

Discover Nursing!

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Nursing Degree Program

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Admission Policy

Admission to Kansas Wesleyan University (KWU)

1. For admission consideration to the University, return the following to the **Office of Admissions**:

- Application for admission to Kansas Wesleyan University (www.kwu.edu);
- \$20.00 application fee (for **KWU application only**);
- Official High School transcript;
- Official ACT or SAT scores (if fewer than 24 transferable college or University hours); if required by KWU
- Official final transcript **from EVERY college or university ever attended**.

Upon declaring Nursing as the major when accepted by the University, students will be assigned a Nursing advisor from the Department of Nursing Education, who will assist in the Nursing program admission process and in enrolling for courses.

Admission to the Bachelor of Science Nursing Program (*see detailed information on next page*)

2. For admission consideration to the BS nursing program, the following requirements must be met. (A fee is not required for the Department of Nursing Education application.)
- Acceptance to Kansas Wesleyan University;
 - Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or better on a 4.0 scale, including all previous college work at the end of spring semester prior to fall entry. If an applicant lacks one or more prerequisite classes, a 3.0 GPA will be required. This would then allow for the minimum passing grade for any summer class.
 - Completion of ALL prerequisite courses for the nursing major prior to entry into the nursing program;
 - Completion of an admission application to the Nursing program by **February 1** is required for KWU pre-nursing students, and priority consideration for transfer students. Transfer student applications will be accepted pending cohort space availability providing all requirements are met by August 1. All students may begin the application process October 1 prior to entering the program.
 - Completion of an entrance exam called the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a composite score of 62 or higher, and a minimum score of 50 in the science category of the test. The scores are to be attached to the Nursing program application.
 - Portfolio to be submitted at interview.

Request the Application for Admission to Nursing Program from the Department of Nursing Education at the address shown above or access our website at www.kwu.edu. The application packet includes: Functional abilities list, TEAS registration form & Instructions for the Portfolio.



The baccalaureate degree, major in nursing program at Kansas Wesleyan University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>).

The Kansas Wesleyan University baccalaureate nursing program is approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 1051, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230, Phone: 785-296-4929, Fax: 785-2963929, ksbn.org). The program is also supported by the University's accreditation by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504, www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org. Telephone: (800) 621-7440 or (312) 263-0456).

Kansas Wesleyan University does not discriminate on the basis of gender, handicap, age, race, color, religion, sexual orientation/preference, national or ethnic origin, nor veteran status in the recruitment and admission of students, the recruitment and employment of faculty and staff, and the operation of any of its educational programs and activities, as specified by federal laws and regulations.



ADMISSION POLICY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM

The Department of Nursing Education offers a Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing degree, which is a four-year program with a major in nursing. The mission of the Department of Nursing Education is to prepare students as professional nurse generalists by incorporating the areas of biopsychosocial, behavioral, and spiritual development into the delivery of nursing education so that students may provide client-centered care, pursue graduate studies and continue lifelong learning.

Admission to the Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing program for pre-licensed students (those who do not have a Registered Nurse license) is a two-step process:

- 1. Admission to Kansas Wesleyan University (KWU).** Application must be made to the university by contacting the Admissions Office: www.KWU.edu, or call 785- 833-4305, or visit Facebook (Kansas Wesleyan) and follow on X (@goKWU).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICY

Students who have a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher will be considered for advanced placement in the nursing program if they fulfill all the following criteria:

- Declare nursing as their major upon admission to KWU in their first year of attendance;
- Demonstrate an ACT composite score of 22 or higher or SAT converted score;
- Achieve a grade of C or higher in all pre-requisite nursing courses;
- Maintain a 2.8 cumulative GPA;
- Complete the criteria of admission to the nursing program.

A letter will be sent to students at the time they are admitted to the university offering them the opportunity to be a part of the Advanced Placement Program if they have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Students wishing to be considered for Advanced Placement will sign a statement of intention and will meet with a nursing advisor to plan their curriculum. Eligibility for Advanced Placement will be based on the student's GPA at the time of application to KWU. Students will apply to the nursing program just as other students do, but if they meet the criteria listed above, they will be placed on the priority list of applicants.

