School of Nursing

The School of Nursing is located on the Medical Center Campus of Saint Louis University. The facilities of the School of Nursing include three large lecture halls, classrooms, a nursing technologies laboratory, graduate research laboratories, conference rooms, faculty and staff offices, and student and faculty/staff lounges. Found within the School of Nursing building, which was opened in 1978, is the ITS Educational Technology Laboratory; resources include audio-visual and microcomputer hardware and software. The School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and is approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

To achieve the objectives of the undergraduate program, the School of Nursing uses hospitals in the University’s Health Sciences Center and many other hospitals, agencies, and resources in the Greater Saint Louis area.

Undergraduate Study
An undergraduate program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is offered by the School of Nursing. This program may be completed in one of three ways:

- The Traditional Pathway
- The Accelerated Option
- The R.N. to B.S.N. Option / R.N. to M.S.N. Option

Graduate Study
Through the School of Nursing, the Graduate School of Saint Louis University offers the degrees of Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing (Research) and Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing. The Master of Science in Nursing or Master of Science in Nursing (Research)/Master of Public Health is offered in cooperation with the School of Public Health. A post-master’s Certificate Program also is available.

For more information refer to the Graduate School Catalog.

Continuing Education
The School of Nursing offers a program of Continuing Nursing Education. Courses, institutes, and workshops provide the registered professional nurse with opportunities to meet the challenges of contemporary and future nursing. The focus is on the newer concepts and methods used in nursing education, leadership, clinical practice and research.

Special Admission Requirements
The School of Nursing requires an ACT composite score of 22 with subscores of 20 or higher; one year of high school courses in biology and chemistry; and a GPA of at least 3.0 for admission. CPR certification, current health forms, and satisfactory background check and drug screen must be validated before enrolling in nursing courses with a clinical component.

Curricula
Curricular requirements of the baccalaureate degree program are subject to modification related to ongoing curriculum development.

Program Directors:
Baccalaureate Program
- Rita Wunderlich, Ph.D., R.N.
Master’s Program
- Margie K. Edel, Ed.D., R.N.
Doctoral Program
- Andrew C. Mills, Ph.D., R.N.
Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) Program
- Peggy A. Ellis, Ph.D., R.N.
Continuing Education Program
- Kristine M. L’Ecuyer, M.S.N., R.N.

Faculty:
Nursing (B.S.N.)

General Degree Requirements

English:
Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research, Literature.........................6

Fine Arts.................................................................3

Natural Sciences:
Chemistry I and II, Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Nutrition..............20

History 3

Philosophy...............................................................6

Introduction to Inferential Statistics.................................................3

Theological Studies..............................................................6

Applied Ethics/Morals.............................................................3

Social and Behavioral Science:
General Psychology, Introductory Sociology, Life Span Development.............9

Electives..................................................................................7

Area of Concentration (Nursing).................................................60

Total hours required for graduation (minimum): 126

The School of Nursing requires a 2.50 cumulative GPA.
Generic Baccalaureate Option-Traditional Pathway

The traditional Baccalaureate Option offers a program of four academic years designed for high school graduates; it includes courses in the humanities, natural and behavioral/social sciences, and nursing. This option is open to transfer students. After completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to apply to take the professional licensure examination; however, the Missouri Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 335.066, states that "Completion of an educational program leading to a degree or diploma in nursing does not guarantee eligibility to write the licensure examination."

Background checks are required of applicants to apply for licensure.

For specific admission criteria, refer to section on admission procedures.
### Freshman – Fall
- Chemistry (CHEM 153, 154, 161 or 163) 4
- English 150 or 190 3
- Fine Arts Requirement (ART, ARTH, MUSC, THR) 3
- History (any) 3
- General Psychology (PSY 101) 3
- Intro to Nursing (NURS 140) 1
- (either fall or spring)

### Freshman – Spring
- Sociology (any) 3
- English 190 or Literature 3
- Human Anatomy (ANAT 100) 3
- Introduction to Phil. (PHIL 105) 3
- Theological Found. (THEO 100) 3
- Intro to Interprof Health Care (IPE 110) (either fall or spring) 1
- (either fall or spring)

