

NURSING, ACCELERATED PROGRAM (BSN)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2023–Spring 2024 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Accelerated Program

Unit: Nursing (<http://www.louisville.edu/nursing/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): NURABSN, NURABSNUD, NURABSNOW, NURABSNUDW

Program Information

The Accelerated Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is a hybrid accelerated program that prepares students with a bachelor's degree in any area outside of nursing to become entry-level professional nurses. This program has two locations: Louisville, Kentucky and Owensboro, Kentucky. Hybrid programs are a combination of online and in person instruction. Course lectures will be offered online. Clinical and lab experiences will be completed in person at the location in which you are admitted.

This program consists of four semesters of program major requirements after the successful completion of all the professional/prerequisite course work. Our BSN program also provides the necessary content to prepare for masters and doctoral degrees in nursing. Graduates of the BSN program will be prepared to take the National Council Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Students will use innovative Patient Simulation Centers and conduct clinical in acute care and community-based settings.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Admission to Lower Division Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Professional/Prerequisite Coursework)

- Students wanting to complete prerequisite coursework at the university apply to the lower division portion of the program by submitting an application for admission to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (<https://louisville.edu/admissions/>) along with college transcripts from all previously attended colleges.

- To be admitted the School of Nursing to complete professional/prerequisite coursework, Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing applicants must have a minimum college cumulative grade point average of 2.4.

Students may be admitted directly to the School of Nursing to complete professional/prerequisite coursework if the minimum admission standards and university deadlines are met. All prerequisite coursework must be completed prior to starting the Program/Major portion of the program. A minimum grade of C is required in all prerequisite coursework.

Science courses must have been completed within the last 10 years. Students must submit a petition to the School of Nursing, Office of Student Services for review by the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Academic Affairs Committee for acceptance of sciences taken prior to the last 10 years. Consideration will only be given to those with experience in the science in which exception is being requested. Transfer credit for science courses taken prior to the last 10 years will be evaluated on an individual basis. There can be no outstanding incomplete grades prior to beginning upper division nursing coursework.

Admission to the Lower Division does not guarantee admission to the Program/Major portion of the program.

Admission to the the Accelerated Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree Program/Major

Admission to the Accelerated BSN Program is selective. To be considered for admission, applicants must:

- have earned a bachelor's degree in another field from a regionally accredited school
- successfully complete all prerequisite requirements prior to beginning the Accelerated BSN coursework
- have earned a *recommended* minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.8. The cumulative grade point average for admission consideration to the Program/Major of nursing is calculated based on all course work completed at accredited post-secondary institutions. Transfer credit and transfer GPA is determined by the Office of Transfer Articulation in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
- have earned a *recommended* program grade point average of 3.0. The program grade point average is based on required prerequisites as determined by the nursing faculty

Admissions are contingent on successful completion of the prerequisite coursework. Accepted students will receive a letter of agreement stating the anticipated start date, the conditions for accepting the space, and consequences of failing to keep the space.

Admissions Process for Program Major

Submit all admissions materials to NursingCAS (<https://nursingcas2022.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>)

- Official transcripts representing all college coursework.
- Applicants who have attended a college or university outside the United States are required to submit an evaluation of their transcript through World Education Services (<https://www.wes.org/>) (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (<https://www.ece.org/>) (ECE).
- Within the Nursing CAS application applicant must be prepared to answer questions regarding your short- and long-term nursing goals, leadership experience, community engagement, and healthcare

experience/exposure. For details and guidance regarding the questions visit the School of Nursing (<https://louisville.edu/nursing/academics/bsn/accelerated/admissions/>) webpage.

- Students for whom English is not their primary language must show English Proficiency (<https://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/application-directions/>)

General Education Requirements

The Accelerated Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing requires the completion of the Professional Curriculum/Prerequisite courses in addition to the Program/Major Requirements. Professional/Prerequisite Curriculum classes may be transferred in from the student's previously earned degree if the course(s) are determined equivalent to the courses listed below. General Education requirements are met by the satisfactory completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university prior to admissions into the program.

College/School Requirements Professional/Prerequisite Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 257	Introduction to Microbiology - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
BIOL 258	Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory - SL (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	1
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL 261	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 262	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1
CHEM 105	Chemistry for Health Professionals - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	4
HSS 303	Human Nutrition	3
NURS 338	Lifespan Pathophysiology	4
NURS 395	Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics	3
PSYC 306	Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
or ECPY 305	Human Development and Learning	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 207	Diverse Perspectives in Philosophy - D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PHIL 211	Critical Thinking - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PHIL 222	Contemporary Moral Problems - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PHIL 323	Medical Ethics	
PHIL 325	Feminist Medical Ethics - D1 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Select one of the following:		3

MATH 109	Introduction to Social Statistics - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PSYC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
BSW 204	Introduction to Social Statistics	
PHST 301	Quantitative Methods in Public Health	
Minimum Total Hours		34

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Nursing Professional Curriculum		
<i>Junior Level</i>		
NURS 344	Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 345	Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice	4
NURS 346	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client I	5
NURS 347	Health Assessment	3
NURS 356	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client II	7
NURS 357	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 358	Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice	2
<i>Senior Level</i>		
NURS 481	Child Health Nursing	5
NURS 486	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client III	5
NURS 487	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5
NURS 491	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	2
NURS 492	Global Public Health	4
NURS 493	Nursing Leadership and Management	2
NURS 494	Capstone in Professional Nursing Practicum - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	7
Minimum Total Hours		59
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
NURS 494	Capstone in Professional Nursing Practicum - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	7

Flight Plan

Year 3		
Fall		Hours
NURS 344	Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 345	Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice	4
NURS 346	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client I	5
NURS 347	Health Assessment	3
Hours		16
Spring		
NURS 356	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client II	7
NURS 357	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 358	Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice	2
Hours		13
Year 4		
Fall		
NURS 481	Child Health Nursing	5

NURS 486	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client III	5
NURS 487	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5
Hours		15
Spring		
NURS 491	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	2
NURS 492	Global Public Health	4
NURS 493	Nursing Leadership and Management	2
NURS 494	Capstone in Professional Nursing Practicum - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	7
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		59

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

- Log into your ULink account.
- Click on the Academic Progress tile.
- Select the appropriate report.
 - To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."
 - To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)

Graduates from the UofL School of Nursing are prepared to apply for RN licensure upon graduation; however, educational preparation does not guarantee professional licensure. If you have questions regarding Kentucky RN licensure, please contact the Kentucky Board of Nursing (kbn.ky.gov/Pages/lpn-rn.aspx (<https://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/lpn-rn.aspx>)). For RN licensure questions in other states, please contact the respective state board of nursing (ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm (<https://ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm>)).