Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Delivery Format: Face-to-Face

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program offers a baccalaureate degree to pre-licensed nursing students. King University’s BSN program supports the mission of the University by preparing its graduates to assume professional health care roles through integrating evidence-based practice, leadership, spiritually and culturally competent care, citizenship, and service into a career focused on achieving meaningful lives with a pursuit of transforming culture in Christ.

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.

**Comprehensive Assessment**
Prior to graduation, seniors in the traditional nursing program are required to successfully pass a commercially available standardized comprehensive NCLEX Predictability Examination as part of the capstone course (NURS 4200). Successful completion requires the student to achieve a 95% or higher predictability benchmark on the standardized NCLEX Predictability Examination.

**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.

Student Learning Outcomes
1. The graduate of the BSN program will demonstrate readiness to practice competently as a registered nurse.
2. The graduate of the BSN program will perform the roles of provider, designer/manager/coordinator of care, and member of the nursing profession, consistent with the AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice.
3. The graduate of the BSN program will engage in continued learning and development to improve the quality of professional competence and personal satisfaction and career goal achievement.
4. At least 90% of all students that enter the traditional BSN program will successfully complete the Plan of Study and graduate with a BSN.

Computer Requirements
Laptop computer with minimum of Microsoft Office 2010 or later, wireless capability, and webcam required. King University School of Nursing students are required to have a personal laptop computer with a webcam to access educational materials, reference material, standardized testing and email for communication with faculty, staff, and other students. If students already own a computer they wish to use for school, ideally, it should be no older than three years, with sufficient processing power and memory to run current versions of Microsoft Office, and possibly more demanding applications such as standardized testing software. If students need to purchase a new computer, recommended minimum requirements are listed below. Faculty may require students to use a personal laptop for course related work, so students should be prepared to bring the laptop to class fully charged. A few rooms within the school are equipped with power, but not all. The school supports a high-speed wireless network with coverage throughout all of the school buildings. Students are responsible for supporting their own computers and the recommended software and hardware components.

Recommended Minimum Hardware Specifications
- Intel i5 Processor
- 4GB RAM
- DVD-ROM, either embedded or detached
- 128 GB hard drive storage minimum; 256 GB or greater hard drive storage is preferred
- Screen Size: 13” or bigger with resolution of at least 1024 x 768
- Graphics Card: 512 MB minimum
- 100 MB/1 GB NIC and/or 802.11 b/g/n Wireless Network Card
- Laptop Operating System: Windows 7 Home Premium or better (32 or 64 Bit)

NOTE: Chromebooks and many tablets will NOT meet the minimum requirements for the SON programs. These include iPads, Android tablets, Windows RT tablets (Surface, although Surface Pro is fine), and all Chromebooks. Students should choose a laptop that runs either the full version of Windows 7 or later (excluding Windows RT), or Mac OSX (Yosemite recommended).

Recommended Minimum Software
- Microsoft Office - latest version
Internet Web Browser: Various browsers may be required for different software packages used at the SON. We recommend installing the latest versions of Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Mozilla Firefox.

Anti-Virus Software

A Personal Firewall Software/Internet Security package to protect the computer from unauthorized access via the Internet is suggested

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**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.

NURS 4000  
Professional Nursing in Contemporary Society .......................... 2 s.h.

NURS 4020  
Community/Public Health Nursing ........................................... 4 s.h.

NURS 4100  
Nursing in Child and Family Health Care ................................ 4 s.h.

NURS 4110  
Nursing in Mental Health Care .................................................. 5 s.h.

NURS 4115  
Nursing in Adult Care II .......................................................... 6 s.h.

NURS 4120  
Nursing Leadership and Management ....................................... 3 s.h.

NURS 4130  
Pharmacology II ................................................................. 2 s.h.

NURS 4200  
Capstone for Nursing Practice ................................................ 4 s.h.

NURS 4990  
Comprehensive Assessment ..................................................... 0 s.h.

**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.