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 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 Option
- The Accelerated Option
- The R.N. to B.S.N. Option

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.)

Total credits required for graduation (min): 123
(Varies with selected option)
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 on a space available basis. 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 24 with subscores of 22 or higher; high school or college entry-level biology and chemistry; and a GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale 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 128 semester credits (70 semester credits in nursing and 9 semester credits of IPE) is required for graduation).

Humanities
ENGL 1900 Adv Strategies Rhetoric & Research 3
ENGL 2000-3999 Literature Course 3
HIST Any HIST course 3

Fine Arts Requirement 3
ART, ARTH, DANC, FSTD, MUSC, or THR 3

Philosophy and Theology
PHIL 1050 Intro to Phil: Self & Reality 3
THEO 1000 Theological Foundations 3
Ethics (PHIL 2050,3360; THEO2525 or HCE2010) 3

Social Behavioral Sciences
PSY 1010 General Psychology 3
SOC 1000-4999 3
NURS 1430 Human Develop Thru the Life Span 3

Research Methodology
STAT 1100 Statistics 3
or
PSY 2050 Foundations of Research Methods and Stats 3

Natural Sciences
ANAT 1000 Human Anatomy 3
PPY 2540 Human Physiology 4
BLS 2100 Microbiology 3
CHEM1083, or 1483, or 1110/1115 4

Interprofessional Education
IPE 1100 Intro to Interprof Health Care 1
IPE 3500 Hlth Care System &Hlth Promotion 3
IPE 4200 Appl Dec Making in IP Practice 2
IPE 4900 Integrated Interprofessional Practicum Experience 2

Nursing
NURS 1400 Introduction to Nursing 1
NURS 1430 Human Growth & Development 3
NURS 2500 Clinical Concepts in Nsg Practice 3
NURS 2510 Hlth Prom Across the Life Span 3
NURS 2520 Foundations for Nsg Care 3
NURS 3330 Pharmacotherapeutics for Nsg Care 3
NURS 3360 Pathophysiology 4
NURS 3200 Health Assessment 3
NURS 3370 Essentials of Therapeutic Nutrition: A Nursing Approach 2
NURS 2700 Evidence Based Nursing 2
NURS 3100 Healthcare Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environments 2
NURS 3430 Psychiatric/Mental HlthNsg 4
NURS 3440 Public Health Nsg 4
NURS 3460 Nursing Care of the Adult 4
NURS 3470 Nursing Care of the Older Adult 4
NURS 3480 Maternal/Neonatal Nursing 4
NURS 3490 Child Health Nursing 4
NURS 4400 Synthesis of Nursing Concepts 1
NURS 4300 Complex Care Theory 2
NURS 4350 Complex Care Practicum 4
NURS 4200 Nursing Immersion Practicum 4
NURS 4100 Leadership and Management 2
NURS 4150 Integrative Seminar in Nursing Practice 2

Nursing Electives (NURS 498..) 2

Electives (General Studies or Nsg Elective) 5

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

Baccalaureate Accelerated Option
The Accelerated Baccalaureate Option, a one-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree course of study has the same program outcomes 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 including a transcript noting completion of a non-nursing baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited US college/University or International equivalent.
2. Two letters of reference.
3. A letter describing nursing and qualities possessed by the applicant which relate to professional nursing. Letters and personal statement should be sent electronically to: ChristinaButler@slu.edu
4. Transcripts are evaluated on an individual basis; however, it is strongly recommended that all sciences be completed within 10 years of enrollment. Prerequisite course descriptions may be requested to be considered for credit prior to enrollment. Prerequisites must be from a regionally accredited university, college or community college.

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 3.2 on a 4.00 system in previous college work.
3. Successful completion of the following general requirements or comparable courses: Chemistry (3 credits), Human Anatomy & Physiology (6-8 credits), Microbiology (3 credits), Inferential and Descriptive Statistics (3 credits), Theology or Religion (3 credits), Ethics (3 credits), Social-Behavioral Sciences (3 credits), Human Growth and Development through the Life Span (3 credits).

