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Accreditation

The College of Nursing has had continuous accreditation since 1967. The baccalaureate degree curriculum offered by the College of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Kentucky Board of Nursing.

Undergraduate Program in Nursing

The University of Kentucky grants the following degree in the College of Nursing:

- Bachelor of Science in 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.

Applicants must be in a state of good health enabling them to carry out the functions of the professional nurse. Routinely, each student will be required to obtain a rubella and rubeola titers, hepatitis B immunizations, and have an annual tuberculin test or chest x-ray. (Other immunizations may be required. Check with the College of Nursing for a current list.)

The University of Kentucky will consider for admission any applicant who demonstrates the ability to perform or to learn to perform the skills listed below. Applicants are *not* required to disclose the nature of any disability, but an applicant with questions about these technical requirements is strongly encouraged to discuss the issue with the dean for the particular program of study. If appropriate, and upon the request of the applicant, student or faculty, reasonable accommodations for a disability will be provided.

Students must possess aptitude, abilities, and skills in five areas:

- observation;
- communication;
- sensory and motor coordination and function;

- conceptualization, integration, and quantification; and,
- behavioral and social skills, abilities and aptitude.

Full details on these standards are available by contacting the College of Nursing.

Progression to upper-division is regulated so that the total number of full-time equivalents at the beginning of the junior year does not exceed 120.

Admission Criteria

Criteria for admission to the 4-year BSN program include:

1. Freshman Student:

Students will be admitted as freshmen to a **pre-nursing** curriculum based on the following criteria:

- a) high school grade-point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale;
- b) meeting criteria for selective admission to the University of Kentucky (see the *Undergraduate Admission* section of this Bulletin for more information).

Selection for admission to the **nursing** curriculum will occur at the sophomore level for all students based on the following criteria:

- a) a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5;
- b) a grade of **C** or better in **all** required pre-nursing courses;
- c) completion of an approved Medicaid Nurse Aide training program;

In addition, any or all of the following information may be requested as part of the application:

- d) a writing exercise based on the criteria established by the College of Nursing;
- e) two letters of reference from individuals who can assess potential for success (e.g., teacher, employer). Reference forms are available by calling (859) 323-5108.
- f) an interview with members of the Admissions and Progression Committee, or their designees.

Early Admission

Early provisional admission to the Professional Nursing Curriculum will be granted to graduating high school seniors who meet the criteria of a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher and an ACT composite of 26 or higher (or the equivalent SAT combined score). Students will be

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR COLLEGE OF NURSING

Traditional and Second Degree applicants:

March 1

RN-BSN Program:

March 1 preferred, until **August 1** on space-available basis for fall semester

December 1 for spring semester

DNP Program:

February 15

required to maintain a 3.0 GPA in *each* semester during the freshman year and a 2.75 GPA in the prerequisite science courses. Students who meet these requirements will be granted full admission in either the fall or spring of the student's sophomore year to the Professional Nursing Curriculum. Students not meeting those requirements will be grouped with other applicants who are considered for admission after completion of the prerequisites.

2. Transfer Student:

- a) **for transfer students with less than 24 hours of college credit**, meeting the criteria for entering freshmen and a minimum grade-point average of **2.5** on all college work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions;
- b) **for transfer students with more than 24 hours of college credit**, maintaining grade-point average of **2.5** on all college work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions;
- c) grades of **C** or better in all courses required for CON curriculum;

In addition, any or all of the following information may be requested as part of the application:

- d) a writing exercise based on the criteria established by the College of Nursing;
- e) two letters of reference from individuals who can assess potential for success (e.g., teacher, employer). Reference forms are available by calling (859) 323-5108.

Seeking licensure as a Registered Nurse requires that applicants have no criminal history. In Kentucky, applicants who are convicted felons may be denied licensure. Cases are reviewed individually, upon application. Additionally, some clinical agencies require criminal background checks for students who might be placed there for a learning activity. The agency reserves the right to deny a student permission to meet clients, based on the results of the criminal background check.

If you have a criminal history, we urge you to contact the board of nursing in any state where you may seek licensure prior to enrolling in a nursing program. The regulations vary from state to state.

- f) completion of an approved Medicaid Nurse Aide training program;
- g) an interview with members of the Admission and Progression Committee or their designees.

