

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF NURSING
BSN Application Procedures

This is a limited enrollment program. Not all applicants that apply will be accepted. Applicants are considered on the basis of cumulative undergraduate GPA; standardized exam scores, completion of prerequisite courses; prerequisite science grades, professionalism, and space availability. Applicants may be required to complete pre-admission testing and/or interviews as part of the admissions process.

Application Deadline Dates are: January 15, for fall admission & July 15, for spring admission.

The following requirements are necessary to apply:

- a. Applicant must be officially admitted to WKU by application deadline date. Information for WKU admission can be found on the web at: www.wku.edu.
- b. A completed School of Nursing application must be submitted by the deadlines (see above) to the following:

Western Kentucky University
School of Nursing, AC 104
1906 College Heights Blvd. #11036
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1036

School of Nursing Applications are located at:
<http://www.wku.edu/chhs/cms/index.php/departments/nursing-2/bsn-prelicensure> or you can email shirley.jones@wku.edu for one to be mailed.
- c. ***Completion of the required prerequisite courses. Students should have completed 3 semesters of nursing pre-requisites at the time of application. The student must have completed 12 credit hours of the required 16 credit hours of prerequisite science courses by the application deadline with a minimum grade of "C". The applicant must be currently enrolled in all remaining prerequisite courses at the time of application. All prerequisite coursework must be successfully completed before beginning the nursing program.***
- d. A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or above is required of all applicants.
- e. **It is the responsibility of the applicant, not the School of Nursing to assure that all requested documents are received by application deadline dates.**

Transfer Student Applicant

In addition to the above requirements transfer students must have all transfer coursework evaluated by WKU by the application deadline date. Please be aware that this *process can take 2-3 weeks*. If you are currently taking classes at a different institution you must send a copy of your class schedule with your School of Nursing application to the department by the deadline date.

Second Degree Applicants

In addition to the above requirements, students who have a *bachelor's degree (or higher)* not awarded by WKU must send **official** transcripts and class schedule (if applicable) to the *School of Nursing* by the application deadline date.

The applicant may also be required to provide a course syllabus or catalogue description of degree coursework. Second degree students must show completion or equivalency of the following courses: Biol *131-*231-207-208, Chemistry 109, Math 116, Psychology 199, Human Nutrition CFS 111, AH 290 Medical Terminology, Philosophy 322 and a 3 credit hour undergraduate statistic course. ***Must be completed within five years of application date.**

Accepted Applicant Information

Acceptance letters and acceptance form will be sent to the mailing address provided on the School of Nursing application. Acceptance form must be returned to the School of Nursing by the required deadline date or your position will be given to an alternate applicant.

Admission is provisional. The accepted applicant must successfully complete the current semester coursework. If the student receives a science grade below the required C, or if the cumulative GPA falls below the required 2.75, the student will no longer be eligible for admission. **All prerequisite course work must be complete before an accepted student can begin the nursing program.** If the accepted student was enrolled in a required course during the selection process and withdrew from that course, the student will no longer be eligible for admission. Current WKU student transcripts will be reviewed at the end of the semester. Accepted transfer students will need to send official copies of current semester grades to the Office of the Registrar and to the School of Nursing as soon as they become available.

Admission to the nursing program does not guarantee that an applicant will be eligible for specific clinical agency placement or for licensure in the State of Kentucky. Acceptance of students by clinical agencies is at the discretion of the agency, based on agency policies. In addition, the School of Nursing may reject or dismiss admitted applicants who do not meet the qualifications for nursing students, as outline in the Student Handbook. Students may be denied admission into or dismissed from the program and/or clinical placement based on criminal background check, medical status, attendance status, drug-screen status or other basic inability to meet program requirements.

In addition to tuition and course fees, a \$400.00 program fee is accessed *each* semester while in the nursing program. The fee will be billed with your tuition.

