art, music, theatre) awards and need-based assistance. With more than $11 million distributed to 97 percent of our students, our student financial services staff can provide individual services to help you plan for your educational expenses. Every family is encouraged to apply for need-based aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1 in order to receive full consideration for all types of assistance. You can submit the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov. Be sure to include Bethel College, code #001787. For financial assistance and scholarship information, please visit BethelCollege.edu/FinancialAid.

CAMPUS CRIME AND SAFETY INFORMATION

For a free report with information on campus safety policies, crime prevention, fire safety, reporting policies and procedures and campus crime statistics, contact campus safety or visit BethelCollege.edu/Clery.
Bethel College is a Christian community committed to academic pursuit and spiritual growth under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We are a people gathered for the development of our members and for the mission of Christ’s kingdom in the world, to represent Him individually and collectively. While Bethel students are not obligated to espouse the Christian faith, as members of this community, all voluntarily agree to live in accordance with the values, expectations and goals of the kingdom of God as expressed in Scripture.

Central to our place in the kingdom of God is the shaping of our character to resemble Jesus Christ in holiness and purity of mind and heart. The Bible describes character qualities that should and should not be present in believers and among communities of believers. We attempt to evaluate our decisions, behaviors and priorities by Scriptural measures rather than cultural standards, by our submission to the Lordship of Christ, and by love for our neighbor. As members of this community, we covenant to engage actively in the pursuit of personal holiness by obedience to Scriptural teaching.

- We agree that this pursuit will include corporate worship, fellowship and biblical instruction in chapel, participation in spiritual emphasis services and involvement in a local church.
- We agree to express our love for God and others through service, including Bethel community service days, service within the academic curriculum and individual initiative.
- We agree to follow the biblical precepts regarding sexual purity. We will avoid immoral conduct including premarital sex, adultery, homosexual behavior and the viewing or distribution of pornography.

Community life requires agreement on what behaviors will and will not be acceptable. While Scripture is very clear about many behaviors that affect our character, much is left to interpretation. The Christian life conveys great liberty of conscience, but within community it also conveys the need for deference to one another. In our life together, we follow the clear biblical principle of sacrificing personal freedoms for the good of the community. Accordingly, when differences arise, we covenant together to choose the course that requires self-sacrifice and self-discipline.

- Because we believe our minds and bodies should be used in ways that honor God, we agree to abstain from tobacco in any form, alcohol and gatherings where alcohol is present, illegal drugs or narcotics not authorized by a physician.
- Because we value each member of our community as reflecting the Creator, we agree to avoid abusive words and actions including profanity, hazing, threats of violence or discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender or physical trait.
- Because structures of authority are necessary for every community, we agree to respect and honor those in authority over us, even when we might disagree with their decisions. We agree to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in the student handbook, residence hall guidelines and the college catalog, respecting these guides as part of our covenanted life together.

In the Bethel community, staff, faculty and other students work together to maintain standards of righteous community life consistent with Scripture. For the good of the community as a whole, we voluntarily submit ourselves to the accountability of others in the community as part of our covenanted life together. If we find ourselves unable to honor this covenant, withdrawal may be in order. We also recognize that appropriate action will be taken to teach, discipline or even dismiss those who disregard this covenanted agreement.

With earnest hope for a community that honors and represents our Lord Jesus, we seek God’s plan for life together: “As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God.” (Colossians 3:12-17)
AREAS OF STUDY

Accounting B.A.
American Sign Language – Deaf Studies A.A.
American Sign Language – Interpreter Training B.A.
Applied Politics B.A.
Art
  Design
  Studio Art
Biblical Languages ++
Biblical Studies A.A., B.A.
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology B.S.
Biology B.S.
Business Administration B.A.
Business Management A.A.
Chemistry B.S.
Christian Ministries B.A. M.C.M.
Communication B.A.
Computer Science ++
Criminal Justice A.A., B.A.
Cross-Cultural Communication ++
Design B.A.
Economics ++
Economics and Finance B.A.
Education
  Early Childhood A.A., B.A.
  Licensure Area B.A.
(Middle School – MS; High School – HS)
  Majors
    Elementary
    English Language Arts (MS, HS)
    Health/Physical Education (All Grades)
    Mathematics (MS, HS)
    Music
      Choral/General (All Grades)
      Instrumental/General (All Grades)
      Choral/General/Instrumental (All Grades)
    Science (MS, HS)
    Social Studies (MS, HS)
    Special Education ++
  Endorsements
    Middle School Subject Areas
    Engineering (3/2) - Math/Physics B.S. **
    English & Writing B.A.
    Exercise Science B.A.
    Family Studies ++
    History B.A.
    Humanities B.A.
    Intercultural Studies B.A.
    International Health B.S.
    Journalism ++

Leadership ++
Liberal Studies A.A., B.A.
Marketing ++
Mathematics B.S.
Musical Theatre ++
Music Performance B.A.
Music/Church Music ++
Nursing A.D.N., B.S.N.
Philosophy B.A.
Physics ++
Psychology B.A.
Public Relations ++
Radio Broadcast ++
Sociology B.A.
Spanish ++
Sport Management B.A.
Sport Studies B.A.
Studio Art B.A.
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages B.A.
Theatre Arts B.A.
Undecided/Exploratory Studies
Worship Arts B.A.
Youth Ministry & Adolescent Studies B.A.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS
Many of our students prepare for professional careers through a solid grounding in the liberal arts, coupled with sound advising from faculty and careful course selection.
  Dentistry
  Law
  Medicine
  Optometry
  Pharmacy
  Physical Therapy
  Seminary
  Veterinary Medicine

DEGREES
A.A. – Associate of Arts degree (two-year)
A.D.N. – Associate Degree in Nursing (two-year)
B.A. – Bachelor of Arts degree (four-year)
B.S. – Bachelor of Science degree (four-year)
B.S.N. – Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (four-year)

KEY
++ Minor only
** 3/2 Collaborative Program with University of Notre Dame and Trine University

This information is accurate as of June 2015 and is subject to change.