Nursing (RN)

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. Admissions criteria for four types of students are presented in the Nursing section of the UK Bulletin.

Degree Requirements
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 nursing courses. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required for graduation.

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)
NUR 360 Professional Communication in Nursing Practice for the RN-BSN Track ......................................................3
NUR 452 Leadership and Management for Registered Nurses .................................................................3
NUR 461 Integrative Concepts for Professional Nursing for the RN-BSN Track .............................................3
NUR 463 Nursing Clinical Practice Capstone for the RN-BSN Track .........................................................3

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR) ..............................................12

Major Requirements
NUR 360 Professional Communication in Nursing Practice for the RN-BSN Track ......................................................3
NUR 361 Health Assessment .........................................................................................................................3
NUR 363 Pathopharmacology I for the RN-BSN Track .....................................................................................3
NUR 450 The Impact of Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing ........................................................................3
NUR 452 Leadership and Management for Registered Nurses .....................................................................3
NUR 460 Population Health for Registered Nurses ....................................................................................3-5
NUR 461 Integrative Concepts for Professional Nursing for the RN-BSN Track .............................................3
NUR 463 Nursing Clinical Practice Capstone for the RN-BSN Track .........................................................3

Major Requirement hours ..................................................................................................................24-26

Guided Electives
Students must take two of the elective courses below, for a total of 6 credit hours. One elective must be a nursing course. To request approval for a course not on the list below, it must be a topic that would be useful for nursing knowledge or practice and must receive approval from the Coordinator of the RN-BSN Track.

NUR 364 UK Transitions to Practice Nurse Residency Course ....................................................................3
NUR 365 Addiction Is a Chronic Disorder ..................................................................................................3
NUR 367 Baptist Health Lexington Transitions to Practice Course ..........................................................3
NUR 372 Current Healthcare Topics in the US .........................................................................................3
NUR 373 Pathopharmacology II for the RN-BSN Track ...........................................................................3
NUR 374 Gerontological Nursing ..............................................................................................................3
NUR 375 Fundamentals of Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing .......................................3
NUR 376 Rural and Appalachian Health ....................................................................................................3
CLM 342 Leadership: Management Competencies Essential to Lead in Healthcare ..................................3
CLM 443 Leadership: Strategic Vision, Mission and Planning in Healthcare .........................................3
CLM 444 Leadership: Human Resources Management in Healthcare ....................................................3

Guided Elective hours ..........................................................................................................................6

Sample Curriculum
Baccalaureate Program
(Registered Nurses)

Junior Year

First Semester
NUR 360 Professional Communication in Nursing Practice for the RN-BSN Track ..............................................................3
NUR 361 Health Assessment .........................................................................................................................3
NUR 363 Pathopharmacology I for the RN-BSN Track .....................................................................................3
NUR 450 The Impact of Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing ........................................................................3

Second Semester
NUR 452 Leadership and Management for Registered Nurses .....................................................................3
NUR 460 Population Health for Registered Nurses ....................................................................................3
NUR 461 Integrative Concepts for Professional Nursing for the RN-BSN Track .............................................3
Elective .......................................................................................................................................................3

Third Semester
NUR 463 Nursing Clinical Practice Capstone for the RN-BSN Track .........................................................3
Elective .......................................................................................................................................................3

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty: An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning or
*BST 230 Statistical Thinking in Public Health .........................................................................................3
*If necessary.

TOTAL HOURS ...............................................................................................................................30-33

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 frequent 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 a period of training off-campus in community facilities outside of Lexington.