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COLLEGE OF NURSING

The Kent State University College of Nursing provides a course of study at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral level. After completion of the required course of study in the arts and sciences and professional nursing, graduates receive the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing and are eligible to apply to take the state licensing examination to become professional registered nurses. Additional successful study leads to the degree of Master of Science in Nursing with clinical focus in adult, psychiatric mental health or parent-child nursing, and role-function options in administration, education, clinical specialization or nurse practitioner. An accelerated combined Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Nursing allows qualified undergraduate students to substitute selected master's core courses after completing 60 semester hours.

Accreditation

The baccalaureate and master's programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The baccalaureate nursing program is approved by the state of Ohio Board of Nursing.

Aims of the Program

The specific purposes of the baccalaureate nursing program are to prepare practitioners for the beginning practice of professional nursing; to provide a base for the continuing development of the students as individuals, as citizens and as professional practitioners of nursing; and to provide a foundation for graduate study in nursing.

The College of Nursing is committed to the education of professionals in nursing within the perspective of today's society. The faculty believes that the foremost aim of such education is the acquisition of knowledge and unique specialized skills of the nursing profession. Professional education for nursing lays a foundation for the proficient and competent performance of nursing practice, based on scientific principles and entailing self-directed activities and discriminative judgments.

The faculty believes that professional education in nursing stresses the development of high ethical standards and moral values, which enable future practitioners to make essential contributions to public welfare and social progress. Professional education in nursing strives to develop communication skills and personality traits for effective interpersonal relationships and provides a base for continuing study and for personal, social and professional development.

The program in nursing stresses the application of physical, biological and social sciences to professional nursing practice. Throughout the program, students learn to give professional nursing care to children and adults of various age groups in acute care, home and community settings.

Liberal Education Requirements

All students graduating with a baccalaureate degree from Kent State University must have completed 36 semester hours of Liberal Education Requirements (LER). These requirements normally are to be fulfilled within the first 60 semester hours of enrollment. These courses reflect Kent State's LER as they are further specified by the nursing curriculum. The requirements are below. A complete list of LER courses are on Pages 85-87.

I. Composition	6
ENG 11011 College Writing I	3
21011 College Writing II	3
II. Mathematics and Critical Reasoning	3
III. Humanities and Fine Arts	9
<i>Minimum one course from the humanities section and minimum one course from the fine arts section.</i>	
IV. Social Sciences	6
PSYC 11762 General Psychology	3
SOC 12050 Introduction to Sociology	3
V. Basic Sciences	10
BSCI 20020 Biological Structure and Function	5
CHEM*10050 Fundamentals of Chemistry	3
* 10052 Introduction to Organic Chemistry	2
VI. Additional LER Courses6
<i>Courses must be selected from two categories, above. COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication and PHIL 11009 Principles of Thinking may also be taken within this category.</i>	
VII. Diversity Course Requirement	
<i>All students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic (U.S.) focus and one with a global focus. The domestic (U.S.) focus course is fulfilled in this major with the LER social sciences course SOC 12050. A complete list of diversity requirement courses are on Pages 89-91.</i>	

**Regional Campus students may substitute CHEM 10054 General and Elementary Organic Chemistry (5) for CHEM 10050 and 10052.*

Writing-Intensive Course Requirement

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement and earn a minimum C (2.00) grade. A complete list of writing-intensive courses is on Pages 93-95.

Program of Study

The program of study includes minimum 122 semester hours of study in arts and sciences and professional nursing courses directed toward preparing graduates who:

1. Use critical and analytical thinking in the application of the nursing process to provide health care to clients/individuals, families, communities and groups.
2. Establish effective relationships in the delivery of nursing care through the use of interpersonal, written and electronic means.