All accepted applicants are required to complete the following before beginning nursing classes: Medical History, medical records release, medical exam, proof of immunizations, Mumps, Measles, Rubella and Varicella titers, annual TB skin test, chest x-ray if necessary, TD, negative urine drug screen, criminal background check, liability insurance, CPR certification. All expenses are the student responsibility. Information and deadline dates will be included in the acceptance letter. Students whose files are incomplete will be dropped from the program.

Denied Applicant Information

The number of available spaces is limited and competitive. Not all applicants who meet the minimum qualifications can be admitted. If you are not successful with your first application, please consider the following options:

1. You may reapply for admission for the next semester. A new nursing application must be submitted to the School of Nursing, AC 104 by application deadline date.
2. You may consult your Nursing Academic Advisor to determine an appropriate academic plan of action to increase your chances for admission.
3. You may apply to the Associate Degree Program at the WKU South Campus. Upon graduation and successful completion of the NCLEX (National Certification Licensure Examination), you may then consider returning to WKU for our RN to BSN Completion Program. Information can be found on the web at: <http://www.bgcc.wku.edu/ADN-Admissions.htm>
4. You should also consider selecting another major that suits your interest and abilities, while building on your completed coursework. The College of Health & Human Services exploratory

advisor would be happy to assist you. You mail email: ace-in-chhs@wku.edu or by calling 270-745-5029 for assistance.

Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression SREB Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing

Nursing students must be able to meet the essential functions for nursing, with or without accommodation. Please review the attached Core Performance Standards for nursing students and speak with a nursing advisor or the student disabilities office if you have any questions or concerns about your ability to meet these performance standards.

Issue	Standard	Examples of necessary activities (not all-inclusive)
Critical thinking	Critical-thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause/effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient for interaction with individuals, families and groups from various social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues Respond appropriately to stressful situations
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for verbal and written interaction with others	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, and document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient for movement from room to room and in small spaces	Move around in patient's room, work spaces and treatment areas; administer cardiopulmonary procedures
Motor skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient for providing safe, effective nursing care	Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient for monitoring and assessing health needs	Hear monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds and cries for help
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care	Observe patient/client responses, including color changes.
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention (such as insertion of a catheter)

Pre-Nursing Curriculum for WKU School of Nursing

Required Classes for Pre-Nursing Students. Classes must either be <u>completed or currently enrolled</u> at the time of application to the Nursing Program.	Credit Hours	Course Title	Gen Ed Category
Eng 100	3	Introduction to College Writing	A
Eng 300	3	Writing in the Disciplines	A
Foreign Language	3	Must be Second Level (102)	A
COMM 145 or 161	3	Public Speaking	A
English 200 - Literature	3	Literature	B
Humanities Elective	3	Humanities Elective, Can NOT be Philosophy	B
PHIL 322 - Biomedical Ethics	3	Biomedical Ethics	B
AH 290	2	Medical Terminology	N/A
Chemistry 109	4	Chemistry	D
Biology 207	3	Microbiology	D
Biology 208 (Lab)	1	Microbiology lab	D
Math 116	3	College Algebra	D
World Culture Elective.	3	Elective, must meet criteria for category E	E
CFS 111 Nutrition	3	Human Nutrition	F
*Biology 131 class and lab	4	Anatomy and Physiology I	D
*Biology 231 class and lab	4	Anatomy and Physiology II	N/A
Psy 199	3	Developmental Psychology	C
Hist 119 or 120	3	History	C
Category C Elective (not History not Phy)	3	Elective, must meet criteria for Category C	C
Statistics	3	Take ONE of the Following: Math 203, Econ 206, Social Work 344, Soc 300, PH 383 or Psy 201.	D
Other Highly Recommended Classes for Nursing Students			
Nursing 102	3	Introduction to Nursing	N/A
CHHS 175	3	University Experience for Health and Human Services	N/A