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 baccalaureate option. Minimum criteria for admission to the Accelerated Option through transfer include:

1. Completion of at least 77 semester credits, 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 credits 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 that relate to professional nursing.

The Accelerated Baccalaureate Option begins in May with a summer session and extends through two additional semesters. Course requirements total 54 semester credits and include an average of 19-24 clinical laboratory credits 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 for clinical rotations and again to apply for licensure.

**Required Courses**

- **NURS 2500** Clinical Concepts in Nursing Practice 3
- **NURS 2515** Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 2
- **NURS 3200** Health Assessment 3
- **NURS 2520** Foundations for Nursing Care 3
- **NURS 3360** Pathophysiology 4
- **NURS 3330** Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing Care 3
- **NURS 3565** Adult/Older Adult Health I 4
- **NURS 3575** Adult/Older Adult Health II 4
- **NURS 2705** Interprofessional Issues in Evidence Based Care 2
- **NURS 3105** Healthcare Policy, Finance and Regulatory Environments 2
- **NURS 3375** Essentials of Therapeutic Nutrition: A Nursing Approach 2
- **NURS 3435** Psych/ Mental Health Nursing 4
- **NURS 3445** Public Health Nursing 4
- **NURS 3485** Maternal/Neonatal Nursing 3
- **NURS 3495** Child Health Nursing 3
- **NURS 4305** Complex Care Theory 2
- **NURS 4355** Complex Care Practicum 4
- **NURS 4105** Leadership and Management 2
Registered Nurse to B.S.N. Option

The fully online R.N. to B.S.N. Option leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree for graduates of associate degree or hospital diploma programs who have passed the U.S. NCLEX examination, are registered (RN) with a State Board of Nursing, and have an unencumbered license. This degree may be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis.

Special Admission Procedure
Official transcripts must accompany applications from hospital schools (including transcripts from affiliated colleges or universities), community colleges, and other schools of higher education attended.

Special Prerequisites
R.N. licensure and current health forms.

Transfer Credits
College-level courses completed at other Higher Learning Commission 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 nursing licensure. Thirty-eight nursing credits will be awarded in recognition of nursing licensure.

General Curriculum Requirements (Revised Curriculum for students enrolling Fall 2014 and after)
A minimum of 120 credits is required. The last 30 credits must be taken at Saint Louis University.

Arts and Sciences (55 credits)

Communication (6 credits)
Any English 1900 or above, Literature, Speech or Communication course

Managing Information (3 credits)
Any Informatics, Computer Technology, Computer or Computer Information Systems course

Values (3 credits)
Any Diversity, Ethics, Bio-or Medical Ethics course

Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
Any Psychology, Social Science, History, Public Policy, Government, Anthropology, Education, Organizational Studies, Economics, Social Work, or Growth and Development course

Humanities and Fine/Performing Arts (6 credits)
Theology 1000 or any Theology above 1000; plus any Theology, Religion, Fine or Performing Arts, Philosophy, Foreign Language, or Women’s Studies course

Mathematics (3 credits)
Any college Algebra, Mathematics, or Data Analysis/Statistics level 1000 or above course

Life and Physical Sciences (6 credits)
Any Anatomy, Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Astronomy, Microbiology, or other life/physical science 1000 level or above course

Other Arts and Sciences (22 credits)
Courses from any category

In addition to the Arts and Sciences core courses, the nursing courses are (27 credits):

- NURS 3807 Conceptual Framework for Practice 3
- NURS 3447 Public Health Nursing 4
- NURS 4107 Leadership and Management 3
- NURS 3457 Community Project 2
- NURS 3377 Essentials of Ther Nutrition 3 (Credit by Examination)
- NURS 3207 Health Assessment for RNs 3
- NURS 4147 Research and Evidence Based Practice 3
- NURS 3107 Healthcare Policy, Finance, and Reg. 3

- NURS 4800 Nursing Elective 3

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