Program Overview

The Saint Louis University School of Nursing was founded in 1928 and has since been a national leader in nursing education.

SLU’s School of Nursing offers a full-time, four-year undergraduate program leading to a Bachelor of Science in nursing (B.S.N.) degree. The School of Nursing is a direct admit program. Nursing students at SLU are admitted as first-time freshmen from high school or as college transfer students. The School of Nursing and its faculty are nationally recognized as leaders in nursing education. We offer state-of-the-art classrooms and clinical labs, excellent clinical experiences in a wide variety of settings, and a low student/faculty ratio for all clinical courses.

Our pass rates on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) are consistently above the national average. Graduates of our program are sought by hospitals and health care organizations across the country.

Curriculum

In order to complete all required courses for the B.S.N. degree within four undergraduate years, curriculum guides are provided to students with the assistance of academic advisors and faculty mentors. The curriculum consists of science and nursing courses as well as the core curriculum courses required by the School of Nursing and Saint Louis University, providing students with a well-rounded liberal arts education background.

Nursing courses include:
+ NURS 1400: Introduction to Nursing
+ NURS 1430: Human Development Through the Life Span
+ NURS 2500: Clinical Concepts in Nursing Practice
+ NURS 2510: Health Promotion Across the Lifespan
+ NURS 2520: Foundation for Nursing Care
+ NURS 2700: Critical Issues in Evidence Based Nursing/New:
  Evidence Based Nursing
+ NURS 3100: Healthcare Policy Finance and Regulatory Environments
+ NURS 3200: Health Assessment
+ NURS 3330: Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing Care
+ NURS 3360: Pathophysiology
+ NURS 3370: Essentials of Therapeutic Nutrition: A Nursing Approach
+ NURS 3430: Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing
+ NURS 3440: Public Health Nursing
+ NURS 3460: Nursing Care of the Adult
+ NURS 3470: Nursing Care of the Older Adult
+ NURS 3480: Nursing Care of Childbearing Family/New:
  Maternal/Neonatal Nursing
+ NURS 3490: Nursing Care of Childrearing Family/New: Child Health Nursing
+ NURS 4100: Leadership and Management
+ NURS 4150: Integrative Seminar on Issues in Nursing Practice
+ NURS 4200: Nursing Immersion Practicum
+ NURS 4300: Complex Multi-System Nursing Theory/New: Complex Care Theory
+ NURS 4350: Complex Multi-System Nursing Practicum/New:
  Complex Care Practicum
+ NURS 4400: Synthesis of Nursing Concepts

About the Faculty

Saint Louis University’s nursing faculty are nationally recognized for their teaching expertise, nursing leadership, scholarly research and student mentorship. In recent years, faculty from the School of Nursing have won numerous prestigious awards, honors and fellowships.
Admission Requirements
Freshman: All applicants are directly admitted to the program through the office of admission. Students wishing to pursue the Bachelor of Science in nursing must fulfill the following requirements for consideration:
+ A high school diploma from an accredited school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development Test (GED).
+ An official high school transcript must be submitted.
+ ACT composite score of 24 or higher, with all sub-scores of 22 or higher.
+ Extracurricular activities are considered in the admission decision.

Transfer: A GPA of 3.4 or higher is required for transfer applicants. Please contact the School of Nursing recruitment specialist at 314-977-8995 or slunurse@slu.edu regarding the availability to transfer.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

Internships and Careers
SSM Healthcare, Missouri Baptist Medical Center and other area hospitals offer internships and fellowship programs for students enrolled in the B.S.N. program. Through these programs, students work in a clinical specialty area with a nurse preceptor.

In addition, SLU Hospital recruits students at all levels to work as patient care technicians while enrolled in the nursing program. Students also work in hospitals in their hometowns.

Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN. This exam measures the competencies needed to perform as an effective entry-level nurse. As a result, the School of Nursing expects its graduates to be successfully hired after graduation or accepted into graduate programs.

Nursing students also have the opportunity to spend all or part of their first two years in the nursing program studying in Spain at Saint Louis University’s Madrid campus.