# NURSING

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The School of Nursing is a scholarly community at UofL's Health Sciences Center, where faculty, staff and students collaborate to promote excellence in the advancement of the nursing profession. Faculty advance science through research and scholarship that inform undergraduate and graduate education and through support of evidence-based practice. You will be prepared to demonstrate excellence in nursing science, practice and leadership in a variety of settings to help patients across the lifespan and to meet society's evolving health care needs.

The School of Nursing transforms health care through creation of new knowledge, provision of care, community and professional service, policy development and workforce development. Our students receive high quality education for baccalaureate, graduate, advanced practice and doctoral degrees. Our faculty work with you using innovative teaching methods, preparing you not just for the present, but also the future. Our faculty are nationally- and internationally-recognized experts in nursing practice and research related to health disparities, chronic disease management, health services research, postpartum depression, rural health, food security, physical activity, environmental health, and underserved populations.

Our students in the School of Nursing learn from members of the American Academy of Nursing and nursing leaders in education, practice and research. You will have opportunities to participate in research and present at professional meetings. School of Nursing doctoral students have been recognized for their academic excellence by the Jonas Center Nurse Leaders Scholar Program, Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future award, American Cancer Society Doctoral Scholarships, and prestigious post-doctoral fellowship awards.



## Beyond the classroom

#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING

International service learning opportunities are available for undergraduate and graduate students. You can have service learning experiences in a variety of countries during various university breaks. Recent experiences have included Haiti, Croatia, Scotland, Ireland and Belize. Additional opportunities are available for study abroad in the summer semesters.

#### **HEALTH DISPARITIES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The School of Nursing boasts a unique opportunity for you to work within a variety of communities for ongoing learning experiences from BSN through PhD educational levels. Our School of Nursing and HSC Office of Diversity and Inclusion offer services for students and faculty that support learning, clinical practice and research through real-life experiences with underserved and vulnerable populations. Through this office, you will learn to address the many health care needs of our commonwealth and the nation.





# Called by **compassion**, destined to **discover**

#### UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)**

The baccalaureate program prepares students for a professional career in nursing. There are BSN degree options for traditional students, as well as licensed registered nurses with an associate degree in nursing. Graduate programs offer preparation as advanced practice registered nurses and academic nursing researchers.

#### » TRADITIONAL BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing is a four-year program that consists of four semesters of lower division coursework and four semesters of upper division coursework. You will be prepared for a career in professional nursing by taking a dynamic course of study that is both theoretical and practical. In addition to the Louisville Health Sciences Center program, a full program is offered at our extension site in Owensboro, Kentucky. Students are admitted into the upper division program twice a year, fall and spring semesters, in both Louisville and Owensboro.

#### » SECOND DEGREE ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The Second Degree Accelerated BSN program prepares students who have previously earned degrees in areas outside of nursing to become entry-level professional nurses. This program is available at both Louisville and the Owensboro extension locations. Students interested in this program will complete BSN prerequisites prior to applying for the upper division portion of the degree program. The upper division portion begins each summer and consists of 15 months of full-time nursing lecture, lab, and clinical coursework. The lecture portion of this program is online, while lab and clinical portions are in-person. Admission to the Second Degree Accelerated BSN occurs once a year.

#### » RN-BSN ONLINE PROGRAM

Licensed registered nurses at the associate degree level may earn a BSN through our 100% online program. The curriculum is delivered in 8-week terms and focuses on advanced knowledge in nursing and the skills needed for leadership in a changing health care system. Students can earn 30 college credits, tuition-free, for their professional experience by completing a Professional Nursing Portfolio.

#### **DIRECT HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION**

Qualified high school seniors are eligible to apply for a direct admit spot in our upper division nursing program! Ten spaces are reserved each year for incoming freshmen. Students must apply by November 15. Decision notifications are sent in December. Apply and view admission requirements: <code>louisville.edu/nursing/early/direct</code>

#### **GUARANTEED EARLY ADMISSION**

Students who are admitted to UofL their freshman year, and who are eligible after completing their first two semesters, may apply for a guaranteed early admission spot in the upper division. Students must apply by the April 1 deadline. Decisions are sent at the end of May. To view eligibility requirements, please visit: *louisville.edu/nursing/early/gea* 

### THE UOFL ADVANTAGE

- » The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree programs at the University of Louisville are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750 Washington, DC 20001 202.887.6791
- » You will have clinical learning experiences in a variety of settings throughout the community, including hospitals.
- » The innovative curriculum includes experiences in multiple state-of-the-art simulation labs.
- » You will study in the exciting atmosphere of the large, research-intensive academic Health Sciences Center.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- » The UofL School of Nursing has the largest number of Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates in Kentucky.
- The School of Nursing has national prominence in teaching, research, practice and service.
  It is an essential partner to our research-intensive academic
  Health Sciences Center.
- » Nursing provides a Living-Learning Community opportunity for incoming freshmen students. The purpose of our LLC is to provide exploration of the major through courses, programming, services, and connections to campus and community resources.

Visit *uofl.me/llc* to learn more.



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