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.

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General Degree Requirements

English 6
Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric & Research Literature
Fine Arts 3
Natural Sciences 20
Chemistry I and II
Anatomy
Physiology
Microbiology
Nutrition
History 3
Philosophy 6
Introduction to Inferential Statistics 3
Theological Studies 6
Applied Ethics/Morals 3
Social and Behavioral Science 9
General Psychology
Introductory SOC Course
Life Span Development
Electives 7
Area of Concentration (Nursing) 60

Total hours required for graduation (min): 126

The School of Nursing requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

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.

BSN Curriculum Requirements:
Traditional Option

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

Humans
ENGL 190 Adv Strategies Rhetoric & Research 3
ENGL 200-399 Literature Course 3
HIST Any HIST course 3
Fine Arts Requirement 3
ART, ARTH, MUSC, or THR
PHIL 105 Intro to Phil: Self & Reality 3
THEO 100 Theological Foundations 3
Theology or Philosophy 6

Social Behavioral Sciences
PSY 101 General Psychology 3
SOC 1xx Intro level course (110, 120 or 190) 3
NURS 243 Human Develop Thru the Life Span 3

Research Methodology
RMET 410 Intro to Inferential Statistics 3
OR
PSY 205 Found of Rsch Methods and Stats 3

Natural Sciences
ANAT 100 Human Anatomy 3
PPY 254 Human Physiology 4
MB 158 Microbiology 3
Chemistry (One from the List below)
CHEM 153 Principles of Chemistry I 4
OR
CHEM 154 Principles of Chemistry II 4
OR
CHEM 163 General Chemistry I Lecture 3
CHEM 165 General Chemistry I Lab 1

**Interprofessional Education**

IPE 110 Intro to Interprof Health Care 1
*Satisfies 1 hour of required nursing electives*
IPE 350 Hlth Care System & Hlth Promotion 3
IPE 370 Health Care Ethics 3
IPE 470 Evidence Based Practice 2
IPE 490 Integrative Interprof Practicum Exp 2

**Nursing**

NURS 140 Introduction to Nursing 1
*Required for freshmen, satisfies 1 hour of required nursing electives.*
NURS 210 Communications in Health Care 2
NURS 233 Intro to Clinical Decision Making in Nursing 3
NURS 330 Pharmacology 3
NURS 360 Pathophysiology 4
NURS 370 Health Assessment 3
NURS 333 Nursing Interventions to Promote Patient Adaptation and Safety 3
NURS 377 Essentials of Therapeutic Nutrition: A Nursing Approach 2
NURS 433 Nursing Management: Maternal-Child Health Theory 4
NURS 434 Nursing Care of the Child-Bearing Family 3
NURS 435 Nursing Care of Children 3
NURS 431 Psych/Mental Health Nursing Theory and Clinical 4
NURS 436 Nursing Management: Adult to Older Adult Theory 4
NURS 437 Nursing Care of Adults 3
NURS 438 Nursing Care of Older Adults 3
NURS 432 Public Health Nursing Theory and Clinical 4
NURS 456 Leadership/Management 3
NURS 480 Comprehensive Nursing 4

**Nursing Electives**

*At least 2 semester hours at the upper division*

**Electives**

*General Studies or Nursing*

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

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**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.

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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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.