3. Students will be eligible to apply for readmission to the College of Nursing after suspension from the College when they meet criteria as stated in **Section 2 a** and **b** of this policy.

4. A student who is a registered nurse will be considered for admission to **upper-division** courses in the UK Professional Nursing program based on the following criteria:

- a)
 - i. For Associate Degree Nurses:**
The registered nurse with an associate degree in nursing from a college accredited by one of the six regional academic accrediting associations will be considered for admission with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 in all course work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions. **NOTE: RN licensure is required to progress to the second semester of the curriculum or prior to beginning clinical experiences.**

- ii. For Diploma Prepared Nurses:**
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 include:

- English – 6 semester credits
- Natural Sciences – 6 semester credits
- Social Sciences – 6 semester credits
- Humanities – 6 semester credits
- Nursing* – 28 semester credits

*Nursing credits may be earned from regionally accredited colleges by taking the courses or by submission of a portfolio of RN licensure and experience to the RN-BSN Option Coordinator.

All nursing courses taken in associate degree or diploma programs are considered lower-division courses and are not equivalent to upper-division courses in this program. The applicant must have at least a GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 in all college course work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions.

- b) a statement of academic and professional goals.

Application Deadline

The preferred application deadline is March 1; however, applicants will be considered on a space-available basis until August 1 for the fall semester. For spring semester, applications must be received by December 1.

Application for Admission

All applications and transcripts for admission must be submitted to the Office of Admissions according to the deadlines listed in the box above (page 233). Transfer applicants will be evaluated for fall and spring admission, according to the deadlines listed. 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.

Financial Aid

The college has a few scholarships designated for Nursing students. Inquiries should be directed to the Office of Student Services, College of Nursing.

Students may also wish to pursue funds available through hospitals and other agencies that offer financial assistance in return for a work commitment.

Academic Advising

Students who are admitted to the College of Nursing are assigned to an advisor within the college. Curriculum plans are determined in the first semester of enrollment in the college and updated each semester. Questions regarding progression through the program may be directed to the Office of Student Services, College of Nursing.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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 all courses required in the nursing curriculum in order to proceed to the next clinical course or to graduate. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required for graduation.

University Studies Requirements Hours
See “University Studies Program” on pages 83-87 for the complete University Studies requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill University Studies areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the University Studies Program requirements.

Inference-Logic
STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment 3

Social Sciences
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology 4

Premajor Requirements Hours
ANA 109 Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing I 3
ANA 110 Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing II 3
CHE 103 Chemistry for Health Professionals 4
ENG 104 Writing: An Accelerated Foundational Course 4
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology 4
University Studies Social Sciences Requirement (second course) 3
Subtotal: Premajor Hours 21

Major Requirements Hours
NUR 860 Foundations for Professional Nursing 2
NUR 861 Family Health Promotion and Communication Across the Lifespan 8
NUR 863 Professional Nursing Care Across the Lifespan 8
NUR 866 Pathopharmacology I 3
NUR 870 Pathopharmacology II 3
NUR 871 Family Centered Care of Adults With Common Health Problems 7
NUR 872 Clinical Reasoning: Quantitative, Qualitative and Epidemiological Approaches 3
NUR 873 Nursing Care of Childrearing Families 4
NUR 875 Nursing Care of Childbearing Families 4
NUR 880 Leadership/Management in Nursing Care Delivery 3
NUR 881 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing 5
NUR 883 Public Health Nursing 5
NUR 884 Career Management in Nursing 2
NUR 885 High Acuity Nursing 5
NUR 886 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge for Nursing Practice 6
BIO 208 Principles of Microbiology 3
HSM 241 Health and Medical Care Delivery Systems 3
NFS 212 Introductory Nutrition 3
STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment 3
Subtotal: Major Hours 80

Electives

Electives should be selected to complete the minimum 120 hours required for graduation.

