

NURSING

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ACCREDITATION

The baccalaureate degree curriculum offered by the College of Nursing is accredited by the National League for Nursing and approved by the Kentucky Board of Nursing.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The College of Nursing enrollment is composed of four-year students, associate degree nursing graduates, and diploma nursing school graduates. Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to the College of Nursing. Preference is given to Kentucky residents.

Progression to the junior year is regulated so that the total number of full-time equivalents does not exceed 140.

Admissions criteria for four types of students are as follows:

1. **A freshman student** who wishes to enter the College of Nursing will be considered for admission if his or her ACT composite score is at the 50th percentile on national norms, and if he or she has a high school grade-point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

2. **A non-R.N. transfer student** may transfer credit according to University policy but must meet all College of Nursing requirements. To be considered for admission:

a. the transfer student with less than 24 hours of college credit must meet the criteria for entering freshmen and, in addition, have a grade-point average of 2.5 on all college work attempted (as computed by the Undergraduate Admissions Office).

b. the transfer student with more than 24 hours of college credit must have a 2.5 grade-point average on all college work attempted (as computed by the Undergraduate Admissions Office).

c. All students admitted to the program prior to licensure must follow the full four-year track. Nursing courses taken in an associate degree or diploma program are considered lower division courses and are not equivalent to upper division courses offered in this program.

3. **A student who is a registered nurse** who wishes to be considered for admission to the upper division curriculum of the College of Nursing must meet the following requirements:

a. The student must be a registered nurse licensed to practice in Kentucky.

b. The student must have earned an associate degree in nursing from a college accredited by one of the six regional academic accrediting associations. The registered nurse who is a graduate of a diploma program will be considered for admission after earning a minimum of 60 college credits* which meet the following requirements:

English—6 semester credits

Natural sciences—10 semester credits

Behavioral sciences—6 semester credits

Nursing—28 semester credits

Electives—10 semester credits

c. The student must have a grade-point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in all course work attempted (as computed by the Undergraduate Admissions Office).

d. Applicants must be in a good state of health which enables them to carry out the functions of the professional nurse. After acceptance for admission, the applicant will be required to obtain a physical examination, update immunizations, and obtain a tuberculin test or X-ray as appropriate.

4. **A student who is eligible to take the registered nurse licensing examination at the time of admission** and who wishes to be considered for admission to the upper division curriculum of the College of Nursing must meet the following requirements:

a. The student must be a graduate of or enrolled in the final semester of an associate degree in nursing program in a college accredited by one of the six regional academic accrediting associations.

or

The student must be a graduate of or enrolled in the final semester of a diploma program and have earned a minimum of 60 college credits* which meet the following requirements:

English—6 semester credits

Natural sciences—10 semester credits

Behavioral sciences—6 semester credits

Nursing—28 semester credits

Electives—10 semester credits

b. The student must have a grade-point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in all course work attempted (as computed by the Undergraduate Admissions Office).

c. Applicants must be in a good state of health which enables them to carry out the functions of the professional nurse. After acceptance for admission, the applicant will be required to obtain a physical examination, update immunizations, and obtain a tuberculin test or X-ray as appropriate.

d. Students admitted in this category must hold a valid Kentucky license to practice nursing as a registered nurse prior to beginning the first clinical nursing course.

*These credits may be earned from a regionally accredited college by taking the courses or by examination, i.e., challenge, equivalency, such as ACT-PEP (Proficiency Examination Program). Applicants should contact the College of Nursing for information regarding approved Nursing ACT-PEP credits.

Application for Admission

All applications and transcripts for admission must be submitted to the Undergraduate Admissions Office no later than March 1. Applicants are considered for fall admission only. Those accepted for admission must notify the college within 30 days, in writing, of their intent to enroll. Late applicants will be considered for admission on a space-available basis.

Part-Time Study

Students who are working toward the completion of the B.S.N. degree on a part-time basis must plan a course of study with the appropriate College of Nursing personnel or committee and may not alter that plan without prior approval from the College of Nursing.

Candidates for the degree who do not complete all requirements within a seven-year period (five years for R.N. students) after admission will have their records reevaluated and may be required to repeat or take selected courses.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, students must satisfy the University requirements for graduation, including University Studies, and obtain a 2.0 grade-point average in nursing in the courses listed below. A grade of C or better must be attained in the major clinical courses in order to proceed to the next clinical course or to graduate.