



University of Louisville School of Nursing Traditional Prelicensure Program

The School of Nursing offers the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Students may be admitted directly to the School of Nursing's Lower Division (pre-professional) if the minimum admission standards and university deadlines are met. **Admission to the Lower Division (Pre-professional) does not guarantee admission to the Upper Division (Professional Curriculum).**

About the Program

The University of Louisville School of Nursing offers an innovative curriculum designed to prepare professional nurses to work in a changing health care system. The first two years of the curriculum, called lower division, are based on general studies before beginning the clinical nursing portion of the major. The curriculum emphasizes life skills for nursing that are used in all courses. These life skills, while not unique to nursing, are practiced in the discipline of nursing in every course.

Lifespan Pathophysiology and Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics prepare the basis for the clinical application of pharmacology and focus on the body's response to pathological processes throughout the lifespan. These two nursing courses are completed in lower division once science prerequisites are completed.

Students begin working in community settings in the first upper division semester. Clinicals are in a variety of settings. The fourth upper division semester provides an internship model for intensive, preceptored clinical experiences. All courses provide interactive learning experiences within a community of learners. There are opportunities for extensive field and clinical experiences in each semester; and structured experiences with the Patient Simulation Lab and Standardized Patient Program.

Application Process

Students will apply to the upper division in their final semester of completing the lower division requirements. Application deadlines for upper division clinical admissions are May 1 for fall cohorts and September 15 for spring. More information, including GPA requirements and the application, is at http://louisville.edu/nursing/bsn/apply/_upper-division. Lower division information is at www.louisville.edu/admissions.

Transfer Information

The University of Louisville recognizes appropriate course work completed at other accredited universities and colleges and accepts that work according to the principles set forth in the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Transfer Credit Practices and state law under course equivalencies established in the Office of Transfer Services.

If a student is transferring from a Kentucky public institution and it certifies that a student is "General Education Fully Certified" or certified in certain General Education categories, then the student may not need to take additional humanities, history or cultural diversity courses upon transferring to the University of Louisville. General Education course requirements have been met for students already holding a baccalaureate degree.

Advising

After a student submits all official transcripts and is accepted to UofL, they should contact the School of Nursing Office of Student Services at 852-1196 to schedule an appointment with their academic advisor.

The professional advisors in the School of Nursing will provide each student with a Program of Study (POS). Students are encouraged to communicate with their advisors regularly.

Pre-Professional Curriculum for Traditional BSN Program

Please see www.louisville.edu/nursing for curriculum for other programs.

This should only be used as a guide and is not official.

University of Louisville Classes	Hours
Anatomy & Physiology: BIOL 260, 261, AND 262	7 hours
Arts and Humanities General Education Requirement Arts and Humanities are concerned with understanding texts of art, music, theatre, literature, philosophy, and religious thought.	6 hours: one course in Arts; one in Humanities
Chem. For Health Professions: CHEM 105 Course substitution may be available if course is equivalent to UofL's CHEM 201.	4 hours
Ethics: PHIL 222, 321, or 323	3 hours
History: HIST 101 or 102 Note: This must be a Western Civilizations course. A U.S./American History course does not fill this requirement.	3 hours
Human Nutrition: HSS 303	3 hours
Intro to Biology: BIOL 102 as prerequisite only	3 hours
Intro to Psychology: PSYC 201	3 hours
Lifespan Development: PSYC 363	3 hours
Lifespan Pathophysiology: NURS 338	4 hours
Math: MATH 107, 111, 112, 180, 190, or 205	3/4 hours
Microbiology with Lab: BIOL 257 AND 258	4 hours
Oral Communication: COMM 111, 112, or 115	3 hours
Nursing 101: designed specifically for new college students	1 hours
Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics: NURS 395	3 hours
Reasoning: PHIL 211 or 311	3 hours
Sociology: SOC 201, 202, 203, 210, or 323	3 hours
Statistics: MATH 109, PSYC 301 or SOC 301	3 hours
Understanding Cultural Diversity Understanding cultural diversity means students will have a broad exposure to a variety of social systems, cultures, and subcultures, both within the United States and the rest of the world.	3 hours completed in lower division; the additional 3 will be in upper division
Written Communication: ENGL 101 AND ENGL 102	6 hours

Notes: Required science, nutrition, and English grades must be "C" or higher. Anatomy & Physiology can be repeated only one time and must be completed in sequence at the same institution. Failing two NURS courses will result in immediate dismissal from the School of Nursing.

The University and/or the School of Nursing reserves the right to change programs of study academic policies academic requirements fees schedules of courses or the announced academic calendar without prior notice. Students are encouraged to meet with their assigned advisor on a regular basis. This document is to be used as guide for students and is unofficial.