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College of Health Sciences
School of Nursing
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Dear Interested Student:

You have expressed an interest in the most fascinating realm of the health sciences: nursing practice. Career opportunities for associate degree nurses are expanding each and every day. Nursing will continue to be a critical component in the health care system of tomorrow.

After graduation with an Associate of Applied Science degree and successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination, you will be prepared to practice nursing in a variety of settings including hospitals, community health and mental health agencies, industrial health centers, nursing homes, family planning centers, and crisis care centers. Some of our graduates have entered the armed forces, have served as missionary nurses, nurses with HOPE, Vista, or other humanitarian organizations.

Education makes the difference in your direct patient care and in the variety of opportunities open to you. Start your career with an educational foundation that will allow you to grow into your potential and pave the way for future baccalaureate, graduate and doctoral studies. Baccalaureate education in nursing prepares you for a career in professional nursing practice. Graduate education in nursing prepares you for advanced levels or advanced practice nursing roles. Doctoral education in nursing prepares you to innovate, lead change and improve health outcomes for patients and populations.

At Eastern we have a progressive, innovative associate degree curriculum to guide you through the study of nursing science. The associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degree programs in nursing at EKU are all fully accredited programs. Accreditation is one indicator of excellence in nursing education.

The Associate nursing faculty at Eastern are a dedicated group of nurse specialists whose primary commitment is to excellence in teaching. Small clinical groups and seminars provide one-on-one relationships with nurse faculty who want you to succeed.

If you want the opportunity to be a provider of patient-centered care and a member of a profession who is proactive in a changing health care system, then an associate nursing degree is for you. EKU will help you achieve these goals. Please feel free to contact me for further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brooke Bentley".

Dr. Brooke Bentley, Chair
School of Nursing



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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES, SCHOOL OF NURSING
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING
CURRICULUM PLAN

FIRST YEAR			
*Must have all academic readiness requirements complete prior to application to AASN program.			CREDIT HOURS
FIRST SEMESTER	HSO 100	Student Success Seminar	1
	ENG 101	Reading, Writing & Rhetoric (English Composition I)	3
	*BIO 307	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
	NSC 114	Nursing Concepts	5
	NSC 114C	Nursing Concepts Application	3
Total			15
SECOND SEMESTER	ENG 102	Research, Writing & Rhetoric (English Composition II)	3
	*BIO 308	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
	*SOC 131 or PSY 200	Introductory Sociology Introduction to Psychology	3
	NSC 124	Medical Surgical Nursing I	3
	NSC 124C	Medical Surgical Nursing I Clinical	2
	NSC 126	Mental Health Nursing	2
	NSC 126C	Mental Health Nursing Clinical	1
Total			17
SECOND YEAR			
FIRST SEMESTER	*BIO 273 or MLS 209	Clinical Microbiology or Medical Microbiology	4 3
	NSC 223	Medical Surgical Nursing II	4
	NSC 223C	Medical Surgical Nursing II Clinical	2
	NSC 225	Family Nursing Care	4
	NSC 225C	Family Nursing Care Clinical	2
Total			15/16
SECOND SEMESTER	NSC 240	Medical Surgical Nursing III	4
	NSC 240C	Medical Surgical Nursing III Clinical	3
	General Education Element 3a or 3b	Arts & Humanities	3
	General Education Element 2 or 4	Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Sciences	3
	NSC 250	NCLEX Review	1
	NSC 255	Trends and Issues in Nursing	2
Total			16
PROGRAM TOTAL			63/64

*Supporting Courses can be no older than 5 years at the time of program admission.

*All courses in each semester must be completed before advancing to the next semester.

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ADMISSION SCALE

Student: _____ EKU Student ID: _____

Current GPA (high school or cumulative college – if college hours earned then must use college GPA): *minimum 2.50 GPA required	Points possible = 4 (3.50 GPA = 3.5 points)	Total points earned:
HESI A2 Nursing Assessment Exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading comprehension • Grammar • Vocabulary • Math 	Points possible: 40 90-100 = 10 80-89 = 5 79 or below = 0	
Support Courses (Courses listed below are NOT prerequisite courses.) Must be completed within 5 years of application for admission	Points possible: 6 Points awarded for each course completed: A = 2 points B = 1 points C = 0 points D/F = -2 points (deduction)	Total points earned: All deficiencies and first passing grade within 5 years of admission will be counted in point calculation
BIO 307 Human Anatomy and Physiology I		
BIO 308 Human Anatomy and Physiology II		
BIO 273 or MLS 209/211 Microbiology		
Previous Nursing Program Enrollment/Transfer		
Previous enrollment and/or transfer from another nursing program	Four points will be deducted for each nursing course failure	

Date: _____

Total points earned toward admission: _____

Calculation of Points:

1. A minimum EKU GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale must be obtained. Completion of eligibility criteria does not guarantee admission to the clinical nursing courses. Spaces are limited and the most qualified applicants will be selected for admission.
2. The GPA used is the most current EKU GPA at the time application is made or high school GPA if no previous college coursework.
3. Students who are applying to the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program are required to complete the Health Education Systems, Inc. Admission Assessment (HESI A2) prior to applying to the program. The HESI A2 evaluates general knowledge in areas of math, reading comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar. The HESI A2 may be taken a **maximum of 2 times during a 12-month period**. There is **no required wait time** to repeat the exam. The **higher score** on each section will be used for calculation of points.
4. All coursework listed on the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Admission Scale must be no greater than five years old when application is made for admission. Coursework greater than five years old must be repeated for currency unless an exception is approved by the School of Nursing Chair. A student who wishes to request an exception should, after consulting with the advisor, submit a request in writing to the School of Nursing Chair with rationale for the exception. If approved, the School of Nursing Chair will document in the student's file with a copy to the student and advisor.
5. In the event a course has been repeated, the calculations will be made as follows:
 - a. **every grade attempt** which resulted in a **deficiency** (grade of D or F or equivalent) will be included in the calculations, unless those grades are shown as officially bankrupted on the transcript.
 - b. grade attempts which resulted in a passing grade (C, B, or A) will include only the **first attempt which resulted in a passing grade** in the calculation.
6. An exception will be made if the student had coursework greater than five years old and was required to repeat the coursework for currency. Grades greater than 5 years old will not be included in the calculations. In that instance, every new grade attempt (within the last five years) which resulted in a deficiency will be included in the calculations, and only the first attempt which resulted in a passing grade within the past five years will be included in the calculation. If the student is granted an exception for coursework greater than five years old, all grade attempts on the older coursework will be calculated as described in a and b above.
7. Students who hold a Bachelor's degree in another field and apply for the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program will be held to the same competitive point scale for admission as the other applicants.
8. Four points will be deducted for each nursing course failure.