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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 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 3.25 (unweighted) or above on a 4.0 scale and a minimum of 22 ACT composite, with a minimum of 19 ACT math score;
- b) meeting criteria for selective admission to the University of Kentucky (see the *Undergraduate Admission* section of this Bulletin for more information).

Consideration for 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 3.0;
- b) a grade of **C** or better in all required pre-nursing courses;
- c) completion of the UK College of Nursing 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 22 in reading.

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).
- g) an interview with members of the Admissions and Progression Committee, or their designees.

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR COLLEGE OF NURSING

Traditional B.S.N. Program

March 1 for fall semester

October 15 for spring semester

Second Degree Program

March 1 for fall semester

August 15 for spring semester

R.N.-B.S.N. Program

May 1 for fall semester

October 15 for spring semester

D.N.P. Program

January 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 3.6 or higher (unweighted). ACT composite of 28 or higher (or the equivalent SAT combined score). Students will be required to maintain a 3.6 GPA in each semester *in their first year at UK* and a 3.6 GPA in science to retain guaranteed admission to the professional level.

Students who meet the early admission requirements will be granted full admission to the Professional Nursing program in either the fall or spring of the student's sophomore year. Students who do not meet the requirements will be considered with other applicants who meet admission criteria, following completion of program 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 3.0 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 3.0 on all college work attempted, and a minimum cumulative grade-

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.

point average of 2.75 in science courses, as computed by the Office of Admissions;

- c) for applicants whose *first or primary language* is not English, a minimum TOEFL score of 90, with minimum scores of 26 in speaking, 22 in listening, 20 in writing and 22 in reading;
- d) 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:

- 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) completion of an approved Medicaid Nurse Aide training program;
- h) 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:**
Registered nurses who graduate from a diploma program will be considered for admission after earning a minimum of 60 college credits from a regionally accredited college with a 2.5 minimum GPA 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).

- iii. **For Registered Nurses who received their nursing education abroad and are licensed to practice nursing in the State of Kentucky:**

Registered nurses who received their nursing education abroad and are licensed to practice nursing in the State of Kentucky will be considered for admission after earning/transferring in a minimum of 60 college credits with a 2.5 minimum GPA. These courses should 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.

Application Deadline

The application deadline is **May 1** for the fall semester, and **October 15** for the spring semester.

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. 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 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 the UK Core requirements, 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.

UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of this Bulletin for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list 3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list 3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology 4

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology 3

V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I 3

VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II 3

VII. Quantitative Foundations

Choose one course from approved list 3

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:

An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning
or

BST 230 Statistical Thinking in Public Health 3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

Choose one course from approved list 3

X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list 3

UK Core hours **31**

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

NUR 200 Foundations for Professional Nursing 2

NUR 310 Research for Evidence-Based

Nursing Practice 3

NUR 413 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge

for Nursing Practice 6

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR) **11**

Premajor Requirements

Hours

ANA 109 Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing I 4

ANA 110 Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing II 4

BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology 3

CHE 103 Chemistry for Health Professionals 4

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I 3

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II 3

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology 4

Subtotal: Premajor hours **25**

Major Requirements

Hours

NUR 200 Foundations for Professional Nursing 2

NUR 202 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 5

NUR 203 Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan 3

NUR 210 Pathopharmacology I 3

NUR 211 Fundamentals of Adult Nursing Care 7

NUR 300 Pathopharmacology II 3

NUR 301 Family Centered Care of

Adults With Common Health Problems 6

NUR 310 Research for Evidence-Based

Nursing Practice 3

NUR 311 Nursing Care of Childrearing Families 5

NUR 313 Nursing Care of Childbearing Families 5

NUR 400 Leadership/Management

in Nursing Care Delivery 3

NUR 401 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing 5

NUR 403 Public Health Nursing 5

NUR 410 Career Management in Nursing 2

NUR 411 High Acuity Nursing 5

NUR 413 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge

for Nursing Practice 6

NUR 540 Health Care Systems

From an Interprofessional Perspective 3

BIO 208 Principles of Microbiology 3

DHN 212 Introductory Nutrition 3

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:

