



Department of Nursing

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RN-to-BSN ADMISSION POLICIES 2017

The Emporia State University Department of Nursing (EDN) is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326. Phone: (404) 975-5000

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Approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN), Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson Street, Topeka, Kansas 66612. Phone: (785) 269-4929

An individual who has completed a nursing program and is licensed in Kansas as a registered nurse (RN) may apply for admission as an articulating student to the Emporia State University Department of Nursing (EDN). The EDN may admit up to ten RN articulating students every year.

RN-to-BSN Admission Requirements

- **Current Kansas Licensure Without Restrictions as a Registered Nurse**
- **Completion of Admission Prerequisite Courses**

Applicants should have completed the following 30 credit hours by the beginning of the semester they plan to begin the articulation program.

English I (EG101)
English II (EG102)
Math (MA110*)
Biology (GB140**)
Biology Lab (GB141**)
Chemistry (CH120*)
Chemistry Lab (CH121*)
Introductory Psychology (PY100)
Developmental Psychology (PY211)
Public Speaking (SP101)
Introduction to Sociology (SO101*)

**May choose any course that meets general education requirements*

***May substitute microbiology and lab for biology requirement*

- **Meet with an EDN Articulation Advisor or Department Chair to develop a proposed plan of study**
An individualized curriculum plan of study must be completed for each articulating RN student. To develop the individualized curriculum plan of study, the student must consult with a EDN Articulation Advisor prior to applying to the program. Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree must be completed within five years of the admission to the EDN for articulating students.
- **Admission to Emporia State University**
Visit the [ESU Admissions Web site](#) to apply or print an application.
- **Completion of the EDN Application Procedure**
Applications for admission to the nursing major as an RN articulating student are considered by the nursing department in light of the proposed individualized curriculum plan of study developed with an Articulation Advisor.
- **Achievement of at least the Minimum Admission Grade Point Average (GPA)**
Grades earned in the admission prerequisite courses will be used to calculate the EDN admission GPA. A minimum EDN admission GPA of 2.5 with at least a C in the admission prerequisite courses is required.

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BSN Degree Completion Requirements

The BSN degree requires a minimum of 126 credits with at least 66 credits in non-nursing courses and 60 credits in nursing. An individualized plan will be developed for each RN-BSN applicant. Courses may be face to face or hybrid.

Non-Nursing Courses

The minimum of 66 credits in non-nursing courses include at least 45 credits in required general education courses and 21 credits in cognate courses that support the nursing curriculum.

- **General Education Requirements**

The minimum of 45 credit hours in general education courses provide students with the foundation for the baccalaureate degree in nursing. Collectively, the general education courses are at the core of the college experience and offer a “coherent, well-rounded curriculum, consisting of a body of knowledge and skills designed to prepare a person to function successfully and effectively in a global society and workplace” (*ESU Undergraduate Catalog*).

- **Cognate Course Requirements**

The cognate courses have been selected to enhance the depth of understanding of the student's education and to support the nursing curriculum. At least 21 credits of cognates are required for the baccalaureate in nursing degree.

Nursing Courses

The 60 credit hours of required nursing courses include 28 credit hours of upper division nursing courses and 32 credit hours that are transcribed to ESU based on RN licensure.

- **Required Upper Department Nursing Courses**

During the nursing program, students will be required to enroll in 28 credit hours of upper division nursing courses at EDN. Courses will be completed through a combination of presentation methodologies: web-enhanced courses, precepted courses, seminar courses, and/or face-to-face courses.

- **Nursing Course Credits Transcribed To ESU**

A licensed RN admitted to the EDN will receive credit for 32 hours of nursing courses based on successful graduation from an accredited associate degree or diploma nursing program and documentation of current Kansas licensure without restrictions as a Registered Nurse. The credits granted will be posted to the student’s transcript the semester prior to graduation.

Minimum Graduation Requirements to Earn a Bachelor’s Degree from ESU

1. Earn at least 124 semester hours of credit in courses numbered 100 and above.
 2. Among those 124 hours, have at least 45 hours of course work numbered 300 or above.
 - 24 credit hours of nursing courses transcribed through RN license
 - 28 credit hours of required nursing courses from ESU EDN
 3. Complete at least one major program of study, or its accepted equivalent.
 4. Fulfill minimum residency requirements for course work in the major and/or minor fields and fulfill minimum residency requirements for all course work completed.
 - Earn a total of 75 hours of resident credit of which 6 must be within the final 12 hours.
- OR**
- Earn 30 of the final 45 hours in residence, of which 6 of the final 12 hours must be in residence.
 5. Fulfill minimum grade-point requirements for course work taken in the major field and have an overall grade point average of 2.0, with an overall grade point average of 2.0 in all work taken at ESU.
 6. Complete at least 60 hours of course work at a four-year college or university.
 - 32 credit hours of nursing courses transcribed through RN license.
 - 28 credit hours of required nursing courses from ESU Department of Nursing.
 7. Pass all competency examinations required in the field of study.
 8. Complete the general education program required for the degree.