### Sophomore – Fall
- Human Physiology (PPY 254) 4
- Theology or Philosophy 3
- Health Care Systems and Promotion (IPE 350) 3
- Inferential Statistics RMET 410 or PSY 205 3
- Communication in Health Care (NURS 210) 2
- (either fall or spring)

### Sophomore – Spring
- Literature or elective 3
- Microbiology (MB 158) 3
- Human Development Through the Life Span (NURS 243) 3
- Health Assessment (NURS 370) 3
- Intro to Clinical Decision Making in Nursing (NURS 233) 3

### Junior – Fall
- Theology or Philosophy 3
- Nutrition (NURS 377) 2
- Pharmacology (NURS 330) 3
- Pathophysiology (NURS 360) 4
- Nursing Interventions to Promote Patient Adaptation and Safety (NURS 333) 3
- Evidence Based Practice (IPE 460) 2
- (either fall or spring)

### Junior – Spring
**Areas of Concentration = 14**
- Maternal-Child Health Theory (4)
- Nrsg Care of Child-Bearing Family (3)
- Nrsg Care of Children (3)
- OR
- Adult-Older Adult Theory (4)
- Nrsg Care of Adults (3)
- Nrsg Care of Older Adults (3)
- AND
- Psych/Mental Health Nursing (4) OR Public Health Nursing (4)

- Health Care Ethics (IPE 370 (3)
- (either fall or spring)

### Senior – Fall
**Areas of Concentration = 14**
- Maternal-Child Health Theory (4)
- Nrsg Care of Child-Bearing Family (3)
- Nrsg Care of Children (3)
- OR
- Adult-Older Adult Theory (4)
- Nrsg Care of Adults (3)
- Nrsg Care of Older Adults (3)
- AND
- Psych/Mental Health Nursing (4) OR Public Health Nursing (4)

- Elective (3) 17

### Senior – Spring
- Leadership/Management 3
- Comprehensive Nursing 4
- Integrative Interprofessional Practicum Experience (IPE 490) 2
- Nursing Electives* 2-4
- Elective 3
- (either fall or spring) 14 – 16

*Students completing 1 NURS credit and 1 IPE credit freshman year would satisfy 2 hours of nursing electives. Transfer students without the freshman year credits would complete 4 hours of nursing electives.
### BACCALAUREATE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING TRADITIONAL OPTION**

(A minimum of 126 semester hours (60 semester hours in nursing) is required for graduation).

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Graduation requirements are subject to change related to ongoing curriculum development.

Generic Baccalaureate Option-Accelerated Option

The Accelerated Baccalaureate Option, a one year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree course of study is based on the same philosophy and objectives as the 4-year Baccalaureate Option. It incorporates the integrated approach to learning, the early synthesis and application of concepts, and the concentration on the nursing major.

**Special Admission Procedures**

The following must be submitted as part of the application:

1. Original transcripts from all colleges previously attended.
2. Two letters of reference.
3. A letter describing nursing and qualities possessed by the applicant which relate to professional nursing. Letters should be sent to:

   Administrative Assistant, Accelerated Option
   Saint Louis University School of Nursing
   3525 Caroline Mall
   St. Louis, Missouri  63104

4. Transcripts are evaluated on an individual basis; however, it is recommended that all sciences be completed within 10 years of enrollment. If prerequisites are needed, submit all course descriptions for approval prior to enrollment to be assured that a particular course will be accepted.

   After notification from the School of Nursing, a personal interview may be arranged.

**Special Prerequisites for Admission**

1. Baccalaureate or higher degree.
2. A grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.00 system in previous college work.
3. Successful completion of the following general requirements or comparable courses: Chemistry (3 credit hours), Human Anatomy & Physiology (6-8 credit hours), Microbiology (3 credit hours), Inferential and Descriptive Statistics (3 credit hours), Theology or Religion (3 credit hours), Ethics (3 credit hours), Social-Behavioral Sciences (3 credit hours), Human Growth and Development through the Life Span (3 credit hours).

Prerequisite course work must be completed prior to enrollment in the Accelerated Baccalaureate Option.