An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning

or

BST 230 Statistical Thinking in Public Health 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 4

CHE 103 Chemistry for Health Professionals

or

BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology 3-4

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I

or

UK Core 3

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology 4

UK Core 3

Second Semester

ANA 110 Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing II 4

CHE 103 Chemistry for Health Professionals

or

BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology 3-4

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II

or

UK Core 3

UK Core 3

UK Core 3

Sophomore Year

First Semester

BIO 208 Principles of Microbiology 3

DHN 212 Introductory Nutrition 3

NUR 200 Foundations for Professional Nursing 2

NUR 202 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 5

NUR 203 Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan 3

Second Semester

NUR 210 Pathopharmacology I 3

NUR 211 Fundamentals of Adult Nursing Care 7

UK Core 3

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:

An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning

or

BST 230 Statistical Thinking in Public Health 3

Junior Year

First Semester

NUR 300 Pathopharmacology II 3

NUR 301 Family Centered Care of

Adults With Common Health Problems 6

NUR 540 Health Care Systems

From an Interprofessional Perspective 3

UK Core 3

Second Semester

NUR 310 Research for Evidence-Based

Nursing Practice 3

NUR 311 Nursing Care of Childrearing Families 5

NUR 313 Nursing Care of Childbearing Families 5

UK Core 3

UK Core 3

Senior Year

First Semester

NUR 400 Leadership/Management in

Nursing Care Delivery 3

NUR 401 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing 5

NUR 403 Public Health Nursing 5

Elective 3

Second Semester

NUR 410 Career Management in Nursing 2

NUR 411 High Acuity Nursing 5

NUR 413 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge

for Nursing Practice 6

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

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

NUR 350 Concepts in Professional Nursing 5

NUR 453 Nursing Practice Capstone

for Registered Nurses 6

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR) **11**

Junior Year

Hours

First Semester

NUR 350 Concepts in Professional Nursing 5

NUR 351 Health Assessment 2

NUR 450 The Impact of Evidence-Based

Practice in Nursing 3

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:

An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning

or

BST 230 Statistical Thinking in Public Health 3

Second Semester

NUR 451 Population Health for Registered Nurses 5

NUR 354 Pathophysiology 3

NUR 352 Pharmacology 3

Elective* 3

Third Semester

NUR 452 Leadership and Management

for Registered Nurses 3

NUR 453 Nursing Practice Capstone

for Registered Nurses 6

Elective* 3

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

MEDVET OPTION B.S.N. PROGRAM

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

NUR 221 Introduction to Professional Nursing Care Across the Lifespan for Second Degree Students	8
NUR 310 Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NUR 413 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge for Nursing Practice	6
Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR)	17

Sample Curriculum B.S.N. Program MedVet Option

Hours

Semester I

UK 101 Academic Orientation (veterans section)	1
DHN 212 Introductory Nutrition	3
NUR 210 Pathopharmacology I	3
NUR 221 Introduction to Professional Nursing Care Across the Lifespan for Second Degree Students	8

Semester II

NUR 300 Pathopharmacology II	3
NUR 301 Family Centered Care of Adults With Common Health Problems	6
NUR 540 Health Care Systems From an Interprofessional Perspective	3

Semester III

NUR 310 Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NUR 311 Nursing Care of Childrearing Families	5
NUR 313 Nursing Care of Childbearing Families	5

Semester IV

NUR 400 Leadership/Management in Nursing Care Delivery	3
NUR 401 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5
NUR 403 Public Health Nursing	5
NUR 410 Career Management in Nursing	2

Semester V

NUR 410 Career Management in Nursing	2
NUR 411 High Acuity Nursing	5
NUR 413 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge for Nursing Practice	6

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.