3. Assume responsibility for their personal and professional growth and nursing actions.
4. Participate with the interdisciplinary and intradisciplinary team to facilitate ongoing improvement in the delivery of health care services.
5. Participate in the use of technology in a wide variety of settings in the provision of health care services.
6. Use basic knowledge of the research process in nursing practice.
7. Assume the roles of professional nurses.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

I. FIRST YEAR (Pre-Nursing)	.30
BSCI * 20020 Biological Structure and Function	5
20021 Basic Microbiology	3
CHEM**10050 Fundamentals of Chemistry	3
** 10052 Introduction to Organic Chemistry	2
ENG * 11011 College Writing I	3
NURS 10050 Introduction to Professional Nursing	1
PSYC* 11762 General Psychology	3
SOC***12050 Introduction to Sociology	3
US 10097 First Year Experience FLASH Point	1
Additional LER course	3
<i>See Category VI on previous page.</i>	
Diversity global-focus course	3
<i>See Category VII on previous page.</i>	
II. SECOND YEAR	.31
BSCI 30030 Human Physiology	4
ENG * 21011 College Writing II	3
NURS 20010 Interpersonal and Communication Skills for Health Care Professionals	2
20020 Foundations of Assessment and Communication in Nursing	3
20030 Foundations of Nursing Intervention	5
20950 Human Growth and Development for Health Professionals (<i>offered only in fall semester</i>)	3
30060 Basic Pharmacology for Nursing Practice	2
NUTR 33512 Nutrition	3
Mathematics and critical reasoning LER course	3
<i>See Category II on previous page.</i>	
Additional LER course	3
<i>See Category VI on previous page.</i>	
III. THIRD YEAR	.31-32
BSCI 30050 Human Genetics	3
NURS 30010 Parent and Newborn Nursing	4
30020 Health Care of Children	4
30030 Nursing of Adults	5

30040 Nursing of Adults with Rehab. Needs and/or Gerontologic Changes	4
30050 Basic Nursing Informatics	2
Humanities or fine arts LER courses	6
<i>See Category III on previous page.</i>	
Choose from the following statistics courses:	3-4
MATH 10041 Elementary Probability and Statistics (3)	
PSYC 21621 Quantitative Methods in Psychology I (3)	
SOC 32220 Data Analysis (3)	
32221 Data Analysis Laboratory (1)	

IV. FOURTH YEAR	.30
NURS 40005 Professional Nursing Development	3
40010 Nursing of the Critically Ill	4
40020 Community Health Nursing	4
40030 Psychiatric Nursing and Mental Health Nursing Care	4
40045 Integration of Leadership and Management in Nursing	6
40872 Introduction to Nursing Research	3
Humanities or fine arts course	3
<i>See Category III on previous page.</i>	
Psychology or sociology upper-division course	3
TOTAL	122-123

*Course fulfills the Liberal Education Requirements (LER).

**Regional Campus students may substitute CHEM 10054 General and Elementary Organic Chemistry for CHEM 10050 and 10052. All three courses fulfill the Liberal Education Requirements (LER).

***Course fulfills the Liberal Education Requirements (LER) and the domestic (U.S.) diversity requirement.

Elective nursing courses: Special nursing courses will be offered periodically by nursing faculty and may be taken as electives by nursing students. These courses are listed in the Catalog.

Major clinical facilities utilized for students' learning experiences include Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, Jennings Hall, Health Hill, MetroHealth Medical Center and University Settlement in Cleveland; Akron General Medical Center, Summa Health System (Akron City and St. Thomas hospitals) and Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron; Barberton Citizens Hospital; Manor Care of Barberton, Belcher Apartments, Robinson Memorial Hospital and the Kevin Coleman Mental Health Center in Ravenna; Aultman Hospital and Mercy Medical Center in Canton; Park Vista and St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Youngstown; Trumbull Memorial and St. Joseph's hospitals in Warren; Massillon Community Hospital; Hattie Larlham Foundation in Mantua; The Summit County Health Department; The Trumbull County Visiting Nurse Agency; Robinson Memorial Hospital Visiting Nurse and Hospice; Alliance Visiting Nurse Agency; and various other social and health agencies. These facilities are subject to change and availability.

Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical facilities.

ADMISSION TO PRE-NURSING

New Freshmen

Admission will be considered for those students who have completed a strong academic pattern of courses in high school. In addition to meeting all general university requirements, it is essential that applicants present study in chemistry, biology and mathematics from high school. A minimum high school GPA of 2.70 (on a 4.00 scale) also is required.

An ACT composite score of 22 and 22 in scientific reasoning is the minimum expected to receive favorable consideration.

Transfer Students

In addition to meeting all general university requirements for admission, transfer students should contact the College of Nursing regarding special information and deadlines.

Transfer students will be admitted to the College of Nursing on an individual basis and as space permits in clinical sections.

Students wishing to transfer from another baccalaureate nursing program should consult directly with the College of Nursing at the time of application to the university.