***Biology 131 & 231 must be completed within five years of application date**

Pre-Nursing Curriculum for Second Degree Students			
Required Classes for Pre-Nursing Students who have PRIOR BS/BA DEGREES. These classes must either be <u>completed</u> or <u>currently enrolled</u> at the time of application to the Nursing Program.	Credit Hours	Minimum Required Grade	Course Title
PHIL 322	3	D	Biomedical Ethics
Chemistry 109	4	C	Chemistry
Biology 207	3	C	Microbiology
Biology 208 (Lab)	1	C	Microbiology lab
Math 116	3	C	College Algebra
CFS 111 Nutrition	3	C	Human Nutrition
*Biology 131 class and lab	4	C	Anatomy and Physiology I
*Biology 231 class and lab	4	C	Anatomy and Physiology II
Psy 199	3	C	Developmental Psychology
AH 290	2	C	Medical Terminology
Statistics	3	C	Take ONE of the Following: Math 203, Econ 206, Social Work 344, Soc 300, PH 383 or Psy 201.
Other Recommended Classes for Nursing Students			
Nursing 102	3	C	Introduction to Nursing

***Biology 131 & 231 must be completed within five years of application date**

Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Application

1. This application form is required for students desiring to enroll in the prelicensure Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing at Western Kentucky University

2. **Return this form to:**
 Western Kentucky University
 School of Nursing AC 104
 1906 College Heights Blvd. #11036
 Bowling Green, KY 42101-1036 ☎ 270-745-3391 Fax 270-745-3392

All applications must be received by the School of Nursing by **January 15**, for Fall Admission and **July 15**, for Spring Admission.

Which semester/year are you applying for? Fall 20____ Spring 20____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Last Name ^^					First					Middle					Maiden														
Permanent Mailing/Street Address ^^										City					State					Zip					County				
*Local Street Address ^^										City					State					Zip									
*If you do not reside at your permanent address please provide your local address																													
Home Phone ()										Cell ()										Local ()									

WKU Student ID# _____

Email Address _____

Year graduated from High School. _____ or Year obtained GED _____

Have you ever applied to the WKU nursing program? _____ yes _____ no

If you are re-applying, when was the last time you applied? _____ semester/year)

Are you a currently enrolled at WKU? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you a former WKU student? _____ Yes _____ No Last date attended _____

List all other colleges and dates that you have attended _____

*Do you have ANY situation that would prevent you from being able to meet the **core performance** standards for nursing students? ___yes___no

If yes, please explain _____

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<p>Do you have a bachelors (or higher) degree? _____ yes _____ no Date of Degree _____</p> <p>If you have a degree list major, degree and where degree was awarded. _____</p>
<p>Have you ever been enrolled in a school or program of nursing? _____ yes _____ no</p> <p>If yes, give dates and courses completed _____</p> <p>Reason for not completing program _____</p>
<p><u>Nursing requires mandatory class and clinical attendance. You <i>will be assigned a failing grade if you miss 20%</i> of the scheduled classes or clinical in a semester FOR ANY REASON. While we try to keep all classes and clinical on M-F between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm, you <i>may</i> be required to attend class anytime between the hours of 5 am to 11pm on any day of the week. Do you have ANY personal or other situations that would prevent you from being available to attend classes and clinical as assigned during the next two years? _____yes_____no</u></p> <p>If yes, please explain _____</p> <p>Have you ever been convicted of ANY crime (misdemeanor or felony)? _____yes_____no</p> <p>If yes, please explain _____</p> <p>Please note: KRS 314.031 (4) requires that all misdemeanor and felony convictions occurring in Kentucky or in any other state, regardless of when they occurred, must be reported to the KBN.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to the KBN brochure "Mandatory Reporting of Criminal Convictions" which is available on the KBN web site www.kbn.ky.gov or call the Board at (502) 429-3300.</p>

This application will be considered incomplete without the full/legal signature of the applicant.

I have read the application procedures and understand that my application will not be considered if I have not met the department requirements.

I hereby affirm that all information supplied in the application is complete and accurate. I understand that withholding or giving false information will make me ineligible for admission to the School of Nursing at Western Kentucky University.

Date _____ Signature _____

***The following information is voluntary and used for *statistical purposes only*. It will not be used in making admission decisions.**

*Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ *Male _____ *Female _____ *Race _____

*US Citizen _____ Yes _____ No *Marital Status _____ Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widow

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