



NURSING, B.S.N. (Prelicensure)

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Program Offering: Bachelor of Science in Nursing Prelicensure Program

Program Accreditation: Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing

Program Description:

The Western Kentucky University School of Nursing mission is to provide undergraduate and graduate education, and lifelong learning opportunities to meet the changing health care needs of society.

Career Opportunities in Nursing:

The goal of professional nursing practice is to assist clients to achieve an optimal level of health or to die with dignity. Professional nursing practice encompasses the application of nursing process, critical thinking skills, communication and scientific inquiry in the delivery of nursing care in any setting, including community and acute care settings. Nurses assume multiple roles including caregiver, teacher, coordinator, communicator, collaborator, and advocate. Nurses use interventions aimed at health promotion, risk reduction, disease surveillance/prevention/management for clients of all ages and diverse cultures. Professional nurses are accountable for their practice within the guidelines of standards of care and ethical codes set forth by the professional organization.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree:

The BSN is the entry level to professional nursing practice. The faculty is committed to preparing the BSN students at the pre-licensure level to successfully enter professional nursing practice.

Nursing Organizations

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society, Kappa Theta Chapter
Kentucky Association of Nursing Students

College of Health and Human Services Resources

The CHHS Academic Center of Excellence offers personal student advising, professional publications, academic enrichment activities, tutoring for CHHS courses, assistance with degree program completion and career exploration/planning, and a state-of-the-art computer lab with latest software for CHHS majors.

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Fall			First Year			Spring		
ENG	100	3	Intro to College Writing	HIST	3	119 OR 120	Western Civilization	
BIOL	131	4	Human Anatomy & Physiology w/Lab	BIOL	231	4	Adv. Human Anatomy & Physiology	
MATH	116	3	Fund of College Algebra	AH	290	2	Medical Terminology	
		3	General Education Elective			3	Gen Ed Elec. (Foreign Lang. suggested)	
CHHS	175*	3	CHHS University Experience	COMM	3	145 OR 161	Public Speaking	
				NURS	102*	3	Intro to Professional Nursing	
Credit	Hours	16		Credit	Hours	18		

Fall			Second Year			Spring		
ENG	200	3	Intro to Literature	PSY	199	3	Intro to Developmental Psychology	
		3	General Education Elective	ENG	300	3	Writing in the Disciplines	
BIOL	207/ 208	4	General Microbiology w/Lab	PHIL	322	3	Biomedical Ethics	
		3	General Education Elective	CHEM	109	4	Chemistry for the Health Sciences	
		3	Statistics	CFS	111	3	Human Nutrition	
Credit	Hours	16		Credit	Hours	16		

Fall			Third Year			Spring		
NURS	324	3	Pathophysiology for Nursing	NURS	329	2	Concepts in Pharmacology I	
NURS	335/ 336	4	Health Assessment w/Lab	NURS	341/ 342	6	Med-Surg. Nursing I w/Clinical	
NURS	333/ 334	5	Fund of Nursing w/Clinical	NURS	343/ 344	3	Mental Health Nursing w/Clinical	
NURS	337	3	Health Promotion	NURS	338	2	Transcultural Nurs: Concepts & Appl	
Credit	Hours	15		Credit	Hours	13		

Fall			Fourth Year			Spring		
NURS	429	2	Concepts in Pharmacology II	NURS	3	Nursing Elective		
NURS	413	3	Nursing Research & Evid-Based Practice	NURS	403	4	Nurs Leadership, Mgmt & Prof Issues	
NURS	432/ 433	5	Med-Surg Nursing II w/Clinical	NURS	421/ 422	6	High Acuity Nursing/Practicum	
NURS	444/ 445	6	Maternal Child Nursing w/Clinical	NURS	448/ 449	5	Community Health Nurs w/Clinical	
Credit	Hours	16		Credit	Hours	18		

Total Credit Hours = 122

*Optional but recommended courses (with these courses, total credit hours = 128)

Student must maintain a "C" or better in each course in the major