



## Bachelor of Science in Nursing Nursing

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The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program offers a baccalaureate degree to pre-licensed nursing students. King University's BSN program supports the mission of the University by preparing its graduates to assume professional health care roles through integrating evidence-based practice, leadership, spiritually and culturally competent care, citizenship, and service into a career focused on achieving meaningful lives with a pursuit of transforming culture in Christ.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

These outcomes address what students should know or be able to do upon completion of the academic program:

1. Students will demonstrate readiness to practice professional nursing at the baccalaureate level, as evidenced by achievement of essential baccalaureate-level program learning outcomes.
2. Students will be able to perform a comprehensive health assessment in order to identify actual and potential health risks.
3. Students will be able to analyze evidence presented in research literature in order to identify best nursing care practices.

### **Program Outcomes**

King nursing graduates are prepared, at the beginning level of practice, to meet the AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice (AACN, 2008). Following completion of the program, all graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). However, the decision to grant a license is determined by the appropriate state board of nursing in the state where the graduate intends to practice.

Upon successful completion of the King University Nursing program and licensure, all graduates are prepared as generalists ready to assume professional nursing roles in a variety of hospital or community settings and all have been provided with an adequate foundation for graduate study. The AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice are these:

1. Liberal Education for Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice
2. Basic Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Care and Patient Safety
3. Scholarship for Evidence-Based Practice
4. Information Management and Application of Patient Care Technology
5. Healthcare Policy, Finance and Regulatory Environments
6. Interprofessional Communication and Collaboration for Improving Patient Health Outcomes
7. Clinical Prevention and Population Health
8. Professionalism and Professional Values
9. Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice

### **Nursing Program Admission/Progression**

Before considering an applicant for the nursing major, King must first approve the student for admission. Once a King student identifies his/her intent to major in nursing by completion of the “Change of Advisor” form, a nursing advisor will review the student’s academic record.

Students enrolling from a nursing program at another institution must demonstrate knowledge and skill competency equal to that expected of King students and may be required to review the assessment skills checklist and demonstrate mastery of skills to a nursing faculty in clinical simulation laboratory as well as demonstrate proficiency on a standardized exam related to the course under scrutiny before credit will be transferred for NURS major courses.

Transfer students wishing to apply to the Traditional BSN program must meet with a Nursing Enrollment Counselor in the Office of Admissions to complete a School of Nursing BSN Program Application, review their transcripts, and discuss completion of the all required prerequisites. Transfer applicants who have previously failed two or more nursing classes at another institution are not allowed to apply to the BSN program. All science prerequisites must be completed within five years of applying to the nursing program. Students will be accepted based on meeting the King University School of Nursing admission criteria. Applications and deadlines may be obtained through the Admissions Office. Criteria for admission to the School of Nursing:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above for all coursework that has been taken at all colleges
- Completion of Nursing Entrance Exam with scores that meet the current scoring benchmarks set at the time of admission
- A grade of “C” or better in all natural science courses, developmental psychology, and the required mathematics course
- No more than 8 s.h. in general education and/or prerequisites for nursing remaining to be completed before admission. Outstanding credits must be completed prior to the start of the third clinical semester (senior year).

Students reapplying must complete a new School of Nursing BSN Program Application with their current GPA calculation and submit new Nursing Entrance Exam scores. Students may apply to the traditional BSN program only twice.

Special requirements for progression and retention in nursing are influenced by the student’s ability to provide evidence of satisfactory physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Remaining in the program may be contingent upon this evidence.

In addition, prior to the beginning of the first clinical rotation (and annually thereafter), each student must present evidence of good health and freedom from communicable disease. (This requires a physical examination and immunizations.) Other requirements prior to a clinical rotation include demonstrated competency related to standard precautions, and American Heart Association CPR certification.

The clinical agencies utilized by King require all students meet standards relating to criminal background. This policy affects all students enrolled in clinical nursing courses at King. This is to ensure a safe clinical environment for both students and the public and to meet the contractual requirements of area healthcare facilities. Students must clear a criminal background check before admission to the clinical settings utilized by King. Failure to

undergo the background check will result in dismissal from the nursing program. All students must comply with the King School of Nursing Criminal Background check policy. All background checks must be completed through the King Security Department. Students assigned to certain clinical sites may be required to submit to drug screening per clinical agency policy.

All students in the traditional nursing curriculum are expected to be full-time students and to complete the program within eight semesters of study. Transfer students who have met all pre-requisites usually complete requirements in four semesters. Additional summer study may be needed to meet all program requirements. The nursing program is designed for full-time study. All nursing students are expected to maintain full-time student status, and work hours should be limited.

Students must achieve a grade of B- or higher in all nursing major courses (NURS) and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. Students who do not maintain the average GPA of 3.00 will be placed on academic warning from the School of Nursing for one semester, during which time the GPA must be brought up to the minimum of 3.00.

If a student fails to obtain a B- or better in a single nursing course, his/her designated place on the class roster may be lost and the student will be required to repeat the course. If a grade of B- or below is recorded for two or more nursing courses or a grade of B- or below is recorded for a nursing course that is repeated, the student will be dismissed from the nursing major.

If a student withdraws from the nursing program, the student must complete a new application, and meet all admission/progression requirements in place at the time of re-application to the program. Students may reapply one time only. Nursing courses may be repeated only once on a space-available basis.

### **Comprehensive Assessment**

All candidates for a degree from King are required to demonstrate competency in their major field. Prior to graduation, seniors in the traditional nursing program are required to successfully pass a standardized proctored comprehensive assessment to help determine the students' preparedness for the NCLEX. Failure to achieve at least 95% predictability of passing the NCLEX on a proctored standardized comprehensive predictor will result in a grade of "F" in the capstone course.