Subtotal: Electives minimum of 3
TOTAL HOURS: 120

**Sample Curriculum
 Baccalaureate Program
 (Four-year Students)**

Freshman Year

Hours

First Semester

ANA 109 Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing I	3
CHE 103 Chemistry for Health Professionals or University Studies	3-4
ENG 104 Writing: An Accelerated Foundational Course or University Studies	3-4
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology	4
University Studies	3

Second Semester

ANA 110 Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing II	3
CHE 103 Chemistry for Health Professionals or University Studies	3-4
ENG 104 Writing: An Accelerated Foundational Course or University Studies	3-4
University Studies Social Science	3
University Studies	3

Sophomore Year

First Semester

BIO 208 Principles of Microbiology	3
NFS 212 Introductory Nutrition	3
NUR 860 Foundations for Professional Nursing	2
NUR 861 Family Health Promotion and Communication Across the Lifespan	8

Second Semester

NUR 863 Professional Nursing Care Across the Lifespan	8
NUR 866 Pathopharmacology I	3
Second Tier Writing Requirement or University Studies	3
STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment or HSM 241 Health and Medical Care Delivery Systems ...	3

Junior Year

First Semester

NUR 870 Pathopharmacology II	3
NUR 871 Family Centered Care of Adults With Common Health Problems	7
STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment or HSM 241 Health and Medical Care Delivery Systems ...	3
University Studies	3

Second Semester

NUR 872 Clinical Reasoning: Quantitative, Qualitative and Epidemiological Approaches	3
NUR 873 Nursing Care of Childrearing Families	4
NUR 875 Nursing Care of Childbearing Families	4
University Studies	3
University Studies	3

Senior Year

First Semester

NUR 880 Leadership/Management in Nursing Care Delivery	3
NUR 881 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5
NUR 883 Public Health Nursing	5
Elective	3

Second Semester

NUR 884 Career Management in Nursing	2
NUR 885 High Acuity Nursing	5
NUR 886 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge for Nursing Practice	6

**Sample Curriculum
 Baccalaureate Program
 (Registered Nurses)**

Junior Year

Hours

First Semester

NUR 854 Advanced Concepts in Professional Nursing	4
NUR 514 Advanced Health Assessment	2
NUR 872 Clinical Reasoning: Quantitative, Qualitative and Epidemiological Approaches	3
STA 200 Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment	3

Second Semester

NUR 883 Public Health Nursing	5
NUR 864 Pathophysiology	3
NUR 862 Pharmacology	3
Elective*	3

Third Semester

NUR 880 Leadership/Management in Nursing Care Delivery	3
NUR 886 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge for Nursing Practice	6
Elective*	3

*Optional – for students who wish to take full time course work.

Curriculum Policies

Students are expected to be familiar with the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing and to confer with advisors in the College of Nursing when selecting courses.

Since the health needs of the nation are constantly changing, an effective curriculum requires continuous review and evaluation, which may necessitate revision of courses and requirements. Thus, there can be no guarantee that course content will be identical in each subsequent academic year. Furthermore, to continue to meet the changing emphasis in nursing education, some courses will require educational experiences for students in community facilities outside of Lexington.

Outcome Objectives

1. Exemplifies a personal philosophy of nursing that is consistent with professional standards.
2. Applies the nursing process as a method of providing professional nursing care to prevent illness; promote, maintain, restore client health; and/or assist clients to a peaceful death.
3. Practices critical thinking skills to make independent and collaborative decisions.
4. Incorporates research findings into professional nursing practice.

5. Provides professional nursing care to clients with actual and potential health problems in diverse settings.
6. Collaborates in planning, delivering, and evaluating nursing services in a changing society.
7. Demonstrates responsibility and accountability for professional behavior.
8. Employs theories of leadership and management in providing professional nursing care.
9. Demonstrates leadership in addressing professional nursing and health issues.
10. Provides professional nursing care based on an evaluation of internal and external forces affecting client systems.

**SECOND DEGREE OPTION
 B.S.N. PROGRAM**

The College of Nursing is offering a new option to earn a nursing degree – the Second Degree B.S.N. (Bachelor of Science in Nursing). This option is for people who have a bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing.

Prerequisites for Second Degree B.S.N. Option

Students who have earned a degree in another field may apply to complete a B.S.N. The admission requirements/prerequisites include:

- a bachelor’s degree;
- cumulative 2.50 GPA on a 4.0 scale for all college work;
- grade of C or higher in ANA 209 (Principles of Human Anatomy) or equivalent;
- grade of C or higher in PGY 206 (Elementary Physiology) or equivalent;
- grade of C or higher in CHE 108 (Introduction to Inorganic, Organic, and Biochemistry – Without Laboratory) or equivalent;
- grade of C or higher in PSY 100 (Introduction to Psychology) or equivalent; and
- a written statement.

