



## EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

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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: professional nursing practice. Career opportunities for the baccalaureate prepared nurses are expanding each and every day. Nursing will continue to be a critical component in the health care system of tomorrow.

Baccalaureate education is the minimal preparation for the professional practice of nursing. After graduation with a Bachelor of 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 as commissioned officers or have served as missionary nurses, nurses with HOPE, Vista, or other humanitarian organizations.

Education makes the difference in your direct patient care, in your leadership management potential, 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 graduate study. Baccalaureate education in nursing prepares for a career in professional nursing practice. Graduate education in nursing prepares you for advanced levels or advanced practice nursing roles.

At Eastern we have a progressive, innovative baccalaureate curriculum to guide you through the study of nursing science. The bachelor's and master's programs in nursing at EKU are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education until 2028. Accreditation is one indicator of excellence in nursing education.

The School of 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, a designer/manager/coordinator of care, and a member of a profession who is proactive in a changing health care system, then a baccalaureate 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



Eastern Kentucky University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and Educational Institution.

## ADMISSION TO THE SECOND DEGREE OPTION

To be admitted to Eastern Kentucky University, the EKU application form, required fee, and all official transcripts from institution (s) attended must be submitted to the EKU Office of Admissions. Students with a non-nursing bachelor's degree who apply for admission are admitted as pre-nursing second bachelor's degree majors. Admission as a pre-nursing second bachelor's degree student does not guarantee admission to the BSN Second Degree Option major. International students must have an evaluation completed by JSILNY, WES, or ECE and submitted with the application to document degree completion (contact the EKU Office of Admissions for more details). International students must also submit official TOEFL scores with the School of Nursing application materials. Admission to the University does **NOT** guarantee admission to the Second Degree Option. To apply for fall admission to the Second Degree Option, a separate School of Nursing application must be submitted to the Office of The School of Nursing no later than **March 1**. The minimal requirements for admission to this option include evidence of completion of a Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing discipline from an accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 2.5, **submission of transcripts from all colleges or universities attended** (these are separate from the transcripts which must be submitted to the EKU Office of Admissions), JSILNY, WES, or ECE evaluation and TOEFL scores (if required), submission of an essay which includes statement of personal and professional career goals, a resume, and three professional letters of reference. Classes are admitted each fall semester. Admission is competitive and is based on a review of all required materials and the entire academic history, including a review of the essay/statement of personal and professional career goals, grades on science pre-requisite courses, GPA, the resume, and the three professional letters of reference.

If an applicant to the Second Degree Option has been enrolled in another nursing program, the applicant must submit transcripts from the program, the *Applicant From Another Nursing Program Form*, and the *Nursing School Director Reference Form*. If the applicant has had a deficiency in a previous nursing course(s), application must be made through the Admission/Readmission Committee and the applicant must compete with other applicants applying for readmission to the program (please refer to that section of the policy for more specific information).

To be eligible to enter the option, the student must have been officially admitted to the option and must have completed all pre-requisite course work in BIO 307, 273 or MLS 209, BIO 308, NFA 201, and STA 215 with a grade equivalent of 2.0 (C) or greater. Course work in BIO 307, 273 or MLS 209, BIO 308 and NFA 201 must have been completed within the previous five years unless an exception is granted by the School Chair. All admissions are made with the provision that documentation of completion of pre-requisite courses must be available from the Registrar when grades are recorded at the end of the current semester before enrollment in the option (end of the summer term for fall enrollment). Otherwise, the student may lose his/her place in the class. **As review of science pre-requisite grades is part of the competitive admissions process, applicants are strongly encouraged to have science pre-requisite courses completed when the application is submitted. Course work in support courses that is greater than five years old must be approved by the School Chair or repeated for currency.**

In addition to the academic criteria required for admission, the student must meet the standards written into the State of Kentucky Nurse Practice Act (KNPA), which requires each student be of good moral and ethical character, good mental and physical health and be academically qualified to fulfill the role and responsibilities of a person licensed to practice as a professional nurse. Applicants for nursing programs should review licensure information posted on the Kentucky Board of Nurse's website,

including information for candidates with a history of prior criminal conviction. **In addition, students must meet clinical agency placement requirements.**

Students who are admitted must submit copies of all required documentation (Please see the *Required Documentation for Clinical* section of this handbook) to Rowlett 223 no later than **August 1** if the student is to enroll in the Second Degree Option course work in the following fall term. A student who does not have the required documentation on file by **August 1** will lose his/her place in the class unless an extension is approved for extenuating circumstances. A student **may not** begin the nursing program without having all documentation on file. **Any exception must be approved by the School Chair.** This documentation must be kept up to date each semester of enrollment in clinical nursing courses.