**Accelerated Baccalaureate Option - Junior Entry**

This Accelerated Baccalaureate Option is designed for current students who have a minimum of junior level standing and interest in completing the baccalaureate degree in nursing through the accelerated option. Minimum criteria for admission to the Accelerated Option through transfer include:

1. Completion of at least 77 semester hours, including all general education courses required for the 4-year Baccalaureate option (except nutrition), prior to enrolling in the accelerated option nursing courses.
2. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.2, with at least a “C” in all required courses.
3. Demonstrated ability to successfully carry and complete a college course load of at least 15 credit hours or more per semester.
4. Letters which attest to the applicant’s academic ability and potential for success in the accelerated option from two (2) faculty members.
5. A letter describing nursing and qualities possessed by the applicant which relate to professional nursing.
6. An interview with the accelerated option coordinator.

The Accelerated Option begins in May with a summer session and extends through two additional semesters. Course requirements total 49 semester hours and include an
average of 19-24 clinical laboratory hours per week. After completing the option, the graduate is eligible to apply to take the professional licensure examination; however, the Missouri Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 335.066, states that “Completion of an educational program leading to a degree or diploma in nursing does not guarantee eligibility to write the licensure examination.” Background checks are required of applicants to apply for licensure.

Required Courses - Area of Concentration

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NURS210-90 Communication in Health Care.......... 2
NURS405 Introduction to Clinical Decision Making in Nursing 3
NURS335 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice I... 1
NURS336 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice II.. 2
NURS360 Pathophysiology......................... 4
NURS370 Health Assessment......................... 3
NURS406 Critical issues in Evidence Based Nursing 2
NURS421 Care of the Client through the Lifespan I 4
NURS423 Care of the Client through the Lifespan II 4
NURS424 Care of the Client through the Lifespan III 4
NURS427 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing.... 4
NURS429 Public Health Nursing ..................... 4
NURS441 Care of the Client through the Lifespan IV 4
NURS455 Leadership and Management............ 3
NURS485 Comprehensive Nursing Practice....... 4
NURS492 Community Project....................... 1
Elective 0-4

Registered Nurse to B.S.N. and M.S.N. Options

The R.N. to B.S.N. Option leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree for registered nurse graduates of associate degree or hospital diploma programs. This degree may be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis.

Special Admission Procedure

Applications must be accompanied by official transcripts from hospital schools (including transcripts from affiliated colleges or universities), community colleges, and other schools of higher education attended.

Special Prerequisites

R.N. licensure, American Heart Association Health Care Provider certification, current health forms, and satisfactory background checks and drug screens must be validated before enrolling in nursing courses with a clinical component.

Transfer Credits

College-level courses completed at other accredited institutions will be accepted for transfer, provided the grade received is “C” (2.0) or above. Exceptions include physical education, personal development, and technical courses.

Saint Louis University School of Nursing acknowledges the value of previous nursing education and participates in the Missouri Articulation Plan. The Plan provides graduates of diploma or associate degree programs with three options for credit in previously completed courses to be applied to the baccalaureate degree: direct transfer, proficiency examinations, or escrow. Students select the option best suited to their educational plan in collaboration with their academic advisor. Thirty-eight of the 60 nursing credits will be awarded through articulation after the student has successfully completed a bridge course entitled NR N380, Conceptual Framework for Nursing Practice.

Individuals who do not have transferable credit hours for anatomy, physiology, microbiology, health assessment and/or nutrition may challenge these courses by examination. Additional credits may be earned by taking subject examinations through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). The university limits credits awarded through examination to 18 semester hours. For specific information contact the Director of the Baccalaureate and Program.
General Curriculum Requirements
A minimum of 126 credit hours is required. The last 30 hours must be taken at Saint Louis University.

Graduate Study

The R.N.-to-Master’s Option provides a means for registered nurse graduates of associate degree or hospital diploma programs to earn both a bachelor’s degree in nursing and a master’s degree in nursing. The option combines undergraduate and graduate education; senior-standing students may allocate six semester hours of 500-level courses toward the baccalaureate degree and six to seven semester hours of additional 500-level courses toward the master’s degree, thus reducing the total number of hours required by the master’s program by 6 credit hours. Application and acceptance into the Graduate School is required for matriculation in the Master’s Program. Students who choose not to progress or who are ineligible for admission to the Graduate School will be awarded the baccalaureate degree upon completion of undergraduate requirements.

For further information, contact the Director of the Baccalaureate Program.