It is strongly recommended that students complete the following courses with a grade of C or higher before beginning the Second Degree B.S.N. Program (they are required for graduation):

- BIO 208 (Principles of Microbiology) or equivalent; and
- STA 200 (Statistics: A Force in Human Judgment) or equivalent.

By the time of enrollment in the first course, students must have also completed a CNA course and all immunizations as listed above under “Admissions Requirements.”

**Sample Curriculum
Second Degree B.S.N. Program**

	Hours
Semester I	
NUR 866 Pathopharmacology I	3
NUR 869 Introduction to Professional Nursing Care Across the Lifespan for Second Degree Students	8
Semester II	
NUR 870 Pathopharmacology II	3
NUR 871 Family Centered Care of Adults With Common Health Problems	7
HSM 241 Health and Medical Care Delivery Systems ...	3
Semester III	
NUR 872 Clinical Reasoning: Quantitative, Qualitative and Epidemiological Approaches	3
NUR 873 Nursing Care of Childrearing Families	4
NUR 875 Nursing Care of Childbearing Families	4
Semester IV	
NUR 880 Leadership/Management in Nursing Care Delivery	3
NUR 881 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5
NUR 883 Public Health Nursing	5
Semester V	
NUR 884 Career Management in Nursing	2
NUR 885 High Acuity Nursing	5
NUR 886 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge for Nursing Practice	6

Graduate Study

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program is a professional clinical doctorate program which focuses on development of advanced competencies for complex practice, and research utilization for the improvement of clinical care delivery, patient outcomes, and system management. Graduates will be expert in designing, implementing, managing, and evaluating health care delivery systems and will be prepared to lead at the highest clinical and executive ranks.

There are two entry points to the D.N.P. program: the post-Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) entry option for those with an awarded master's degree in nursing that are already prepared in the role of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (A.P.R.N.); and beginning fall 2009, the post-Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) entry option. This option builds on the B.S.N. degree and prepares individuals for the A.P.R.N. role. Both options culminate with the D.N.P. degree.

Application Deadline

Application materials are due by **February 15** for fall admission. Applications received after this date will be considered if space is available. For additional requirements for application, including the application forms, go to: www.mc.uky.edu/Nursing/academic/dnp/default.html

M.S.N. - D.N.P. in Nursing

Graduates are expected to be experts in designing, implementing, managing and evaluating healthcare delivery systems. Simultaneously, they will know how to manage the complex balance between quality of care, access and fiscal responsibilities.

Admission Criteria

- Master's degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program
- Graduate grade-point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 grading scale
- Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (minimum scores of 500 on the Verbal and Quantitative portions are preferred. Analytical Writing scores are evaluated individually.)
- Three references
- Personal interview(s)
- Licensure as a registered nurse in the state in which clinical will occur
- Clinical practice hours as demonstrated by certification in an advance practice nursing specialty, or previous graduate level course work (applicants who cannot demonstrate a minimum of 460 clinical clock hours of practice will be expected to complete clinical course work beyond the proposed curriculum)
- Written goal statement

**Sample Curriculum
M.S.N. - D.N.P. Program**

YEAR ONE

	Hours
Fall Semester	
NUR 778 Proseminar in Contemporary Health and Nursing Policy Issues	3
NUR 902 Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems	3
NUR 915 Foundations of Evidence-Based Practice and Program Plan	4
Statistics course*	3
Subtotal	10-13*
Spring Semester	
NUR 903 Applied Biostatistics for Outcomes Evaluation	4
NUR 904 Epidemiology Applied to the Design and Evaluation of Nursing and Health Services	3
NUR 916 Evaluation for Improvement of Clinical Practice and Outcomes	3
Subtotal	10
Summer	
NUR 917 Technology for Transforming Nursing and Healthcare	3
NUR 918 Protection of Human Subjects	1
Subtotal	4

YEAR TWO

Hours

Fall Semester

NUR 914 Economic and Financial Aspects of Clinical and Population-Based Health Care Delivery Systems	4
NUR 919 Strategic Analysis for Quality Improvement in Nursing and Healthcare	3
NUR 920 Advanced Nursing Practice in Dynamic Health Care Systems	3
Subtotal	10

Spring Semester

NUR 910 Clinical Residency	3
Subtotal	3

Summer

NUR 910 Clinical Residency	3
Subtotal	3

**STA 570 or comparable graduate-level course within the past five years is a prerequisite to the program or can be taken during the fall of the first year; statistics is a required course prerequisite for NUR 903 (Applied Biostatistics for Outcomes Evaluation).*

B.S.N. - D.N.P. in Nursing

The post-B.S.N. entry option builds on a student's undergraduate degree, and experience as a registered nurse and prepares the individual for the advanced practice registered nurse role in a chosen specialty. Students apply to and are admitted to a particular specialty. Admission decisions are made on a competitive basis by specialty.

