

# NURSING (BSN)

The Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree prepares graduates for entry-level nursing positions in all healthcare settings as well as graduate study. The degree prepares students to take the national RN licensing exam and become registered nurses. The curriculum prepares students to care for clients in primary health care settings in addition to acute care settings. Health promotion is a major focus of the program.

WSU has contractual agreements with a very large number of health care facilities in Wichita and surrounding area, so students have clinical experience in a variety of settings. Students begin their clinical experiences during the first semester of the program. They progress through the various levels of care, and complete the program with a preceptored full-time, five-week clinical capstone experience.

The health care facilities require information on students engaged in clinicals, including, but not limited to: verification of name, address and social security number; personal health information; drug and alcohol testing; criminal background checks; verification of education; listing on any registered sex offender lists; listing on the U.S. Office of Inspector General's Excluded Individual's list; and listing on the U.S. General Services Administration's Excluded Parties List. While the School of Nursing will assist students in obtaining and gathering the information required by a health care facility, the cost of obtaining such information must be assumed by the student. What information will be required to permit the student to participate in a clinical setting learning experiences will depend

upon the respective health care facility. If a student is unable to fulfill the clinical experiences required by their program of study, the student may be unable to graduate.

WSU's baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

## Admission to Nursing

You can apply for admission to the traditional nursing program after completing 58 to 61 hours of course work. The application deadline for fall semester admission is February 1; for the spring semester, it is September 1. Admission to the nursing program is competitive. To qualify for admission you must:

1. Be enrolled in, or admitted to WSU;
2. Complete, or have a plan to complete, prerequisite courses;
3. Have an overall GPA of at least 2.75 in all courses completed and a grade of C (2.0) or better in all the required courses;
4. Submit a nursing program application form indicating the semester in which you expect to enroll;
5. Complete the standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills. A minimum score on each of four sections is required.

## Accelerated Option

This full-time, 15-month option comprises the same amount of coursework and clinical experiences as the traditional program, but in a compressed and intensive timeframe including evenings and weekends. The program begins every summer semester in May and is completed the following summer in August.

To apply to the program you must complete 67 hour of prerequisite coursework with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and have either 90 college credits completed or a previous bachelor's degree. Other admission requirements are the same as the traditional BSN program. The application deadline is September 1.

## Early Admission Option

Early Admission is a benefit given to students who choose to begin their freshman year at WSU. Thirty students per semester are selected for this option. These students must complete 48 hours of prerequisite courses at WSU, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and fulfill other Early Admission requirements. If requirements are met, students are guaranteed a space in the nursing program for the semester for which they applied. High-school seniors are encouraged to apply for this option as soon as they are admitted to WSU. Applications from eligible students are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. For eligibility requirements, or for more information about the Early Admission Option, contact the School of Nursing.

## LPN to BSN and MICT to BSN

The School of Nursing offers a plan to assist licensed practical nurses to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. Up to 4 credit hours of the program may be earned through the NLN Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (ACE) I PN-RN. Mobile Intensive Care Technicians (MICT) can obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Wichita State. Up to 8 credit hours in the program may be earned from MICT courses and experience.

### Preprofessional Courses

	Semester Hours
English I and II	6
Speech	3
College Algebra	3
Fine arts appreciation course	3
Introduction Humanities course	3
Introduction to Philosophy	3
Introduction to Sociology	3
General Psychology	3
Developmental Psychology	3
Chemistry with Lab	5
Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	5
Microbiology with Lab	4
Statistics	3
Medical Terminology	1-3
Pharmacology	3
Introduction to Pathophysiology	4
Elective	1-3
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>

#### Additional courses required:

General Education Issues and Perspectives course	3
Upper-division philosophy/ethics course	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

### Preprofessional Courses

	Semester Hours
Professional Nursing Practice	3
Fundamentals of Nursing Care	4
Nursing Care of Adults I	4
Health Assessment	4
Nutrition (pre-requisite or co-requisite with Sem.1)	3
Introduction to Evidence Based Practice	2
Mental Health Nursing Care	4
Clinical Care of Adults I	4
Nursing Care of Older Adults	2
Nursing Care of Adults II	4
Clinical Care of Adults II	4
Pediatric Nursing Care	3
Maternal Newborn Nursing Care	3
Nursing Care of Populations	3
Clinical Leadership and Decision Making (11 weeks)	4
Nursing Care of Clients with Critical Illnesses (11wks)	5
Clinical Capstone (5 weeks)	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

### Full-Time Faculty

- Heather Baker, RN, MSN, ARNP-CNS, PNP
- Mary L. Burnett, MS, RN, C. Critical Care
- Theresa Cooper, RN, MSN/MBA, Medical/Surgical
- Terri Core, ARNP, MSN, Adult nursing
- Betty Elder, MS, MSN, PhD, RN. Informatics and Genetics
- Phyllis Fletcher, RN, MN, CCRN. Critical Care
- Jeanie Harris, ARNP, MSN, PN P-C Pediatrics
- Shirley Hazen, RN, MN, CNOR. Management/Perioperative
- Alicia Huckstadt, PhD, FNP, ARNP
- Brandy Jackson, RN, MSN/MBA, Critical Care, Infection Control
- Phyllis Jacobs, RN, MSN. Psych Mental Health Nursing
- Mary Koehn, PhD, RN, FACCE, ARNP. Maternal Newborn
- Pamela Martin, RN, MSN, ARNP, Maternal Newborn
- Jacque McClendon, RN, PhD, Diabetes Care
- Victoria Mosack, PhD, RN, ARNP, Psychiatric-Mental Health nursing
- Stephanie Nicks, RN, MSN, FNP, Medical/Surgical nursing
- Susan Parsons, PhD, RN, Critical Care, Medical/Surgical
- Debra Pile, RN, DNP, PCNS-BC. Pediatrics
- Betty Smith-Campbell, RN, PhD. Community health/public policy
- Elaine Steinke, PhD, RN. Adult nursing
- Virginia Teel, RN, DHS. Adult Medical/surgical
- Jane Washburn, RN, MSN. Psychiatric-Mental Health nursing
- Debra Klecker, RN, FNP-BC. Adult nursing, community
- Carol Bett, RN, MN. Adult nursing

#### To receive more information, or to schedule a campus visit, contact:

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