

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

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<https://www.emporia.edu/departments-liberal-arts-sciences/departments-nursing/academics-programs/>

The Department of Nursing, a department in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, offers a four-year baccalaureate program that prepares graduates with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to function as professional nurses. Students completing the program receive the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

There are two educational tracks leading to the BSN, including the pre-licensure track and RN-BSN track. Students must complete the required 120 credit hours to earn the BSN degree. The nursing curriculum requires two years for completion once admitted into the major. A seamless academic progression plan for the LPN to earn the BSN degree is available within the pre-licensure BSN educational track. Graduates of Department of Nursing are eligible to take the national licensure examination for registered nurses. Contact the nursing website for information about the pre-licensure BSN educational track.

The program also offers the RN-to-BSN educational track for registered nurses seeking to earn their BSN. An individual who has completed a nursing program and is licensed as a RN may apply for admission as an articulating student to the Department of Nursing. In addition, the Department of Nursing offers a MSN degree.

Contact the nursing Website or the nursing department for information about the RN-to-BSN or MSN degree.

The size of the department allows each student to have access to individual guidance throughout the program, and the nursing faculty works with students in the classroom, laboratory, simulation, and practicum settings. Faculty members are committed to scholarly, professional, and community activities and promote student involvement in these endeavors.

Recipients for any available nursing scholarships are selected on scholarship fund specific criteria. Criteria generally address academic performance and financial need.

APPLICATION STATEMENT:

Program prerequisites for the BSN nursing major include admission to Emporia State University and a minimum of 60 credit hours in required non-nursing courses. Admission prerequisite courses include all non-nursing courses listed on the recommended schedule below. An applicant may choose any course that meets general education requirements if the admission prerequisite course is marked with an asterisk (*).

The 60 credit hours must be completed by the end of the fall semester prior to entrance in the nursing program for the spring semester. The 60 credit hours must be completed by the end of the summer semester prior to entrance in the nursing program for the fall semester. (see admission policies on the nursing website).

Grades earned in the admission prerequisite courses will be used to calculate the Department of Nursing admission GPA. A minimum Department of Nursing admission GPA of 2.5, with at least a C in the admission prerequisite courses, is required.

The required standardized pre-admission test as designated by the Department of Nursing must be completed. Test information, including testing dates, is available from the Department of Nursing website or office. Students are responsible for reserving a testing date and time and for paying the costs associated with the pre-admission test. Successful certified nursing assistant (CNA) completion is required to begin the nursing major.

Non-native speakers of English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Test (TOEFL iBT) and meet the minimum score requirements as described in the ESU Department of Nursing admission policies. Contact the Department of Nursing for further information.

General education and Department of Nursing's curriculum requirements are outlined in the Department of Nursing's admission policies. Retention and progression policies are detailed in the Department of Nursing's Student Handbook. Students enrolled in the Department of Nursing should refer to the withdrawal policy regarding nursing courses. Students are required to maintain cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification, specifically American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS certification), carry health insurance and professional liability insurance while enrolled in the nursing major.

Learning in clinical settings is an important aspect of the nursing program at Emporia State University. Many health care facilities require information about students engaged in clinical learning opportunities, including, but not limited to: verification of name; address and social security number; personal health information; drug and alcohol testing; criminal background checks, including fingerprint background checking; verification of education; listing on any registered sex offender lists; listing on the Office of Inspector General's Excluded Individual's list; and listing on the U.S. General Services Administration's Excluded Parties List.

While the Department of Nursing may assist students in obtaining and gathering information required by a health care facility, the student is responsible for the cost of obtaining such information. The information required to permit a student to participate in a clinical setting is determined by the respective health care facility.

Students with a criminal history and/or arrests for which action is still pending will be evaluated on an individual basis, with no guarantee of admission to the program or a clinical site. Any student who does not consent to required disclosure, drug testing, or background checks, or does not meet the clinical settings' eligibility requirements, may not be allowed to enter clinical settings. The Department of Nursing is not responsible for finding alternative clinical sites. If a student is unable to fulfill the clinical experiences required by their program of study, the student may be unable to graduate. Department of Nursing reserves the right to request repeat background, drug testing, and/or criminal history checks at the expense of the student if deemed necessary by the Department Chair.

The department reserves the right to refuse admission or progression to an applicant or student who cannot meet, with reasonable accommodations, the functional abilities to practice safely and effectively as defined by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (1996). For questions related to special needs or accommodations, please contact directly the Emporia State University Director of Student Accessibility and Support Services.

Be advised that by current Kansas law, the Kansas State Board of Nursing may refuse licensure to applicants with certain arrests, misdemeanors, and felonies (Refer to the Kansas Nurse Practice Act <https://ksbn.kansas.gov/npa/> for a full description of licensure requirements in Kansas). For more information, contact the state board of nursing in the state where you intend to practice. The Department of Nursing reserves the right to refuse admission or progression to an applicant or student who has been convicted as a felon or has otherwise committed offenses inappropriate for a nurse. Individuals convicted of a felony crime against person will not be licensed in Kansas or admitted to the nursing program.

For additional information or to arrange an advising appointment, please contact:

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Emporia, KS 66801

Phone: 620-341-4443

Website: <https://www.emporia.edu/departments-liberal-arts-sciences/departments-nursing/>

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT:

The baccalaureate nursing program at Emporia State University at the Emporia State University Campus located in Emporia, Kansas is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000, <https://www.acenursing.org>.