2. Admission to the Bachelor of Science nursing program:

Admission to the nursing program may be competitive based on the applicant pool. Meeting minimum admission criteria does not guarantee admission to the program. Factors considered for each individual applicant include, but are not limited to, grade point average (GPA) along with potential to complete the program.

a. Nursing Program Entrance Exam:

All applicants are required to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), an assessment tool used to evaluate prospective students and their potential for successful program completion. A minimum score of 62, with a score of 50 in the science category of the test, is an indication that the applicant has received the knowledge necessary to begin the nursing program. If an applicant scores below 62 on the TEAS or a score of 50 is not secured in the science category of the test, additional academic courses may be recommended. TEAS must be taken within the 12 months of applying to the nursing program. A TEAS review course and other information is available at:

<https://www.atitesting.com/Solutions/preprogram/TEAS.aspx>

b. Completion of an Admission Application to the Nursing Program:

Applications are available at www.kwu.edu or by contacting the Department of Nursing Education (DNE). Applications will be accepted after **October 1** prior to the admission year. Submission by **February 1** is required for KWU pre-nursing students and priority consideration for transfer students. Transfer student applications will be accepted pending cohort space availability providing all requirements are met by August 1. Applicants are notified of application status after determination is made by the Nursing Admission and Progression Committee. Full acceptance into the nursing program is offered when admission requirements have been met, pending space and competitive status. Applicants selected for admission will receive a notification letter and must return the ***Letter of Intent*** form to the nursing program by the specified date.

c. Achievement of Admission GPA Requirement:

Applicants must have a cumulative GPA for college coursework of 2.8 on a 4.0 point scale. Nursing pre-requisites which are eligible for transfer to the KWU nursing program may be included in the calculation of the GPA.

d. Completion of Prerequisite and Foundational Courses:

Applicants are required to complete all prerequisite and foundational courses prior to beginning the junior year of Nursing major courses. **August 1st** is the deadline for submitting proof of course completion. Students will then be notified of their program acceptance status.

Students intending to enter the nursing program must earn at least a grade of C in all pre-requisite courses (C- is not acceptable). If a student fails to achieve a grade of C or better, the student may repeat no more than two (2) courses, or may not repeat the same course twice, to raise the grade. Students may petition to waive this policy under certain circumstances. NURS250 is excluded from the two failed courses but may not be repeated more than twice.

Nursing science pre-requisite courses which have been taken five years or more prior to entering the Nursing major will be evaluated on an individual basis, utilizing the TEAS exam results. Based on the TEAS results, students may be required to retake or audit support courses.

e. For Transfer Students Only — Completion of Liberal Studies Courses and Wesleyan Heritage:

Liberal Studies courses may be taken concurrently with nursing courses, or may be taken in the summer semesters once provisionally admitted to the nursing program with notification to the Department of Nursing Education. All outstanding Liberal Studies courses and Wesleyan Heritage must be completed before graduation.

Students may be able to transfer in Pharmacology and/or Pathophysiology if taken within two years of admission to the KWU program.

English Not as the First Language and/or International Students

When English is not considered the applicant's first language, one of the following tests of English as a language may be required: TOEFL, DUOLINGO, or IELTS. This is done in order to ensure student success in the nursing program. Each area must meet the minimum requirement.

- Writing= 20
- Speaking=20
- Reading=19
- Listening=20

Students not meeting the minimum requirement in any area are not eligible for admission to the Nursing program. For information refer to KWU Academic Catalogue.

Drug Screening

In keeping with the responsibility of the nursing profession for protecting the public from harm, clinical agencies and/or the Department of Nursing Education may ask nursing students to submit to drug screenings. Students will pay all fees for such screenings. Refusal to allow mandatory or requested drug

testing will result in immediate program dismissal. Positive results will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the nursing program.

All nursing students will be required to get a drug screen during the summer prior to their junior year. If drug screen results are positive, the applicant will be withdrawn from the applicant pool for:

1. being unable to practice with skill and safety due to current abuse of drugs or alcohol; and/or
2. exhibiting professional incompetency, defined as a pattern of practice or other behavior which demonstrates a manifest incapacity or incompetence to practice nursing. Kansas Nurse Practice Act section 65-1120-a)-4 and 651120-e)-3.

Background Queries

Learning in clinical settings is an important aspect of the nursing program at Kansas Wesleyan University. Many health care facilities require information about students engaged in clinical learning opportunities, including, but not limited to: verification of name; address and social security number; personal health information; drug and alcohol testing; criminal background checks; verification of education; listing on any registered sex offender lists; listing on the U.S. Office of Inspector General's Excluded Individual's list; and listing on the U.S. General Services Administration's Excluded Parties List; and/or Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) background checks and/or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background checks; and Department on Aging and Disability Services (DOADS).