Admission Criteria

- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE or NLN accredited program
- Undergraduate grade-point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 grading scale
- Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (minimum scores of 500 on the Verbal and Quantitative portions are preferred. Analytical Writing scores are evaluated individually.)
- Three letters of reference
- Personal interview(s)
- Licensure as a registered nurse in the state in which clinical will occur
- Clinical nursing experience prior to the first DNP clinical course
- Written goal statement

**Sample Curriculum
B.S.N. - D.N.P. Program**

FIRST YEAR

Hours

Fall Semester

STA 570 Basic Statistical Analysis*	4
NUR 921 Pathophysiology or NUR XXX Specialty Science**	3
NUR 924 Concepts, Theories, and Models for Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NUR 900 Process of Nursing Leadership	3

Spring Semester

NUR 927 Special Topics in Pharmacology	1
NUR 922 Pharmacologic Applications in Primary Care or NUR XXX Specialty Science**	3
NUR 923 Applications of Advanced Health Assessment or NUR 926 Systems Application of Advanced Health Assessment**	3
NUR 925 Research Methods in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NUR XXX Advanced Practice Registered Nurse I or Systems Management I (actual course numbers vary by specialty/track)	3

Summer

Elective	3
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SECOND YEAR

Hours

Fall Semester

NUR 778 Proseminar in Contemporary Health and Nursing Policy Issues	3
NUR 902 Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems	3
NUR 915 Foundations of Evidence-Based Practice and Program Plan	4
NUR XXX Advanced Practice Registered Nurse II or Systems Management II (actual course numbers vary by specialty/track)	5

Spring Semester

NUR 903 Applied Biostatistics for Outcomes Evaluation	4
NUR 904 Epidemiology Applied to the Design and Evaluation of Nursing and Health Services	3
NUR 916 Evaluation for Improvement of Clinical Practice and Outcomes	3
NUR XXX Advance Practice Registered Nurse III or Systems Management III (actual course numbers vary by specialty track)	5

Summer

NUR 917 Technology for Transforming Nursing and Healthcare	3
NUR 918 Protection of Human Subjects	1
NUR 930 Problems in Advanced Practice Nursing (Subtitle required)	2

THIRD YEAR

Hours

Fall Semester

NUR 914 Economic and Financial Aspects of Clinical and Population-Based Health Care Delivery Systems	4
NUR 919 Strategic Analysis for Quality Improvement in Nursing and Health Care	3
NUR 920 Advanced Nursing Practice in Dynamic Health Care Systems	3

Spring Semester

NUR 910 Clinical Residency	3
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Summer

NUR 910 Clinical Residency	3
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**STA 570 or comparable graduate-level course within the past five years is a prerequisite to the program or can be taken during the fall of the first year; statistics is a required course prerequisite for NUR 903 (Applied Biostatistics for Outcomes Evaluation).*

***Related specialty science courses to be completed by nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist students for direct patient care.*

D.N.P. Student Outcomes

Graduates will be prepared to:

- Integrate clinical expertise with population-focused care management, research, and health care policy to provide leadership in health care.
- Design, implement, manage, and evaluate care delivery systems to meet the needs of populations.
- Apply clinical, political, organization, and economic theories to care delivery systems to improve health outcomes for populations.
- Develop networks and manage constituencies in complex health systems.

- Plan, manage, evaluate and redirect continuous personal and professional self-development.
- Solve problems that affect health and health care delivery through clinical leadership.
- Create environments that foster innovation and risk-taking.
- Create practice environments in which decisions are based on critical analysis of levels of evidence.

The College of Nursing also offers the terminal academic degree program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing. For more information on this program, refer to *The Graduate School Bulletin* at: www.rgs.uky.edu/gsl

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