### **LPN Advanced Placement**

For LPN Advanced Placement, **a maximum of 7 credits (Foundations and Basic Medical Terminology and Math for Medication Administration)** may be awarded; these credits will be placed on the student's permanent academic record after the student has completed 12 or more semester hours of academic work in nursing at King with a grade of B- or better in all nursing courses. A grade of **pass (P)** will be assigned to credit earned through this advanced standing policy. *These courses/credits will not apply to the institution's residency requirement, and they will not be used in the calculation of the grade point average.*

### **Clinical Competency**

All clinical experiences associated with nursing courses are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. A Clinical Performance Evaluation (CPE) will be completed by the student and assigned clinical instructor at mid-term and on completion of the clinical schedule.

***Failure in either the theory component or the clinical component of a clinical course results in failure of the course.***

NOTE: Nursing students are required to adhere to department policies as outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook, a supplement to the King Student Handbook.

### **Technology Requirements**

Laptop computer with minimum of Microsoft Office 2010 or later, wireless capability, and webcam required

King University School of Nursing students are required to have a personal laptop computer with a webcam to access educational materials, reference material, standardized testing and email for communication with faculty, staff, and other students. If students already own a computer they wish to use for school, ideally, it should be no older than three years, with sufficient processing power and memory to run current versions of Microsoft Office, and possibly more demanding applications such as standardized testing software. Faculty may require students to use a personal laptop for course related work, so students should be prepared to bring the laptop to class fully charged. A few rooms where nursing classes are taught are equipped with power, but not all. The university supports a high-speed wireless network with coverage throughout all of the campus buildings. Students are responsible for supporting their own computers and the recommended software and hardware components.

### **Recommended Minimum Hardware Requirements**

If students need to purchase a new computer, recommended minimum requirements are listed below:

- Intel i5 Processor
- 4GB RAM
- DVD-ROM, either embedded or detached
- 128 GB hard drive storage minimum; 256 GB or greater hard drive storage is preferred
- Screen Size: 13” or bigger with resolution of at least 1024 x 768
- Graphics Card: 512 MB minimum
- 100 MB/1 GB NIC and/or 802.11 b/g/n Wireless Network Card
- Laptop Operating System: Windows 7 Home Premium or better (32 or 64 Bit)

NOTE: Chromebooks and many tablets will NOT meet the minimum requirements for the School of Nursing programs. These include iPads, Android tablets, Windows RT tablets (Surface, although Surface Pro is fine), and all Chromebooks. Students should choose a laptop that runs either the full version of Windows 7 or later (excluding Windows RT), or Mac OSX (Yosemite recommended).

### **Recommended Minimum Software Requirements**

- Microsoft Office - latest version
- Internet Web Browser: Various browsers may be required for different software packages used by the School of Nursing. We recommend installing the latest versions of Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Mozilla Firefox.
- Anti-Virus Software
- A Personal Firewall Software/Internet Security package to protect the computer from unauthorized access via the Internet is suggested

## Core Curriculum Requirements

Nursing majors should fulfill specified categories of the King Core Curriculum by taking the courses indicated below. See the “The Core Curriculum” section of the catalog for additional details.

### Science

<i>Choose from the following</i> .....	4 s.h.
CHEM 1010	
Introduction to Chemistry (4 s.h.)	
CHEM 1020 (recommended)	
Chemistry for the Health Sciences (4 s.h.)	

### Quantitative Literacy

MATH 1560	
Introduction to Statistics (4 s.h.)	

## Nursing Major Requirements

BIOL 1010	
Human Anatomy and Physiology I .....	4 s.h.
BIOL 1020	
Human Anatomy and Physiology II .....	4 s.h.
BIOL 2500	
Microbiology/Immunology .....	4 s.h.
PSYC 3050	
Lifespan Human Development .....	4 s.h.
NURS 3000	
Pathophysiology .....	4 s.h.
NURS 3004	
Basic Medical Terminology and Math for Medications Administration.....	2 s.h.
NURS 3015	
Foundations of Contemporary Nursing Practice .....	5 s.h.
NURS 3020	
Health Assessment.....	4 s.h.
NURS 3115	
Nursing in Adult Health Care I.....	6 s.h.
NURS 3130	
Pharmacology I.....	2 s.h.
NURS 3140	
Nursing Research .....	3 s.h.
NURS 3165	
Nursing in Women’s Health/Newborn Care.....	4 s.h.
NURS 4000	
Professional Nursing in Contemporary Society .....	2 s.h.
NURS 4020	
Community/Public Health Nursing .....	4 s.h.
NURS 4100	
Nursing in Child and Family Health Care .....	4 s.h.
NURS 4110	
Nursing in Mental Health Care.....	5 s.h.
NURS 4115	
Nursing in Adult Health Care II. ....	6 s.h.

NURS 4120	
Nursing Leadership and Management .....	3 s.h.
NURS 4130	
Pharmacology II .....	2 s.h.
NURS 4200	
Capstone for Nursing Practice .....	4 s.h.
NURS 4990	
Comprehensive Assessment .....	0 s.h.

**Summary of Total Credits**

Core Curriculum .....	42 s.h.
Major Requirements.....	76 s.h.
Electives/Minor/Second Major: .....	6 s.h.
<b>Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Science in Nursing .....</b>	<b>124 s.h.</b>

*All nursing courses are designed to meet the standards outlined in The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice (AACN, 2008); Nursing Scope & Standards of Practice (ANA, 2010); Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements (2010, rev.), and the Laws Governing the Practice of Nursing and Health Professions in General Code of Virginia (2016).*