See the current ESU Undergraduate Catalog for complete graduation requirement information.

Curriculum

*****NON-NURSING COURSES – At least 66 Credit Hours (a minimum of 45 hours in general education and 21 cognates)**

Based on Emporia State University degree requirements, courses numbered below 300 should not be substituted for the courses numbered 300 or above in the following list.

Prefix	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education Course	Cognate Course
+ EG 101	Composition I	3	X	
+ EG 102	Composition II	3	X	
+ MA 110	College Algebra *	3	X	
+ GB 140	Principles of Biology**	3	X	
+ GB 141	Principles of Biology Lab**	1	X	
+ PY 100	Introductory Psychology	3	X	
+ PY 211	Developmental Psychology	3		X
+ SP 101	Public Speaking	3	X	
+ CH 120	General Chemistry*	3	X	
+ CH 121	General Chemistry Lab*	2	X	
+ SO 101	Introduction to Sociology *	3	X	
+ HL 150	Critical Issues & Decisions in Health *	3	X	
+ ZO 362	Human Anatomy and Physiology	3		X
+ ZO 363	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab	2		X
+ GB 385	Nutrition	3		X
+ ZO 364	Pathophysiology***eligible for waiver based on RN license	3		X
MU 226	Music Appreciation *	2	X	
+ MC 316	Microbiology	3		X
+ MC 317	Microbiology Lab	1		X
AN 210	Understanding Contemporary Cultures *	3	X	
+ PI 225 or + PI 301	Introduction to Philosophy or Ethics	3 3	X	
+ PY 520 or + MA 341 or Statistics acceptable by dept.	Statistics I BU 255	3		X
UL 100	Information Literacy and Technology *	2	X	
+ PE 100	Active Living *	1	X	
HI 112	U.S. History since 1877 *	3	X	
ID 301	Ethnic and Gender Studies *	3	X	
Legend:				
* <i>May choose any course that meets general education requirements</i>				
** <i>May substitute microbiology and lab for biology requirement</i>				
*** <i>Transfer students with an Associate's Degree in Nursing will meet general education requirements</i>				
+ <i>A grade of C or better is required in this non-nursing course</i>				

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NURSING COURSE CREDITS TRANSCRIPTED TO ESU - 38 Credit Hours

A licensed RN admitted to the Department of Nursing will receive credit for 38 hours of nursing courses based on documentation of current Kansas licensure without restrictions as a Registered Nurse, and successful completion of NU 352 Role Transition.

Prefix	Course Title	Credit Hours
NU 208	Essentials for Professional Nursing (not at 300 level)	2
NU 222	Nursing Fundamentals (not at 300 level)	3
NU 223	Nursing Fundamentals Practicum (not at 300 level)	2
NU 306	Health Assessment	2
NU 307	Health Assessment Lab	1
NU 340	Pharmacology	3
NU 374	Adult Health Nursing I	3
NU 375	Adult Health Nursing I Practicum	3
NU 376	Mental Health Nursing	3
NU 377	Mental Health Nursing Practicum	1
NU 384	Adult Health Nursing II	3
NU 383	Adult Medical/Surgical Nursing Practicum	2
NU 426	Maternal/Newborn Nursing	3
NU 428	Pediatric and Family Nursing	3
NU 429	Maternal/Newborn and Pediatric Nursing Practicum	3
NU 454	Facing the Challenge of NCLEX-RN	1

REQUIRED NURSING COURSES -- 22 Credit Hours

During the nursing program, students will be required to enroll in 22 credit hours of nursing courses at Emporia State University Department of Nursing. Courses will be completed through a combination of presentation methodologies: web-enhanced courses, precepted courses, seminar courses, and/or face-to-face courses. Regardless of the method of delivery, students must be enrolled in the course to obtain credit.

