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:

   -...
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.

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 Admission 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;

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 nursing program based on the following criteria:

a) the applicant must be a registered nurse licensed to practice in Kentucky;
b) an associate degree in nursing from a college accredited by one of the six regional academic accrediting associations 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;*
c) a statement of academic and professional goals;
d) a letter of reference from a supervisor;
e) an interview with members of the Admission and Progression Committee or their designees.

NOTE: The following information concerning nursing credits was under review at the time of publication. Please check with the College of Nursing for the current policy.

*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 taking the ACT-PEP tests. It is strongly recommended that applicants contact the Office of Student Services in the College of Nursing regarding the approved nursing ACT-PEP credits. 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, and must have satisfactorily completed the ACT-PEP tests which establish the nursing credits.

Application Deadline

The application deadline for admission to the Nursing program for all categories of students is March 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. RN applicants are considered for fall admission only. 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.
Sample Curriculum Baccalaureate Program (Four-year Students)
Freshman Year

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 Pathophysiology 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 Pathophysiology 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

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

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
(Registered Nurses)
Junior Year

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 I .................................... 3
NUR 862 Pharmacology ........................................ 3
Elective* ......................................................... 3

Third Semester

NUR 880 Leadership/Management in Nursing Care Delivery .......... 4
NUR 886 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge
for Nursing Practice ............................................. 6

*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 chang-
ing, 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 aca-
demic year. Furthermore, to continue to meet the changing
emphasis in nursing education, some courses will require
educational experiences for students in community facili-
ties outside of Lexington.

Outcome Objectives

1. Exemplifies a personal philosophy of nursing that is consistent with profes-
sional 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 cli-
ents to a peaceful death.

3. Practices critical thinking skills to make
independent and collaborative deci-
sions.
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;
- a personal reference; 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

Summer Term/Part-of-Term

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R.N.-B.S.N.-M.S.N. Degree Requirements

Students in this program must meet the degree requirements for both the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and the Master of Science in Nursing program. In addition to completing the University Studies Program requirements, students must complete the following:

Sample Curriculum
R.N. - B.S.N. - M.S.N. Program

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Spring Semester
NUR 604 Leadership in Advanced Practice Nursing 3
NUR 631 Applications of Advanced Health Assessment 3
NUR 7XX Practicum I 6

Summer (Eight-Week Session)
*NUR 632 Comprehensive Patient Management I 2

YEARTHREE

Fall Semester
NUR 603 Clinical Reasoning in Advanced Practice Nursing 3
NUR 605 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice 3

Spring Semester
*NUR 633 Comprehensive Patient Management II 4
NUR 7XX Practicum II 4

*Nurse practitioner students only.

Graduate course work required for the student’s program of study is located in the College of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook.

Graduate Study

The College of Nursing offers programs leading to the Master of Science in Nursing, the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice. Students may obtain information on this program by referring to The Graduate School Bulletin or contacting the Office of Student Services, College of Nursing, 315 College of Nursing Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40536-0232, (859) 323-5108.