Second-Degree Students

Persons with a non-nursing degree wishing to pursue the study of nursing should consult with the College of Nursing at the time of application to the university. An accelerated program is available for postbaccalaureate students.

Licensed Practical Nurses

L.P.N.s admitted to the nursing sequence enroll in a role transition course and may be eligible for credit-by-examination for selected sophomore-level nursing courses. An appointment should be made for advising through the College of Nursing, Student Services Office, at the time of application.

Sophomore Nursing Sequence

Limitations on available space for sophomore nursing majors necessitate a selective and competitive admission process. The sophomore nursing sequence usually begins in the fall and spring semesters of each year. Preference is given to applicants who:

1. Complete BSCI 20020, 20021 and CHEM 10050, 10052 or CHEM 10054, with a minimum of a 2.50 GPA in these sciences.
2. Complete a minimum of 30 semester hours with a 2.50 or higher GPA.

Please note that admission into the nursing sequence is competitive. Please consult with the Student Services Office in the College of Nursing for the average GPA of currently entering students.

In February of the freshman year, pre-nursing students apply directly to the College of Nursing for admission to the sophomore nursing sequence. Selection for the sophomore nursing sequence is made by a faculty committee of the College of Nursing beginning in June of each year. Spring admission selections occur in October. Space is limited.

Once accepted into the Sophomore Sequence, all students are required to purchase a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) and required reference textbooks in PDA format. Specific requirements are available in the College of Nursing, Office of Student Services, Room 116, Henderson Hall.

Registered Nurses

Transition nursing courses are available for registered nurses. Many of the required nursing courses are available via distance-learning technology. In addition, credit may be established in selected arts and sciences courses through examination. Non-nursing courses are available throughout the eight-campus network.

Kent's Eight-Campus Network

Check with the individual Regional Campuses for nursing course offerings.

Progression

Progression and continuance in the program is based upon successful scholastic achievement and personal qualities for the practice of professional nursing.

Calculation of Averages for Progression to Junior and Senior Sequence Nursing Courses.

1. Students must have a 2.00 cumulative GPA each semester to continue in clinical nursing.
2. Progression to junior nursing requires the completion of 60 semester hours with a 2.00 or higher GPA; the completion of all biology and chemistry courses as noted in program requirements with a 2.00 or higher GPA; and completion of all freshman and sophomore nursing courses with a 2.00 or higher GPA in each nursing course. In addition, NURS 10050 Introduction to Professional Nursing, must be completed prior to the sophomore nursing sequence.*
3. Progression to senior nursing courses requires the completion of 90 semester hours with a 2.00 or higher GPA; the completion of all junior nursing courses; a 2.00 minimum GPA in each sophomore and junior nursing course; and completion of BSCI 30060 Human Genetics, with an overall 2.00 GPA.*

*Students in the accelerated program take junior and senior courses concurrently.

Repeat of Clinical Nursing Courses

In order to progress in the nursing program, students must earn a C grade (2.00) or higher in all clinical nursing courses. Students who achieve a grade below (2.00) in a clinical course may repeat the course only once and may not move to the next academic standing level of course (junior, senior) until the course has been success

fully completed with a grade of C (2.00) or higher. Placement for repeating any nursing course is only on a space-available basis.

Students who earn a grade less than C (2.00) in more than one clinical nursing course may not progress and are dismissed from the nursing program.

Failure in any two nursing courses (clinical or non-clinical) will result in immediate dismissal. This rule does not apply to NURS 10050 and NURS 20950.

Clinical Placement Experiences

All students are required to submit a criminal background check at the time of admission to the nursing sequence.

Graduation

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing is granted to students who complete the planned program of study with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 (C) and a 2.00 or higher in biology and chemistry courses, and a minimum 2.00 in each nursing course. Students also need to meet all other university requirements for graduation and complete a minimum of 32 semester hours at Kent State.

EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL AID

In addition to the regular university expenses, estimated nursing school costs for the four years may approximate \$2500 or more. (Examples of the expenses included are the state licensure application fee, NCLEX-CAT fee, College of Nursing pin, pictures and fingerprinting for licensure, level testing and the NCLEX-CAT review, criminal background checks and course fees.)

In addition to the regular university financial aid, nursing students are eligible for financial assistance, exclusively for nursing students.