Prefix	Course Title	Credit Hours
NU 352	Role Transition	3
NU 379	Decision Making in Nursing I	1
NU 382	Geriatric Nursing	2
NU 387	Geriatric Nursing Clinical	1
NU 430	Nursing Research	3
NU 488	Public Health Nursing	3
NU 489	Public Health Nursing Practicum	2
NU 492	Leadership	3
NU 493	Leadership Practicum	3
NU 431	Decision Making in Nursing II	1

Total**60 nursing hours**

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Application Procedure

Application materials may be requested by contacting:

Department of Nursing (EDN)
1127 Chestnut
Emporia, Kansas 66801
(620) 341-4440
 www.emporia.edu/nursing

The following steps are required to complete the EDN application procedure:

1. **Application to ESU**
 Students should apply for admission and be admitted to Emporia State University before applying to the Department of Nursing. The ESU application, including an application fee payable to the University, must be submitted to the ESU Admissions Office. These fees are non-refundable.
2. **Application to EDN (submitted to EDN office)**
 Contact the EDN Office to request an application packet. Applicants should contact the Department office to verify that the application form and application fee have been received. An application fee of \$25.00 must accompany the completed EDN application form. Checks should be made payable to ESU Department of Nursing. These fees are non-refundable.
3. **Official Transcripts (other than ESU transcripts)**
 Official transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended (**other than ESU**) must be received at the EDN office. **It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all transcripts have been received by the EDN office prior to beginning any course work.**
4. **Proposed Curriculum Plan**
 An individualized curriculum plan of study must be completed by the EDN Chair or RN Articulation Advisor for each articulating RN student. To develop the individualized curriculum plan of study, the student must consult with the EDN articulation advisor to develop the proposed plan of study.
5. **Submit all EDN application materials to:**
 ESU Department of Nursing
 1127 Chestnut Street
 Emporia, KS 66801
6. **All application materials (application form, application fee, and transcripts) become the property of Emporia State University and cannot be returned.**

Evaluation

Admission to the nursing program is of a competitive nature based on the applicant pool. Fulfillment of the minimum EDN admission criteria **does not** guarantee admission. Factors given consideration during candidate selection include admission GPA, written interview responses, and potential to complete the program. Final applicants accepted to the program will include the most qualified based on the overall applicant pool. All applicants will receive a notification letter.

Each applicant is considered individually without regard to age, race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sex gender identity, gender expression, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as an individual with a disability, status as a protected veteran, or any other factors which cannot lawfully be considered, to the extent specified by applicable laws.

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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).

Be advised that by current Kansas law, the Kansas State Board of Nursing may discipline or refuse licensure to applicants with certain arrests, misdemeanors, and felonies. For more information, contact the state board of nursing in the state where you intend to practice. The EDN 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.

Acceptance

Applicants selected for admission must return the Verification for Admission form to the EDN office by the specified date. The acceptance packet will include additional information concerning requirements described in this section.

Health Insurance

Each nursing student is required to have accident and health insurance in effect at all times that the student is participating in Department of Nursing activities. Emporia State University and the Department of Nursing do not assume responsibility for any premium, co-payment, or any other costs associated with the insurance coverage. Each student must notify the Department if, for any reason, a lapse in coverage has occurred. Each student will complete a notarized Student Verification of Health Insurance Coverage form and submit it to the EDN office on or before the first day of EDN classes.

Professional Liability Insurance

Each nursing student is required to have professional liability insurance. Annual coverage must be for \$1,000,000 per incident/\$3,000,000 aggregate. Each student will submit to the EDN office on or before the first day of class proof of insurance in the form of a certificate or memorandum of insurance. Emporia State University and Department of Nursing do not assume responsibility for any costs associated with the insurance coverage. Each student must notify the Department if, for any reason, a lapse in coverage has occurred.

Health Requirements

Health requirements include a physical examination and immunization reports. These health requirements should be completed upon acceptance for admission to the EDN. Instructions will be provided with an acceptance letter.

CPR Certification Requirement

CPR certification is required prior to any practicum experience and must remain current during the entire practicum.

Background Check

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; verification of education; listing on any registered sex offender lists; listing on the U.S. 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 or background checks, or does not meet the clinical settings' eligibility requirements, may not be allowed to enter clinical settings. The EDN is not responsible for finding alternative clinical sites. If a student is unable to fulfill the clinical experiences required by his/her program of study, the student may be unable to graduate. EDN reserves the right to

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request repeat background and/or criminal history checks at the expense of the student if deemed necessary by the Department Chair.

Kansas Licensure

While a student in the ESU Department of Nursing, the RN articulating student must maintain current Kansas licensure without restrictions as a Registered Nurse.

Time Limit for Completion of Degree Requirements

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree must be completed within 5 years of the admission to the EDN for generic and articulating students.

Non-Acceptance

Applicants not accepted may be placed on a waiting list of qualified applicants. The EDN chair notifies individuals in order of ranking on the waiting list if openings become available.

Re-application

An applicant who is not admitted to the Department of Nursing may re-apply for admission by submitting a new application and following the steps in the Application Procedure section of this document. The application fee must be paid for each year an application is processed.