

NURSING



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COLLEGE OF NURSING

Kent State University's College of Nursing offers a four-year program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The College of Nursing also offers a graduate program leading to the Master of Science in Nursing with specialization in nursing of the adult, parent/child nursing, psychiatric mental health nursing and nursing administration. Preparation is provided for advanced practice as clinical nurse specialists or nurse practitioners.

THE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Graduates are eligible to apply for the state licensing examination to become professional registered nurses. Kent State's program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Dual degree master's programs in nursing and public administration or nursing and business administration are offered. Students interested in gerontology may earn a Master of Science in Nursing in interdisciplinary gerontology. A Ph.D. in nursing is available emphasizing teaching, policy and research. M.S.N. to Ph.D. programs are also available in the graduate nursing program.

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM PLAN

Freshman-level courses provide an in-depth introduction to the biological sciences, chemistry, communications, social sciences, arts and humanities. The nursing sequence spans the sophomore through senior years.

FRESHMAN ADMISSION

Students planning to attend Kent State should gain a broad academic background in high school. Admission to pre-nursing requires the completion of high school math, biology and chemistry. In addition, students should have at least a 2.7 cumulative high school grade point average on a 4.0 scale AND minimum ACT composite of 22 (SAT combined critical reading and math score of 1020). Students with an ACT composite score of 21 (SAT combined critical reading and math score of 980) need a 3.0 high school grade point average; those with an ACT composite score of 20 (SAT combined critical reading and math score of 940) need a 3.3 high school grade point average.

Applicants not meeting one of the above criteria will be admitted to Undergraduate Studies as exploratory students. Advising is provided, and recommendations may be made for developmental coursework as a basis for the college courses.

To be admitted to the nursing sequence (beginning in the fall and spring of the sophomore year), students file a nursing sequence application with the College of Nursing during the semester prior to which they are looking to enroll. Students must have a minimum 2.75 grade point average in the three required biology and chemistry courses and a 2.75 cumulative GPA to be eligible for application. Completion of mathematics and 30 semester hours are also required.

Continuation in the program is based upon successful scholastic achievement and personal qualifications for the practice of nursing. Admission to Kent State as a nursing student must be made before a student can be considered for the (sophomore) nursing sequence by the College of Nursing.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

Once transfer students are accepted by Kent State, they should consult with the College of Nursing to ensure that the courses taken at another institution will satisfy admission requirements for the nursing sequence. Because the three-year nursing sequence begins each semester, application for a space in the nursing sequence should be made to the College of Nursing the semester prior to the student's start date. Students enrolled in another baccalaureate program should consult directly with the College of Nursing concerning requirements and placement in the sequence.

REGISTERED NURSES

The College of Nursing is pleased to offer an RN to B.S.N. program. An advisor in the College of Nursing is designated to work with registered nurses. Interested students should contact the college to receive pre-admission counseling and assistance with course selection.

Registered nurses admitted to the program from approved diploma and associate degree nursing programs enroll in 30 semester hours of upper-division nursing courses that are completed via distance learning. (Kent Campus only)

The RN may take examinations to establish credit in liberal education courses according to university policy. Prerequisites for those courses must be met prior to taking the examinations.

Application is made through the Admissions Office as a transfer student except for Kent State graduates with an Associate in Applied Science degree in nursing who need to contact the Office of the University Registrar to have their record updated. Degree requirements may be completed through coursework taken at the Kent or Regional campuses.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Kent State nursing graduates find employment at our nation's top hospitals. Locally, our graduates have gone on to work for Akron General Hospital, Akron Children's Hospital, Cleveland Clinic, Summa Health Systems and University Hospitals of Cleveland, just to name a few.

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ACCELERATED B.S.N.

Graduates having a non-nursing baccalaureate degree are admitted into the baccalaureate program and are eligible to apply for direct admission into the nursing sequence.

Prerequisites include a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 and the completion of required first-year sciences with a minimum grade of 2.75. A 15-month accelerated program with 3 cohort options are available.

AN EIGHT-CAMPUS NETWORK

The first year of the baccalaureate nursing program is offered at each of the Kent State campuses. The complete B.S.N. program is offered at the Geauga, Kent, Salem, Stark and Trumbull campuses. The RN-B.S.N. program is offered at all Kent State Campuses.

FACILITIES UTILIZED

Nursing students gain clinical experience in many acute care, home and community settings, including: Cleveland Clinic, Veterans Administration (Brecksville and Wade Park), Metro Health and University Hospitals (Cleveland); Akron General Medical Center, Akron Children's Hospital Medical Center and Summa Health Systems (Akron); St. Elizabeth Hospital Center (Youngstown); Robinson Memorial Hospital (Ravenna); Belcher Apartments; Massillon Community Hospital; Aultman Hospital and Mercy Medical Center (Canton); the Summit County Visiting Nurse Agency; Robinson Memorial Home Health and Hospice; Trumbull VNA; Salem County VNA; and other social and healthcare agencies.

AMONG THE FACULTY

The expertise of the College of Nursing faculty members provides for an enriched environment in which to study nursing. Students can study alongside nationally recognized faculty in their area of research.

FINANCIAL AID

In addition to the financial aid available to all Kent State University students, nursing students are eligible for the following financial assistance: Federal Nursing Student Loan Program; Elizabeth Hudak Memorial

Fund (for emergency loans); Work Agreement Scholarships with several area healthcare agencies; Army, Air Force and Navy nurse corps student programs; and several other scholarships.

HONORS PROGRAM

Nursing students have the opportunity to apply to the Honors College, as well as the College of Nursing. Nursing courses are available in an honors format that facilitates inquiry into a variety of nursing and healthcare topics. Honors students have an opportunity to complete a senior honors thesis.

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