School of Nursing

The School of Nursing is located on the Health Sciences Center Campus of Saint Louis University, and housed in the Doisy College of Health Sciences. 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 Masters Option - B.S.N. Completion Option for R.N.s

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: 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.

Typical Course of Study

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PHIL205 .................. 3   NURS244 .................. 3
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JUNIOR
NURS330 .................. 3   NURS433 .................. 4
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Eng. Lit. or Elective ... 3 or
THEO200 or 300 Elective  3 ............ NURS436  4
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........................ NURS438  3
........................ and
NURS431 or NURS432  4
PHIL336 or THEO368  3
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SENIOR
NURS433 .................. 4   NURS456 .................. 3
NURS434 .................. 3   NURS480 .................. 4
NURS435 .................. 3   NURS491 .................. 2
or  ................. Nursing Electives2-4**
NURS436 .................. 4   Elective .................. 3
NURS437 .................. 3  12-16
NURS438 .................. 3
and
NURS431 or NURS432  4
Elective .................. 3
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* Placement based on ACT or SAT score.
**Students completing the 2 nursing credits freshman year would complete
2hours of nursing electives

Accelerated Baccalaureate 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:
   Associate Director - Baccalaureate and Master’s Programs
   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 will 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 registration for 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 73 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 an accelerated option faculty member.

The Accelerated Option begins in May with a summer session and extends through two additional semesters. Course requirements total 50 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
NURS210-90 Communication in Health Care ...........2
NURS401 Dimensions of Nursing Practice I ........4
NURS335 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice I .......1
NURS336 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice II .....2
NURS360 Pathophysiology .............................4
NURS370  Health Assessment .........................3
NURS421  Care of the Client through the Lifespan I  4
NURS402  Dimensions of Nursing Practice II ......2
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-Master’s Option/R.N.-B.S.N. Option

The R.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
Missouri 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, and/or nutrition may challenge these courses by examinations offered by the National League for Nursing. 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 Associate Director, Baccalaureate and Master’s Programs.

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 Associate Director, Baccalaureate and Master’s Programs.