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 is the Student Success Center. The School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and is fully approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

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.

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.

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

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Nursing (B.S.N.)

General Degree Requirements

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Microbiology  
Nutrition  
History  
Philosophy/Theological Studies  
Introduction to Inferential Statistics  
Social and Behavioral Science  
General Psychology  
Sociology  
Life Span Development  
Electives  
Area of Concentration (Nursing)

Total hours required for graduation (min): 127-129

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

Baccalaureate Option-Traditional
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.

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, immunizations, current health forms, and satisfactory background check and drug screen must be validated before enrolling in nursing courses with a clinical component.

BSN Curriculum Requirements:  
Traditional Option
(A minimum of 127---129 semester hours (65 semester hours in nursing) is required for graduation).

Humanities
ENGL 190 Adv Strategies Rhetoric & Research  
ENGL 200-399 Literature Course  
HIST Any HIST course

Fine Arts Requirement
ART, ARTH, MUSC, or THR

PHIL 105 Intro to Phil: Self & Reality  
THEO 100 Theological Foundations

Theology or Philosophy

Social Behavioral Sciences
PSY 101 General Psychology  
SOC Any course  
NURS 243 Human Develop Thru the Life Span

Research Methodology
STAT 11 Statistics  
OR
PSY 205 Found of Rsch Methods and Stats

Natural Sciences
ANAT 100 Human Anatomy  
PPY 254 Human Physiology  
MB 158 Microbiology  
CHEM 153 Principles of Chemistry I  
OR
CHEM 163 General Chemistry I Lecture  
CHEM 165 General Chemistry I Lab

Interprofessional Education
IPE 110 Intro to Interprof Health Care  
Satisfies 1 hour of required nursing electives  
IPE 350 Hlth Care System & Hlth Promotion  
IPE 420 Appl Dec Making in IP Practice  
IPE 470 Evidence Based Practice  
IPE 490 Integrative Interp of Practicum Exp

Nursing
NURS 140 Introduction to Nursing  
Satisfies 1 hour of required nursing electives  
NURS 243 Human Growth & Development  
NURS 250 Clinical Concepts in Nsg Practice  
NURS 251 Hlth Prom Across the Life Span  
NURS 252 Foundation for Nsg Care  
NURS 330 Pharmacotherapeutics for Nsg Care  
NURS 360 Pathophysiology  
NURS 370 Health Assessment  
NURS 377 Essentials of Therapeutic Nutrition:  
A Nursing Approach
NURS 431 Psychiatric/Mental Hlth Nsg  
NURS 432 Community/Public Health Nsg  
NURS 446 Nursing Care of the Adult  
NURS 447 Nursing Care of the Older Adult  
NURS 448 Nsg Care of Childbearing Family  
NURS 449 Nsg Care of Childrearing Family  
NURS 481 Nursing Immersion Practicum  
NURS 482 Complex Multi-system Nsg Theory
Baccalaureate 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 strongly 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.

Special Prerequisites for Admission - 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
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**Registered Nurse to B.S.N. Option**

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, and current health forms.

**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. With this plan, thirty-eight of the 60 nursing credits will be awarded through articulation after the student has successfully completed a bridge course entitled NURS 380, Conceptual Framework for Nursing Practice.

**General Curriculum Requirements**

A minimum of 126 credit hours is required. The last 30 hours must be taken at Saint Louis University.

In addition to the pre-nursing core courses, the nursing courses are:

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