SECOND DEGREE OPTION B.S.N. PROGRAM

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 baccalaureate degree in another field;
- meet minimum GPA requirement 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 103 (Chemistry for Health Professionals) or equivalent;
- grade of **C** or higher in PSY 100 (Introduction to Psychology) or equivalent;
- grade of **C** or higher in DHN 212 (Introductory Nutrition)*;
- grade of **C** or higher in BIO 208 (Principles of Microbiology)*;
- grade of **C** or higher in BIO 103 (Basic Ideas of Biology); and
- a written statement.

*DHN 212 and BIO 208 are prerequisites to NUR 221.

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

- STA 210 (Making Sense of Uncertainty: An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning) or equivalent (prerequisite to NUR 310—take in Semester I or Semester II).

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.”

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

NUR 221 Introduction to Professional Nursing Care Across the Lifespan for Second Degree Students	8
NUR 310 Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NUR 413 Synthesis of Clinical Knowledge for Nursing Practice	6
Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR)	17

Sample Curriculum Second Degree B.S.N. Program

Hours

Semester I

NUR 210 Pathopharmacology I	3
NUR 221 Introduction to Professional Nursing Care Across the Lifespan for Second Degree Students	8

Semester II

NUR 300 Pathopharmacology II	3
NUR 301 Family Centered Care of Adults With Common Health Problems	6
NUR 540 Health Care Systems From an Interprofessional Perspective	3

Semester III

NUR 310 Research for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NUR 311 Nursing Care of Childrearing Families	5
NUR 313 Nursing Care of Childbearing Families	5

Semester IV

NUR 400 Leadership/Management in Nursing Care Delivery	3
NUR 401 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5
NUR 403 Public Health Nursing	5

Semester V

NUR 410 Career Management in Nursing	2
NUR 411 High Acuity Nursing	5
NUR 413 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 an advanced practice nurse; and 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 an APRN role. Both options culminate with the D.N.P. degree.

Application Deadline

Application materials are due by **January 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.uky.edu/nursing/.

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

Graduates of the post-M.S.N. -D.N.P. option 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. Individuals have the option of a Clinical Leadership focus or an Executive Leadership option.

Admission Criteria

- Graduate grade-point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 grading scale
- Master’s degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program
- Goal Statement: In one to three double-spaced pages, discuss your reasons for seeking doctoral study, including your short- and long-term professional goals. Discuss a system or population you are interested in working with and identify/discuss a system or health problem in that population that you wish to study as a practice inquiry project.
- An example of scholarly written work, completed within two years of application, related to nursing that demonstrates excellent writing skills and the ability to communicate clearly and logically. Samples of scholarly work: formal research paper written in M.S.N. program; published article on a nursing issue; or paper written on nursing issue of interest to applicant
- Three references (forms provided) attesting to the applicants’ expertise in nursing or health care. Faculty prefer professional references from nursing faculty advisor if available or a nursing faculty member who knows the applicant, one from a doctorally prepared Registered Nurse, and no more than one from peer.
- Unencumbered licensure to practice in Kentucky or in the state in which clinicals will occur (prerequisite to clinical experience)
- Interview(s) with D.N.P. faculty
- A minimum of 460 clinical practice hours from a formal graduate program and certification as applicable. (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.)
- Current vita

**Sample Curriculum
Post M.S.N. - D.N.P. Program
Clinical Leadership in Health Care**

YEAR ONE

Hours

Fall Semester

NUR 905 Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar 1

NUR 916 Program Planning and Evaluation for Improvement in Practice and Health Outcomes 3

NUR 914 Economic and Financial Aspects of Clinical and Population-Based Health Care Delivery Systems 3

NUR 903 Applied Biostatistics for Outcomes Evaluation 3

Subtotal **10**

Spring Semester

NUR 906 Application of Biostatistics and Epidemiology for Strategic Decision Making 3

NUR 909 Proposal Development 1

NUR 970 Assessment and Design of Complex Healthcare Systems: Seminar 3

NUR 971 Assessment and Design of Complex Healthcare Systems: Clinical Practicum 2