Students are responsible for obtaining and gathering information required by a health care facility, as well as for any cost of obtaining such information. The information required to permit a student to participate in a clinical setting is determined by the respective health care facility. Any student who does not consent to required disclosure or background checks, or does not meet the clinical settings' eligibility requirements, may not be allowed to enter clinical settings. If a student is unable to fulfill the clinical experiences required by his/her program of study, the student will be unable to graduate.

All new and current Department of Nursing Education students must complete the background and/or criminal history check by the DNE designated date. Students will not be allowed to participate in activities involving a practicum setting until the background and criminal history check is completed. Should the background check disclose any information not in compliance with the KSBN legal requirements for licensure, the result may be non-acceptance to, or withdrawal from, the KWU Nursing Program.

Be advised that nursing licenses may be denied or disciplined by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN). Possible grounds for such action may include being convicted of a felony, being convicted of a misdemeanor that involves an illegal drug offense if the KSBN determines that such a person has not been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust. Also considered are patterns of practice and other behaviors exhibiting an apparent incapacity to practice nursing. The KSBN will deny licensure in Kansas to an individual who has been convicted of a felony crime against a person. All criminal history must be revealed to and will be evaluated by the KSBN before licensure is granted or denied. KSBN will require fingerprinting in order to conduct background checks with the Kansas and Federal Bureau of Investigation (KBI & FBI). (Please refer to www.ksbn.org, Statutes 74-1112 and 65-1120, and the Legal Issues Reference Packet located on the KSBN forms web page.)

Personal Health Insurance

Evidence of personal health insurance must be provided by the student to the Nursing Education office prior to starting the nursing program and will be verified at the beginning of each fall semester per KWU policy.

Non-Acceptance

Qualified applicants not accepted due to space availability may be placed on a waiting list of applicants. The Director of Nursing Education notifies individuals in order of ranking on the waiting list as openings become available.

Transfer Credit Policy

The student's academic file and coursework will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Registrar, and reviewed by the Nursing Admission and Progression Committee with oversight by the Director of Nursing Education, to determine compatibility with the KWU curriculum and potential for success in the program. The TEAS exam may be used as a benchmark for prerequisite course evaluation. Academic credits do not expire. Students may be able to transfer in Pharmacology and Pathophysiology if taken within two years of beginning classes at KWU. Once enrolled in the nursing program, students must take all nursing courses at Kansas Wesleyan University. Students may not transfer nursing coursework into the University after entering the nursing program.

To receive credit by examination for an Anatomy & Physiology course that is less than 8 credit hours, a student must arrange to take the TEAS examination with the Department of Nursing Education to demonstrate competency in this content. Completion of this course as a required pre-requisite will be granted to students who earn a 62 composite score or higher and a 50 or more in the science category. Up to three additional credit hours will be awarded. It will be noted on the student's degree audit that the A&P pre-requisite course has been met. Application for credit by examination for an A&P course is made to the Registrar and approved by the Director of Nursing Education and the provost. Application for credit by examination must be made prior to entry into the nursing major. A transcript fee of \$50 per credit hour will be charged for approved credit.

Timeline to Complete BS Nursing Degree

Graduates of nursing programs are expected to be current in their field. Therefore, while the BS nursing degree is designed to be completed within four years for pre-licensure students, including the freshman and sophomore years, all nursing courses must be completed within five years of admission to the baccalaureate nursing program.

Advisor

When a student declares themselves to be a pre-nursing student, they will be assigned an advisor in the Department of Nursing Education who will work with them to develop a 4-year degree plan.

Laptop Computer Specifications

The following are the minimum technical requirements to take Internet-based courses from KWU Online:

CHROMEBOOKS, IPADS, AND CELLPHONES ARE NOT SUITABLE OPTIONS!

