

RN-BSN PROGRAM FOR REGISTERED NURSES

The accredited RN-BSN completion program is designed to allow associate degree registered nurses to continue their education to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Allowing maximum flexibility to RN-BSN students, the nursing courses are divided into eight week blocks resulting in students taking fewer nursing classes at one time while taking up to a full-time course load for the semester.

The RN-BSN faculty delivers much of the course content through an Electronic Learning Management System (this is not an online nursing program). Students are required to come to the School of Nursing (on campus) for RN-BSN orientation, Senior Capstone presentations, and/or attend other class experiences.

The RN-BSN curriculum includes 35 nursing credit hours and 15 liberal studies credit hours. The remaining 70 hours is comprised of 35 nursing credit hours, 23 liberal studies credit hours transferred from an accredited two-year nursing program, and 12 additional program credit hours. In addition, the RN-BSN student must hold and maintain an unencumbered Registered Nurse license to practice nursing in Kentucky.

The following liberal studies courses are required: foreign language (6 credit hours of the same language), SPE 103, ART 130 OR MUS 130 OR THE 130 OR ENG 211, and IGS 200. Nursing students may also fulfill their general education requirement through the "WYS Honors Nursing Core." The additional required program credit hours include BIO 204, PSY 300, PSY 303, and FNU 104 OR CHE for Health Sciences OR CLE 299

RN-BSN students may enroll either part-time or full-time. All students starting nursing courses must begin with NUR 321 and end with NUR 426. The following courses are to be taken in sequence starting with each fall semester: NUR 321,323, 325, 326,422, 423, 425, 426. Students may graduate in one year if the required liberal study courses have been completed and the student is enrolled full-time. To allow for a part-time option the following nursing courses may be taken out of sequence along with liberal studies: NUR 321, 322, 324, 421, 424.

Admission Requirements: Admission is once a year in the fall. Application deadline is May 1st. The RN-BSN applicant must meet the following criteria:

- An unencumbered license to practice registered nursing in the state of Kentucky. Registered Nurses with a license that has been limited, suspended, or revoked are not eligible for admission.
- Have a CUM GPA of 2.0 or better in ADN/diploma coursework OR most recent college work.
- Submit a copy of a current CPR certification (must maintain while in program).
- Submit a copy of active professional liability insurance (must maintain while in program).
- Be admitted to the University.
- Submit a professionally written admission essay to the School of Nursing explaining the career goals that earning a BSN will allow a nurse to achieve. Essay must be two typed pages (see guidelines online).
- Two letters of recommendation: One from employer and one from former nursing instructor.
- Applicants who have or will be graduating from an ADN program who still need to sit for NCLEX-RN may be considered for conditional admission provided that all other requirements have been met. These applicants must have received their registered nursing license by first day of NUR 312.

Submission of All requirements listed above must be completed by May 1st of each year in order for application to be complete. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated for admission.

RN-BSN Program Requirements:

- Students must achieve a letter grade of "C" or better in all liberal studies and nursing courses in order to remain in the program (a course may be repeated only once).
- Fully admitted RN-BSN students must maintain a CUM GPA 2.5 or better.
- Fully admitted RN-BSN students must attend program orientation. Students who are conditionally admitted are required to attend the RN-BSN orientation, but attendance does not guarantee full admission into the nursing program.
- Students may be required to complete a current TB skin test, immunizations, criminal background check, a drug screen and/or other information as required by an agency.
- Students must graduate from the RN-BSN program within a five (5) year period beginning with full admission into the RN-BSN program.
- Students must meet all University graduation requirements (See KSU Catalog available online.)

ADN Graduates with a Baccalaureate or a Graduate Degree Outside of Nursing: ADN applicants for the RN-BSN Completion program, who have a Bachelor's/Master's degree outside nursing from a regionally accredited institution, are required to complete only the 30 hours of upper division nursing courses, PSY 300 and 200 level IGS course. This allows the student to meet the residency requirements for graduation as stipulated in the Catalogue. The Rising Junior is not required.

Expenses: RN-BSN students pay the same general fees and tuition as do other students at the University. However, students in the RN-BSN program incur additional expenses including but not limited to name badge, liability insurance, and travel expenses.

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