Subtotal **9**

Summer

NUR 918 Protection of Human Subjects 1

NUR 919 Quality and Safety in Nursing and Healthcare 3

Subtotal **4**

YEAR TWO

Hours

Fall Semester

NUR 778 Proseminar in Contemporary Health and Nursing Policy Issues 3

NUR 978 Population Health: Seminar 3

NUR 979 Population Health: Clinical 2

Subtotal **8**

Spring Semester

NUR 910 DNP Project 2

NUR 920 Advanced Nursing Practice in Dynamic Healthcare Systems (Subtitle required) 3

NUR 930 Problems in Advanced Practice Nursing (Subtitle required) 2

Subtotal **7**

Summer

NUR 910 DNP Project 2

Subtotal **2**

**Sample Curriculum
Post M.S.N. - D.N.P. Program
Executive Leadership in Health Care**

YEAR ONE

Hours

Fall Semester

NUR 905 Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar 1

NUR 916 Program Planning and Evaluation for Improvement in Practice and Health Outcomes 3

NUR 903 Applied Biostatistics for Outcomes Evaluation 3

NUR 914 Economic and Financial Aspects of Clinical and Population-Based Health Care Delivery Systems 3

Subtotal **10**

Spring Semester

NUR 909 Proposal Development 1

NUR 906 Application of Biostatistics and Epidemiology for Strategic Decision Making 3

NUR 970 Assessment and Design of Complex Healthcare Systems: Seminar 3

NUR 971 Assessment and Design of Complex Healthcare Systems: Clinical Practicum 2

Subtotal **9**

Summer

NUR 918 Protection of Human Subjects 1

NUR 919 Quality and Safety in Nursing and Healthcare 3

Subtotal **4**

YEAR TWO

Hours

Fall Semester

NUR 778 Proseminar in Contemporary Health and Nursing Policy Issues 3

NUR 978 Population Health: Seminar 3

NUR 979 Population Health: Clinical 2

Subtotal **9**

Spring Semester

NUR 910 DNP Project 2

NUR 974 Strategic Leadership in Complex Healthcare Organizations 3

NUR 975 Strategic Leadership in Complex Healthcare Organizations: Practicum 2

Subtotal **7**

Summer

NUR 910 DNP Project 2

Subtotal **2**

NOTE: EPE 557/STA 569/STA 570 required for admission.

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

The post-BSN 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. Direct care specialties include: Adult-Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist, Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (Adult-Gero or Family) or population/systems focus in the Executive Leadership in Health Care specialty. Required credit hours vary by specialty. Students apply to and are admitted to a particular specialty. Admission decisions are made on a competitive basis by specialty.

Admission Criteria

- Undergraduate grade-point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 grading scale
- Three references (forms provided) attesting to the applicants’ expertise in nursing or health care. Faculty prefer professional references from nursing faculty advisor if available or a nursing faculty member who knows the applicant, one from a doctorally prepared Registered Nurse, and no more than one from peer.
- Personal interview(s)
- Unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the state in which clinicals will occur (prerequisite to clinical experience)
- Clinical nursing experience prior to the first D.N.P. clinical course
- Goal Statement: In one to three double-spaced pages, discuss your reasons for seeking doctoral study, including your short- and long-term professional goals. Discuss a

system or population you are interested in working with and identify/discuss a system or health problem in that population that you wish to study as a practice inquiry project.

- An example of scholarly written work, completed within two years of application, related to nursing that demonstrates excellent writing skills and the ability to communicate clearly and logically. Samples of scholarly work: formal research paper written in B.S.N. program; published article on a nursing issue; or paper written on nursing issue of interest to applicant.
- Current vita.