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the baccalaureate nursing program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at

<http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Foundational Courses for BSN

FIRST YEAR –

Semester 1 – 16 hours

+EG 101	Composition I	3 hours
+MA 110	College Algebra*	3 hours
+GB 100	Biology**	3 hours
+GB 101	Biology Lab**	1 hour
+PY 100	Introductory Psychology	3 hours
+SP 101	Public Speaking	3 hours

Semester 2 – 15 hours

+GB 385	Nutrition	3 hours
+EG 102	Composition II	3 hours
+PY 212	Developmental Psychology Nursing And Other Majors**	3 hours
	(or PY 210 or PY 211)**	
+CH 120	General Chemistry**	3 hours
+CH 121	General Chemistry Lab**	2 hours
+PE 100	Active Living	1 hour

SECOND YEAR

Semester 3 – 14 hours

+ZO 362	Anatomy & Physiology**	3 hours
+ZO 363	Anatomy & Physiology Lab**	2 hours
+SO 101	Introduction Sociology*	3 hours
+HI 112	US History since 1877*	3 hours
+PI 301	Ethics (or PI 225 Philosophy)*	3 hours

Semester 4 – 15 hours

+CW 152	Introduction to Health Care Careers	3 hours
+ZO 364	Human Pathophysiology**	3 hours
+MC 316	Microbiology**	3 hours
+MC 317	Microbiology Lab**	1 hour
TH 105	Theatre Appreciation*	2 hours
+MA 341	Statistics (or accepted by Department)**	3 hours

Total 60 hours

Admission to nursing major

THIRD YEAR

Semester 5 – 17 hours

NU 308	Foundations of Professional Nursing	3 hours
NU 306	Health Assessment	2 hours
NU 307	Health Assessment Lab	1 hours
NU 310	Fundamentals of Nursing	4 hours
NU 311	Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum	3 hours
NU 382	Geriatric Nursing	1 hour
NU 386	Introduction to Evidence Based Practice/Health Informatics	3 hours

Semester 6 – 15 hours

NU 379	Decision Making in Nursing I	1 hour
NU 340	Pharmacology	3 hours
NU 374	Adult Health I Nursing	3 hours
NU 375	Adult Health I Nursing Practicum	3 hours
NU 376	Mental Health Nursing	3 hours
NU 377	Mental Health Nursing Practicum	1 hour
NU 392	End of Life Care	1 hour

FOURTH YEAR

Semester 7 – 16 hours

NU 426	Maternal Newborn Nursing	3 hours
NU 428	Pediatric and Family Nursing	3 hours
NU 429	Maternal Newborn and Pediatric Nursing Practicum	3 hours
NU 484	Adult Health II Nursing	3 hours
NU 485	Adult Health II Nursing Practicum	3 hours
NU 431	Decision Making in Nursing II	1 hour

Semester 8 – 12 hours

NU 454	Facing the Challenge of NCLEX-RN	1 hour
NU 486	Public, Population, and Global Health	4 hours
NU 492	Nursing Leadership	3 hours
NU 493	Transition into Professional Nursing Practicum	4 hours

Total 60 hours

Total BSN hours = 120

+ Indicates a grade of C or better is required in the course.

* Student may choose any course that meets general education requirements.

** Or suitable course with department approval.

NOTE: A grade of C or better must be achieved in each required nursing theory/laboratory course. All practicum courses must be passed. Failure in a practicum course will result in termination from the nursing major with no option to be readmitted to the Department of Nursing. A grade of less than a C in an elective nursing course will not directly affect a student's retention or progression in the nursing major unless the student's GPA or the CGPA does not meet department or university requirements.

NOTE: From the initial date of admission the student must complete the program in a maximum of four years.

See Course Listing for course descriptions.

RN to BSN CONCENTRATION

Program Narrative: The nursing program offers the RN-BSN concentration for registered nurses seeking to earn their BSN. A licensed registered nurse (RN) admitted to the Department of Nursing will receive 30 credit hours of nursing courses based on documentation of a current RN license, without restrictions and upon successful completion of NU 352 Role Transition. The RN will earn 30 credits for the following courses verified by the RN license. The BSN degree includes 60 hours of nursing courses and 60 hours of non-nursing for a total of 120 hours.

Credits Awarded for RN License (30 hours)

NU 308	Foundations of Professional Nursing
NU 310	Fundamentals of Nursing
NU 311	Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum
NU 306	Health Assessment
NU 307	Health Assessment Lab
NU 340	Pharmacology
NU 374	Adult Health I Nursing
NU 375	Adult Health I Nursing Practicum
NU 376	Mental Health Nursing
NU 377	Mental Health Nursing Practicum
NU 484	Adult Health II Nursing
NU 383	Adult Medical/Surgical Nursing Practicum
NU 426	Maternal/Newborn and Pediatric Nursing
NU 428	Pediatric and Family Nursing
NU 429	Maternal/Newborn and Pediatric Nursing Practicum
NU 454	Facing the Challenge of NCLEX-RN

During the nursing program, students will be required to complete 30 credit hours of nursing courses at Emporia State University. Courses will be completed through on-line methodologies.

Nursing Courses completed at ESU: (8 hrs)

NU 352	Role Transition
NU 500	Transitional Topics for the RN to BSN

Concentration: RN to BSN Track (22 hrs)

NU 494	Critical Thinking for the RN to BSN
NU 495	Older Adult Nursing Care for the RN to BSN
NU 496	Spirituality and Palliative Care for the RN to BSN
NU 497	Nursing Research and Information Management for the RN to BSN
NU 498	Public, Population, Disaster, and Global Health Nursing for the RN to BSN
NU 499	Leadership and Management for the RN to BSN