

Western Kentucky University School of Nursing

We are pleased you have made the decision to continue your education in Nursing at WKU. The following information is designed to answer questions you may have concerning the admission process to the University and the Post-RN/BSN program in the School of Nursing.

Information for the Post-RN Applicant

WKU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age or sexual orientation with regard to its programs of study. All applicants for admission to the Post-RN/BSN program are considered on the basis of cumulative grade point average (GPA), graduation from an Associate Degree or Diploma program in Nursing, and success on NCLEX-RN Examination.

Admission Procedure/Criteria

1. All applicants *must* be officially admitted to the University prior to consideration for admission to the Post-RN/BSN program.
 - a. Applications and procedure for admission to the University may be obtained by phone at: 270-745-2251, on the web at: <http://www.wku.edu/admissions.html>, Western Kentucky University, Potter Hall, Room 117, 1906 College Heights Blvd. 11020, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1020.
 - b. If the applicant has previously attended WKU, but has not been enrolled for three semesters or longer, you must re-apply to the University. Please visit: <http://www.wku.edu/Info/Admissions/readmission.htm>
2. Complete and submit the Post-RN/BSN application and one-time application fee (\$30.00) to:

WKU
School of Nursing, AC 104
1906 College Heights Blvd. 11036
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1036

You may obtain a Post-RN application on the web at:
<http://www.wku.edu/chhs/cms/uploads/documents/nursing/RNApplication.pdf> **OR** you may request a mailed application by calling 270-745-3391.

In addition, registered nurse (RN) applicants seeking admission must:

1. Have and RN licensure or have applied for RN licensure in the state of Kentucky or a compact state.
 - a. Students admitted pending NCLEX will be permitted to enroll in Nursing 323 and any nursing course allowed to be challenged (N300, N309, N315) and/or a nursing elective.
 - b. If unsuccessful on NCLEX, the student will not be allowed to take any additional nursing courses other than those previously noted. Please note: This does not affect the student's ability to take classes required to fill General Education requirements.
2. Meet the University cumulative grade point average for admission to the University (2.0).
3. Have a minimum of "C" in the science courses.
4. Validate prior learning if applicant is a graduate from a diploma program (see section on validation of prior learning).

Validation of Prior Learning for Diploma Graduates

The University requires that all registered nurse applicants who are graduates of diploma programs validate prior learning to receive credit for previous nursing courses on their academic transcripts. The applicant can validate prior learning by:

1. Obtaining a passing score on either the NLN Accreditation Challenge Examinations (ACE) or the ACT PEP Examination in the areas of adult, maternal-child, and mental health.
2. Contacting the nursing advisor to discuss the validation process and schedule these examinations prior to enrolling in the first nursing course. Applicants will have two (2) opportunities to successfully complete each examination.

Nursing Curriculum

NURS 300	Concepts of Disease Processes	3 credits
NURS 309	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3 credits (2 theory/1 clinical)
NURS 315	Concepts of Pharmacology	3 credits
NURS 321	Traanscultural Nursing	2 credits
NURS 323	Concept of Professional Nursing	2 credits
NURS 340	Teaching & Health Promotion in Nursing Practice	3 credits
NURS 400	Nursing Leadership & Management	3 credits
NURS 405	Nursing Informatics	2 credits
NURS 408	Professional Issues	3 credits
NURS 412	Nursing Research	3 credits
NURS 430	Concepts of Public Health Nursing	4 credits
NURS 431	Application of Public Health Nursing	2 credits (clinical-must be taken concurrently with N 430)
Various Options	Nursing Elective	3 credits

Curriculum Requirements

1. Meet University general education requirements.
2. Documentation on transcript of completion of the following, or equivalent courses: Association degree or equivalent in Nursing; CHEM 109: BIOL 131 (A & P I), 207(Microbiology), 208 (Microbiology lab); PSY 100, 199; SOC 100; CFS 111 (Human Nutrition).
3. With the exception of the nursing courses that can be challenged (NURS 300-309-315) and the nursing elective, Nursing 323 must be the first nursing course taken after admission to the Post-RN program.
4. A basic statistics course (3 semester credits) must be completed before the student may register for NURS 412.
5. NURS 340 must be completed before the student may register for N430/431. (Effective Fall 2010)
6. NURS 408 must be taken in the final semester of the program.



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Post-RN Application

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Phone (270)745-3391 Fax (270)745-3392

APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)										
Last Name			First Name				M.I.	Date		
Street Address					Apartment/Unit #					
City			State		Zip					
Phone ()			E-mail Address							
Social Security No.				WKU Student ID						
Where did you obtain your Nursing Degree? <i>Institution Name, City and State</i>										
Date of graduation				Have you successfully completed NCLEX? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO						
If no, when do you plan to take the NCLEX-RN?			RN License Number							
Have you ever applied to WKU Post-RN Program before?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			If yes, last semester applied				
Have you taken courses at another university (other than where you received your degree)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO										
If yes, list university and dates attended:										
If accepted, when are you planning on entering the Post RN Program? Semester _____ Year _____										
Do you plan on attending as full time student or a part time student?					<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time					
CAMPUS LOCATION (CHOOSE ONE)										
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Green			<input type="checkbox"/> Elizabethtown			<input type="checkbox"/> Glasgow		<input type="checkbox"/> Owensboro		
Please be advised that the decision to offer nursing classes at a distant site will be determined by the number of students planning to enroll and adequate resources needed to provide a quality program.										
PERSONAL INFORMATION										
<i>The following information is voluntary and used for statistical purpose only. It is NOT used in making admission decisions.</i>										
Date of Birth		Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			US Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Ethnic Origin : <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Alien <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> White										
County of Residence:				Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widow/er						
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All applicants must be officially admitted to WKU before your nursing application can be considered for admission. For WKU admission please contact 270-7452551 or you may apply online at: www.wku.edu/admissions

It is the responsibility of the applicant, not the School of Nursing, to see that all required credentials are submitted to this office. Your application cannot be considered unless all records are received in the School of Nursing.

Before enrollment in **Nursing 430/431** all students must submit a Criminal Background Check, Medical History, Physical Exam, TB skin test results, evidence of a TD within the last 10 years, proof of Hepatitis B or a signed declination form, Mumps, Measles, Rubella and Varicella titers. Urine drug screen performed at WKU Health Services, Malpractice Insurance, CPR certification and copy of your nursing license.

SIGNATURE

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

I hereby affirm that all information supplied in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that withholding or giving false information, in whole or part, will make me ineligible for admission to the School of Nursing or ineligible to continue if admission has been granted on the basis of such information.

Signature of applicant

Date

Mail with check or money order for one time application fee of \$30.00 to: WKU School of Nursing, AC 104, 1906 College Heights Blvd. 11036, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1036. The application fee is non-refundable.

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