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

Note: Students planning to apply to the 4-year B.S.N. program in Fall 2011 or later should see the new admissions standards on page 235.

Criteria for admission to the 4-year B.S.N. 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.

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;

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR COLLEGE OF NURSING

Traditional B.S.N. Program:
March 1

Second Degree Program:
March 1 for fall semester
August 15 for spring semester

R.N.-B.S.N. Program:
March 1 preferred, until August 1 on space-available basis for fall semester
December 1 for spring semester

D.N.P. Program:
February 15

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 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 these requirements will be grouped with other applicants who are considered for admission after completion of the prerequisites.
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 and drug screening 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.

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)** 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:** R.N. 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 R.N. licensure and experience to the R.N.-B.S.N. 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.
- **c)** 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.

### 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.

### Admission Criteria for Fall 2011 Applicants

Criteria for admission to the 4-year B.S.N. program beginning in Fall 2011 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 2.75 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).

   Consideration for admission to the professional nursing program will occur at the sophomore level for all students based on the following criteria:
   - **a)** a minimum cumulative and science grade-point average of 2.75;
   - **b)** a grade of C or better in all required pre-nursing courses;
   - **c)** completion of an approved Medicaid Nurse Aide training program;
   - **d)** the Internet-based TOEFL is required of all applicants whose first or primary language is other than English. Minimum cumulative score of 90; and at least minimum individual scores of 26 in speaking, 22 in listening, 20 in writing and 20 in reading. The requirement may be appealed by the student in extenuating circumstances (e.g., demonstrated proficiency in English language from many years of education in the U.S.A.)

   In addition, any or all of the following information may be requested as part of the application:
   - **e)** a writing exercise based on the criteria established by the College of Nursing;
   - **f)** 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.
   - **g)** an interview with members of the Admissions and Progression Committee, or their designees.

### Early Admission for Fall 2011 Applicants

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 28 or higher (or the equivalent SAT combined score). Students will be required to maintain a 3.25 GPA in each semester in their first year and a 3.25 GPA in science to retain guaranteed admission to the professional level. 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.

### 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 234). 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

The traditional and Second Degree Option nursing curricula were designed with co-requisites and courses taken in sequence. Therefore, students will be admitted to these options with the expectation that they will follow the prescribed nursing curriculum. R.N. 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 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 progress 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 84-88 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 Childbearing 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 Baccalaurate 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 Childbearing 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 Baccalaurate Program (Registered Nurses)

Junior Year Hours
First Semester
NUR 854 Advanced Concepts in Professional Nursing ............................................................... 5
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

The College of Nursing offers 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. It is not an accelerated B.S.N. option but a five-semester B.S.N. option.

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

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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, 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
College of Nursing

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

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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

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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/gs/

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