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

YEAR ONE		Hours
Fall Semester		
EPE 557 Gathering, Analyzing, and Using Educational Data		
or		
comparable statistics course	.....	3
NUR 921 Pathophysiology	.....	3
NUR 924 Concepts, Theories, and Models for Advanced Practice Nursing	.....	3
NUR 905 Doctor of Nursing Practice Seminar	.....	1
Spring Semester		
NUR 925 Research Methods in Advanced Practice Nursing	.....	3
NUR 923 Applications of Advanced Health Assessment	.....	3
NUR 922 Advanced Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses (Subtitle required)	.....	4
Specialty Seminar I	.....	3
Summer		
NUR 902 Nursing Leadership in Health Care	.....	3
NUR 915 Evaluating Evidence for Research and Evidence-Based Practice	.....	3
NUR 963 Primary Care of Children and Childbearing Families (FNP students only)	.....	3
YEAR TWO		Hours
Fall Semester		
NUR 903 Applied Biostatistics for Outcomes Evaluation	.....	3
NUR 916 Program Planning and Evaluation for Improvement in Practice and Health Outcomes	.....	3
Specialty Seminar II	.....	3
Specialty Clinical with Seminar II	.....	3
Spring Semester		
NUR 909 Proposal Development	.....	1
NUR 917 Technology for Transforming Nursing and Healthcare	.....	2
NUR 919 Quality and Safety in Nursing and Healthcare	.....	3
Specialty Seminar III	.....	3
Specialty Clinical with Seminar III	.....	3
Summer		
NUR 918 Protection of Human Subjects	.....	1
NUR 914 Economic and Financial Aspects of Clinical and Population-Based Health Care Delivery Systems	.....	3

YEAR THREE

Hours

Fall Semester

NUR 904 Epidemiology Applied to the Design and Evaluation of Nursing and Health Services	.....	3
NUR 778 Proseminar in Contemporary Health and Nursing Policy Issues	.....	3
NUR 930 Problems in Advanced Practice Nursing (Subtitle required)	.....	3
NUR 910 DNP Project	.....	2

Spring Semester

NUR 930 Problems in Advanced Practice Nursing (Subtitle required)	.....	3
NUR 910 DNP Project	.....	2

Post Graduate Certificate Option

The primary objective of this option is to prepare advanced practice registered nurses for national certification eligibility and licensure in a new or additional specialty area of practice through a formal, organized curriculum that focuses on specialty courses in the students' area of interest. Post-Master of Science in Nursing, post-Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing and post-Doctor of Nursing Practice individuals are eligible to apply.

Students enrolled in this option are assessed the professional doctoral tuition and fee rates.

Specialties Available for the Certificate Option

- Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist*
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner*
- Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner*
- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner*
- Executive Nursing Leadership

*The specialty course sequence for these specialties is offered every OTHER year.

Family and Adult Nurse Practitioner (primary care) are not currently available as a certificate option.

Application Deadline

Application materials are due by **December 15**. Applications received after this date will be considered if space is available. Admission decisions are made on a competitive basis. Requirements and forms are available at: www.uknursing.uky.edu

Admission Criteria

- Master of Science or doctoral degree in nursing. Doctoral degree preferred.
- Completed application to the UK College of Nursing Certificate Option.

- Minimum score of 550 (or 213 on computer-based test, or 79 on iBT) on Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for all applicants whose native language is not English.
- Unencumbered registered nurse licensure in the state where clinical work will take place.
- Two references, one of which must be from your current supervisor, the other from your master's or doctoral degree program advisor preferred, or other nursing faculty member.
- Interview(s) with graduate faculty member(s).

Admission to the certificate option is made on a competitive, space-available basis.

Sample Curriculum Post Graduate Nursing Certificate

YEAR ONE		Hours
Fall Semester		
Pre or Corequisite Courses		
NUR 921 Pathophysiology	.....	3
NUR 922 Advanced Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses (Subtitle required)	.....	4
NUR 923 Applications of Advanced Health Assessment	.....	3
Spring Semester		
NUR 927 Special Topics in Pharmacology (Subtitle required)	.....	1
NUR XXX Advanced Practice Registered Nurse I or Systems Management I (actual course numbers vary by specialty)	.....	3
YEAR TWO		Hours
Fall Semester		
NUR XXX Advanced Practice Registered Nurse II or Systems Management II (actual course numbers vary by specialty)	.....	6
Spring Semester		
NUR 930 Problems in Advanced Practice Nursing (Subtitle required)	.....	3
NUR XXX Advanced Practice Registered Nurse III or Systems Management III (actual course numbers vary by specialty)	.....	6

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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