NURSING, B.S. (ACCELERATED)

Saint Louis University’s accelerated B.S.N. is an intensive three-semester, 12-month Bachelor of Science in Nursing program designed for students who already have a bachelor’s degree in another area of study. Current undergraduate students at SLU who have earned at least 77 credits may be eligible to apply for the junior-entry accelerated option.

Benefits of this program also include several internship and career opportunities. SSM Healthcare, Missouri Baptist Medical Center and other area hospitals offer internships and fellowship programs for students enrolled in SLU’s B.S.N. program. Through these programs, students majoring in nursing at SLU work in a clinical specialty area with a nurse preceptor.

In addition, SMM Health Saint Louis University Hospital recruits students at all levels to work as patient care technicians while enrolled in the nursing program. Students also work in hospitals in their hometowns.

The accelerated baccalaureate option begins in May with a summer session and extends through two additional semesters.

Course requirements total 53 credits and include an average of 19-24 clinical laboratory hours per week. After completing the option, the graduate is eligible to apply to take the professional licensure examination; however, the Missouri Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 335.066, states, “Completion of an educational program leading to a degree or diploma in nursing does not guarantee eligibility to write the licensure examination.” Background checks are required of applicants for clinical rotations and again to apply for licensure.

Curriculum Overview

The nursing curriculum consists of science and nursing courses, as well as a core of courses that will provide you with a well-rounded liberal arts education background.

In order to complete all required courses for the B.S.N. degree within four undergraduate years, curriculum guides are provided to students with the assistance of academic advisors and faculty mentors. The curriculum consists of science and nursing courses as well as the core curriculum courses required by the School of Nursing and Saint Louis University, providing students with a well-rounded liberal arts education background.

Careers

Nursing graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN, an exam that measures the competencies needed to perform as an effective entry-level nurse. The School of Nursing expects its graduates to be successfully hired after graduation or accepted into graduate programs.

Admission Requirements

The following must be submitted as part of the application:

- Original transcripts from all colleges previously attended including a transcript noting completion of a non-nursing baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited US college/University or International equivalent.
- Two letters of reference.
- A letter describing nursing and qualities possessed by the applicant that relate to professional nursing. Letters and personal statement should be sent electronically to: Xtina.ChristinaButler@slu.edu
- Transcripts are evaluated on an individual basis; however, it is strongly recommended that all sciences be completed within 10 years of enrollment. Course descriptions for prerequisite courses may be required to be considered for credit prior to enrollment. Prerequisites must be from a regionally accredited university, college or community college.
- After notification from the School of Nursing, a personal interview may be arranged.

Students wishing to pursue the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing must fulfill the following requirements for consideration:

- Baccalaureate or higher degree.
- A grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.00 system in previous college work.
- Successful completion of the following general requirements or comparable courses:
  - Chemistry (3-4 credits),
  - Human Anatomy & Physiology (6-8 credits),
  - Microbiology (3 credits),
  - Inferential and Descriptive Statistics (3 credits),
  - Theology or Religion (3 credits),
  - Literature (3 credits),
  - Ethics (3 credits),
  - Social-Behavioral Sciences (3 credits),
  - Human Growth and Development Through the Life Span (3 credits),
  - History (3 credits),
  - Psychology (3 credits),
  - Fine Arts (3 credits),
  - Philosophy (3 credits),
  - Advanced Strategies Rhetoric & Research (3 credits).

Prerequisite course work must be completed prior to enrollment in the Accelerated Baccalaureate Option.

Current Student - Junior Entry

This option is designed for current students who have a minimum of junior level standing and interest in completing the baccalaureate degree in nursing through the accelerated baccalaureate option. Minimum criteria for admission to the Accelerated Option through transfer include:

- Completion of at least 77 semester credits, including all general education courses required for the 4-year Baccalaureate option (except nutrition), prior to enrolling in the accelerated option nursing courses.
- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.2, with at least a “C” in all required courses.
- Demonstrated ability to successfully carry and complete a college course load of at least 15 credits or more per semester.
- Letters that attest to the applicant’s academic ability and potential for success in the accelerated option from two (2) faculty members.
- A letter describing nursing and qualities possessed by the applicant that relate to professional nursing.
Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at http://finaid.slu.edu.

Accreditation
The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice at Saint Louis University School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation) and approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. To achieve its educational objectives, the School uses the hospitals within the Health Sciences Center and many health care organizations of greater St. Louis.

The School of Nursing is fully approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

Learning Outcomes
1. Graduates will be able to relate to people as unique individuals possessing worth, dignity, and potential for self-actualization.
2. Graduates will be able to synthesize theoretical and empirical knowledge from the humanities and natural, social, behavioral, and nursing sciences to provide safe, effective nursing care.
3. Graduates will be able to establish relationships based on understanding of self and others, and of interpersonal and group dynamics.
4. Graduates will be able to practice in a variety of settings with clients of all ages and diverse sociocultural backgrounds.
5. Graduates will be able to utilize critical thinking and problem solving skills, in application of the nursing process, to achieve optimal client adaptation.
6. Graduates will be able to assist clients, at any point on the health-illness continuum, to mobilize and use adaptive resources for promotion, maintenance and restoration of health.
7. Graduates will be able to collaborate with interprofessional colleagues, community representatives, and consumers to enhance health care.
8. Graduates will be able to apply evidence-based knowledge as the basis for safe, effective nursing practice.
9. Graduates will be able to apply the professional code of ethics and professional standards to clinical practice.
10. Graduates will be able to demonstrate personal and professional responsibility, accountability, and self-direction.
11. Graduates will be able to demonstrate leadership principles in professional and interprofessional practice.
12. Graduates will be able to demonstrate understanding of health care policy issues, trends and strategies as they influence accessibility, accountability and affordability in health care delivery.
13. Graduates will be able to utilize appropriate information and healthcare technologies to enhance the delivery of client care.

Requirements

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Continuation Standards
The School of Nursing requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

Roadmap
Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

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Program Notes
The ABSN program begins in the summer term. With the exception of NURS 2500 Clinical Concepts in Nursing Practice (3 cr), NURS 3200 Health Assessment (0-3 cr), NURS 3330 Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing Care (3 cr), NURS 3360 Pathophysiology (4 cr), NURS 3435 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (0,4 cr) and NURS 3445 Public Health Nursing (0,4 cr), courses are offered only once per year.

Second Degree Students
Previous completion of a prior baccalaureate or higher degree at a regionally-accredited U.S. college or university, or an internationally equivalent degree, GPA 3.20 or higher on a 4.00 system in previous college work, completion of the following pre-requisite courses:

- Chemistry (3 credits)
- Human anatomy and physiology (6-8 credits)
- Microbiology (3 credits)
- Theology (3 credits)
- Ethics (3 credits)
- Human growth and development (3 credits)
- Social behavior science (3 credits)
- Inferential and descriptive statistics (3 credits)

Undergraduate Non-Degreed Students (Junior Entry)
Completion of at 77 transferrable credits from a regionally-accredited U.S. college or university or community college (a maximum of 64 credits can transferred from a community college) with a GPA of 3.20 on a 4.00 system in previous college work, completion of the following pre-requisite courses:

- Advanced strategies of rhetoric and research (3 credits)
- Literature (3 credits)
- Fine arts (3 credits)
- Philosophy (3 credits)
- Theology (3 credits)
- Ethics (3 credits)
- General psychology (3 credits)
- Into to sociology (3 credits)