#### MAKING APPLICATION TO BOTH TRADITIONAL AND SECOND DEGREE OPTION

Students who have a bachelor's degree in another field may apply to either the second degree or the traditional options, or to both to increase the chance of acceptance. However, the second degree students applying to the traditional option will be held to the same admission prerequisite requirements, to the same traditional undergraduate admissions scale and must be competitive in points to be admitted to the traditional option. **Please note that a separate application is required for the traditional option and must be submitted by March 31.**

#### PROGRESSION IN THE SECOND DEGREE OPTION

To be eligible for progression, students must achieve a grade equivalent of 2.0 (C) or higher in all nursing and supporting courses. Students who are unsuccessful in a nursing course must apply for readmission through the Admission/Readmission Committee. **If a student enrolled in the Second Degree Option is unsuccessful in a nursing course and applies for readmission, the student will be considered for the Traditional Option only.** Please refer to that section of the policy for more specific information on progression and readmission. The HESI Mid-Curricular Examination will be given at the end of NSC 396, and students who score below standard must enroll in NSC 378 (please refer to the *Academic Standards* section).

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**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE OPTION**

Please submit completed application along with the following items by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to be considered for admission into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree BSN Program.

1. Blank Second Degree Undergraduate Admission Scale & Essay Grading Rubric
2. Complete official transcripts of all academic work. International students must have an evaluation done by JSILNY, WES, or ECE to document degree completed. Contact admissions for more details. An interview may be required.
  - a. **Official transcripts are required.** (Front **and** back copies of official transcripts issued to student are acceptable.)
  - b. If applicable, official transcript of TOEFL score and JSILNY, WES, or ECE transcripts are required for International Students.
  - c. NOTE: Transcripts sent to ECU Admissions are not accessible by our office. They must be separately sent with your application.
3. Personal Essay (Maximum of 500 words). Grading criteria:
  - a. Organization/Writing Style and Grammar
  - b. Goals and Community Service
  - c. Consistent Values (articulates: caring humanistic view, commitment to nursing profession, honesty, and trustworthiness)
4. Professional Resume (Include educational and employment history).
  - ❖ List organizations, specific activities, and dates of service for each service activity
5. 3 professional reference letters from the following list:
  - ❖ Recent employer
  - ❖ Most recent academic program (Advisor, professor, etc.)
  - ❖ Recent service organization/volunteer work for which you were a participant
  - ❖ NO FAMILY OR FRIEND REFERENCES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
  - ❖ NOTE: Letters can be given to applicant and put with application packet or emailed/mailed directly to SON Main Office.

**Applicant's Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EKU ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (where letter will be sent): \_\_\_\_\_

**Bachelor's Degree Information:**

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Degree Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if still in progress:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Term/Year to be completed

**Prerequisite Course Information:**

Anatomy & Physiology I \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Course Name & Number                      Term

Nutrition \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Course Name & Number                      Term

Anatomy & Physiology II \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Course Name & Number                      Term

Statistics \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Course Name & Number                      Term

Microbiology \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Course Name & Number                      Term

If a prerequisite has not been completed, please indicate the term you are taking it, where you will be completing it, and when it will be completed by. (Please note that all courses must be completed **before** you are eligible to begin the program).

Have you been enrolled in nursing courses in another nursing program?                      Yes     No

\*If yes, you must also complete the Applicant from Another Nursing Program form and the Nursing School Director Reference form.

Are you also applying to the Traditional BSN Option? (Separate application by March 31st)                      Yes     No

Are you applying to the Associate of Science in Nursing program? (separate application)                      Yes     No

Are you an Alice Lloyd student pursuing the Dual Degree Program?                      Yes     No

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail or email application to:**  
Eastern Kentucky University - School of Nursing  
Second Degree BSN Program  
[nursing@eku.edu](mailto:nursing@eku.edu) or  
223 Rowlett Building  
521 Lancaster Avenue  
Richmond, KY 40475-3102

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**2nd Degree BSN Curriculum Plan**  
**21 Month Plan**  
 Effective Fall 2020

Prerequisite Support Courses which must be completed prior to admission to the Second Degree  
 Option Nursing Major: BIO 307, BIO 308, BIO 273/MLS 209, NFA 201, and STA 215\*

**First Semester - Fall**

<u>1st 8-Weeks</u>			<u>2nd 8-Weeks</u>		
NSC 232	Health Assessment & Promotion I	2	NSC 332	Health Assessment & Promotion II	1
NSC 232L	Health Assessment & Promotion I Lab	1	NSC 332L	Health Assessment & Promotion II Lab	1
NSC 262	Professional Nursing Concepts	4	NSC 380	Adult Health Nursing I	2
			NSC 380C	Adult Health Nursing I Clinical	2
<u>Entire Semester (16-Weeks)</u>					
NSC 350	Pathophysiology	3	<b>Total Hours for Semester:</b>		<b>16</b>

**Second Semester - Spring**

NSC 330	Clinical Drug Therapy	3
NSC 386	Adult Health Nursing II	7
NSC 386C	Adult Health Nursing II Clinical	3
NSC 392	Mental Health Nursing	3
NSC 392C	Mental Health Nursing Clinical	<u>2</u>
		<b>18</b>

**Third Semester - Summer**

NSC 390W	Research for EBNP	2
NSC 396	Family Health Nursing	5
NSC 396C	Family Health Nursing Clinical	<u>2</u>
		<b>9</b>

\*\*HESI Mid Curricular.

