Program Coordinator: E. Crook

Nursing Program Admission/Progression

Before consideration as a nursing major, a student must first be approved for admission to King. Students enrolling from another nursing program must demonstrate knowledge and skill competency equal to that expected of King students before credit will be transferred for nursing major courses.

All students are required to complete a King Traditional BSN Track Application during the semester preceding his or her semester of entry into nursing. Students will be accepted based on meeting the school’s admission criteria. The School of Nursing curriculum begins in the junior year of study. Applications and deadlines may be obtained through the Admissions Office. Criteria for admission to the School of Nursing:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above for all coursework that has been taken at all colleges
- A grade of “C” or better in all natural science courses, developmental psychology, and required mathematics course
- Have no more than 8 core credits remaining to be completed before admission or no more than 12 credits if foreign language requirement has not been met
- Completion of the standardized admission tests.

Special requirements for progression and retention in nursing are influenced by the student’s ability to provide evidence of satisfactory physical, emotional, or mental well-being.

Remaining in the program may be contingent upon this evidence. In addition, prior to the beginning of the first clinical rotation (and annually thereafter), each student must present evidence of good health and freedom from communicable disease. (This requires a physical examination and immunizations.) Other requirements prior to a clinical rotation include demonstrated competency related to standard precautions, and American Heart Association CPR certification.

The clinical agencies utilized by King now require all students meet new standards relating to criminal background. This policy affects all students enrolled in clinical nursing courses at King. This is to ensure a safe clinical environment for both students and the public and to meet the contractual requirements of area healthcare facilities. Students must clear a criminal background check before admission to the
clinical settings utilized by King. Failure to undergo the background check will result in dismissal from the nursing program. All students must comply with the King School of Nursing Criminal Background check policy. All background checks must be completed through the King Security Department.

All students in the traditional nursing curriculum are expected to be full-time students and to complete the program within eight semesters of study. Transfer students who have met all pre-requisites usually complete requirements in four semesters. Additional summer study may be needed to meet all program requirements. Students may not progress to the second semester of their senior year of study if more than 8 core curriculum requirements are unmet.

To remain in nursing, students are required to complete a “Declaration of Major Form for Nursing Majors” by the semester of entry into the School of Nursing.

Students must achieve a grade of C+ or higher in all nursing major courses (NURS) and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0/4.0. The School of Nursing does NOT round final grades.

Progression in the nursing program is competitive. If a student fails to obtain a C+ or better in a single nursing course his/her designated place on the class roster may be lost and the student will be required to repeat the course. If a grade of C+ or below is recorded for two or more nursing courses or a grade of C+ or below is recorded for a nursing course that is repeated the student will be dismissed from the nursing major.

If a student withdraws from the program, the student must complete a new application, and meet all of the admission/progression requirements in place at the time of re-application to the program. Students may reapply one time only. Nursing courses may be repeated only once and on a space-available basis.

**LPN Advanced Placement**

For LPN Advanced Placement, a maximum of 7 credits (Foundations and Basic Medical Terminology and Math for Medication Administration) may be awarded; these credits will be placed on the student's permanent academic record after the student has completed 12 or more semester hours of academic work in nursing at King with a grade of C+ or better in all nursing courses. A grade of pass (P) will be assigned to credit earned through this advanced standing policy. These courses/credits will not apply to the institution’s residency requirement, and they will not be used in the calculation of the grade point average.

**Clinical Competency**

All clinical experiences associated with nursing courses are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. A Clinical Performance Evaluation (CPE) will be completed by the student and assigned clinical instructor at mid-term and on completion of the clinical schedule.

*Failure in either the theory component or the clinical component of the course results in failure of the course.*
NOTE: Nursing students are required to adhere to department policies as outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook, a supplement to the King Student Handbook.

Core Curriculum Requirements
Nursing majors should fulfill specified categories of the King Core Curriculum by taking the courses indicated below. For the US and Global Citizenship requirement, IDST 2100: Cultural Identity is recommended. See the “The Core Curriculum” section of the catalog for additional details.

Science
Choose from the following .............................................................. 4 s.h.
CHEM 1010
   Introduction to Chemistry (4 s.h.)
CHEM 1020 (recommended)
   Chemistry for the Health Sciences (4 s.h.)

Quantitative Literacy
MATH 1560
   Introduction to Statistics (4 s.h.)

Nursing Major Requirements
BIOL 1010
   Human Anatomy and Physiology I .............................................. 4 s.h.
BIOL 1020
   Human Anatomy and Physiology II ............................................. 4 s.h.
BIOL 2500
   Microbiology/Immunology .......................................................... 4 s.h.
PSYC 3300
   Lifespan Human Development .................................................... 4 s.h.
NURS 3000
   Pathophysiology ........................................................................ 4 s.h.
NURS 3004
   Basic Medical Terminology and Math for Medications Administration .............................................. 2 s.h.
NURS 3015
   Foundations of Contemporary Nursing Practice .......................... 5 s.h.
NURS 3020
   Health Assessment ........................................................................ 4 s.h.
NURS 3115
   Nursing in Adult Care I ............................................................. 6 s.h.
NURS 3130
   Pharmacology I. .......................................................................... 2 s.h.
NURS 3140
   Nursing Research ........................................................................ 3 s.h.
NURS 3065
   Nursing in Women’s Health/Newborn Care .................................. 4 s.h.
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**Summary of Total Credits**

- Core Curriculum: 42 s.h.
- Major Requirements: 76 s.h.
- Electives/Minor/Second Major: 6 s.h.

**Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Science in Nursing**: 124 s.h.