**Fourth Semester - Fall**

NSC 480	Health Care Leadership	3
NSC 484	Adult Health Nursing III	2.5
NSC 484C	Adult Health Nursing III Clinical	2.5
NSC 487	Public Health Nursing	2.5
NSC 487C	Public Health Nursing Clinical	<u>2.5</u>
		<b>13</b>

**Fifth Semester - Spring**

NSC 492	Complex Client Health Care	2
NSC 492C	Complex Client Health Care Clinical	3
NSC 495	Professional Role Transitions	2
NSC 496	Application of Nursing Theory	<u>2</u>
		<b>9</b>

Nursing Credits = 65 hours

\* Statistics options include STA 215, STA 270, COR 400, CRJ 400, PSY 309, QMB 200, SOC 232, HEA 350, or approved substitutions.

\*\*HESI Mid Curricular is completed at the end of NSC 396. If students are below standard on the HESI Mid curricular, they are required to enroll in NSC 378 in their 4th semester.

Baccalaureate seeking students must apply to graduate in the semester they earn 90 credit hours. Application for graduation is available online through EKU Direct.

Class scheduling is dependent on student enrollment as well as faculty and clinical availability. The program reserves the right to alter the schedule plan as necessary to ensure a quality educational program

Initial Approval by DBGN Faculty: 11/02/01-- Revised: 09/19/08, 02/04/11, 01/13/12, 02/02/15, 08/03/17, 01/22/18, 4/17/19, 7/23/20

## **BSN EXPENSES (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Program)**

All text books are free for all students through the ECU BookSmart program, students of baccalaureate nursing should anticipate additional expenses as follows:

### FIRST SEMESTER

\*Stethoscope (NSC 232)  
Immunizations & Screenings  
CPR Training  
Criminal Record Check  
Drug Screening  
CastleBranch Clinical Document Manager  
Course Fees  
+\*Scrub Uniform  
+White Leather Shoes  
White or Natural Stockings (as appropriate)  
\*Name Badge  
Wristwatch with Second Hand  
\*Bandage scissor  
\*Pen Light  
Transportation Costs  
++ Professional Liability Insurance  
Apply for Graduation  
iPad  
Health Insurance

### SECOND SEMESTER

Transportation Costs  
Course Fees

### THIRD SEMESTER

Transportation Costs  
Course Fees

### FOURTH SEMESTER

Transportation Costs  
++Professional Liability Insurance  
Course Fees

### FIFTH SEMESTER

Transportation Costs  
Application fee for Licensure  
Course Fees  
NCLEX Application Requires Current Photo  
NCLEX and State Application Fees

\* Item to be purchased through vendor as instructed in letter to newly admitted students.

+ See example shown in the "Clinical Information" section – BSN dress code

++ Register for PLI through your ECU Direct Account when registering for courses. Your PLI is good at ECU through the time period of August 1 – July 31.

## SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID for Study in Nursing

Scholarships may be available to students from Kentucky Board of Nursing, hospitals, and from EKU. Please check [School of Nursing Scholarship information](http://eku.edu/nursing/scholarship-information) at [eku.edu/nursing/scholarship-information](http://eku.edu/nursing/scholarship-information), Big E Central (859) 622-2361, the [KBN website](#), and various hospitals and employing agencies for additional information and eligibility requirements.

The Robert R. Martin Student Emergency Loan Fund (S.E.L.F.) is a source of short term, emergency loans to students who have been admitted into their major in the College of Health Sciences. The loan may be made for up to \$150 for a maximum of 90 days. Application can be made through the HSLRC.

Some limited scholarship opportunities are available for nursing students who meet the specific criteria for the scholarships as established by those funding the scholarships and/or the School of Nursing. Please see the School of Nursing administrative assistant or advisor for more specific information on these opportunities.

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

1. EKU: [eku.edu](http://eku.edu)
2. Nursing : [eku.edu/nursing](http://eku.edu/nursing)  
[nursing@eku.edu](mailto:nursing@eku.edu)  
(859) 622-1827
3. Admissions Office: [eku.edu/admissions](http://eku.edu/admissions)  
[admissions@eku.edu](mailto:admissions@eku.edu)  
(859) 622-2106
5. Financial Aid Office: [eku.edu/BigECentral](http://eku.edu/BigECentral)  
[bigeccentral@eku.edu](mailto:bigeccentral@eku.edu)  
(859) 622-2361