PC Operating System:

- Windows 10 or higher, "full" version, not "RT" or "Mobile"
- 2+ GHz CPU, 4+ Gb RAM, ample Hard Drive Storage Space, and Internet/WiFi connectivity

Mac Operating System: (not recommended)

- The most up to date operating system available, Mac OS X 10.7 or higher (Lion, Mountain Lion, Mavericks, Yosemite, El Capitan – 10.9.5 "Mavericks" or higher recommended)
- 1.6 GHz or higher "Intel-Based" CPU, at least 4_ Gb RAM (8+ recommended), ample Hard Drive storage, Ethernet and/or Wi-Fi connectivity
- Purchase of Microsoft suite of products (Microsoft word, etc.) This is a **requirement** should you have or choose to use a Mac. Students are frequently required to submit digital assignments as part of

their courses, and they must be submitted in Microsoft product format to be viewed and graded by nursing faculty.

Software:

- IE 11 or higher, Firefox 38 or higher, Safari 7 or higher (Firefox highly recommended) or Chrome
- Adobe Reader, newest version available at (free download): <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
- Adobe Flash Plugin, newest version available at (free download): <https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>
- Java browser plugin, newest version available at (free download): <http://www.java.com/en/>
- Microsoft Office (Office365 available online after registration)

Internet:

- Students must have regular access to reliable, high-speed internet access. (DSL, U-Verse, Cable Modem, Fiber link, etc.)
- Satellite-based or cell phone “Hot Spot” based connections are typically unsuitable. (Contact Technology Services for more information if this is your only option.)
- Graphics card and monitor capable of 1024x764 display (or better)
- Stereo sound card, speakers and/or headset. A microphone may be needed for select courses. Check with your instructor.
- Adequate hard drive space for downloading of class related files
- A webcam may be required in some classes. Check with your instructor.

Other Devices:

Mobile computing devices; Smartphones, iPads, Tablets, etc. are NOT fully supported with all features of KWU online courses. There may be some features or assignments that CANNOT be done with a mobile device and will require a “full” Desktop/Laptop computing system. If your mobile device is your primary computing device, make sure you have access to a full computer system if needed. Before classes begin, please check with your instructors for any other special technical requirements they may have.

Curriculum

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Nursing Degree Requirements

Total of 120 Credit Hours : 60 nursing credit hours and 60 non-nursing credit hours

Nursing Pre-Requisite Credit Hours:

Students must take all of the following prerequisite courses and pass them with a grade of C or better. If a student fails to achieve a grade of C or better, the student may repeat no more than two (2) courses, or repeat the same course twice, to raise the grade. Courses marked with an asterisk* will also meet Liberal Studies requirements.

	Cr Hrs
BIOL 221 Anatomy and Physiology I with lab	4
BIOL 222 Anatomy and Physiology II with lab	4
BIOL 110 General Biology with lab	4
BIOL 226 Microbiology with lab	4
CHEM 120* Concepts of Chemistry with lab	4
PSYC 101* Introduction to Psychology	3
EDUC 244* Developmental Psychology	3
BSHS 210 Statistics	3
Prerequisite: MATH 107, unless ACT score of >24	3
SPES 180* Medical Terminology (online)	3
INTD 102 Foundations of Success (freshmen only)	1

Additional Courses Required by the University: (Refer to the KWU academic catalog for information.)

Liberal Studies Choice as needed

Wesleyan Experience & Wesleyan Heritage	1-3
ENGL 120 English Composition I	3
ENGL 121 English Composition II	3

Electives: TEAS Prep & NURS285 Think Like a Nurse

Nursing Courses:

Cr Hrs

NURS 250 Introduction to Professional Nursing (online/hybrid)	3
NURS 304 Nursing Interventions & Clinical	6
NURS 308 Adult Health I & Clinical	7
NURS 318 Pharmacology (hybrid)	3
NURS 355 Mental Health Nursing & Clinical	3
NURS 360 Evidence-Based Practice (online)	3
NURS 275 Pathophysiology (hybrid)	3
NURS 378 Healthy Aging (online)	2
NURS 380 Assessment in Nursing	3
NURS 408 Adult Health II & Clinical	6
NURS 409 Community Health Nursing (online) & Clinical	3
NURS 429 Adult Health III & Clinical	7
NURS 432 Family-Centered Health & Clinical	6
NURS 453 Nursing Leadership (online) & Clinical	2
NURS 482 Nursing Capstone & Entry to Practice	3

**RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE (DEGREE BLUEPRINT)
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Freshman FALL	CrHrs	Freshman SPRING	CrHrs
ENGL 120 Introductory English Composition (foundational course) (prerequisite)	3	ENGL 121 Intermediate English Composition (foundational) (prerequisite)	3
BIOL 110 General Biology (with on-campus lab) (Natural World Stewardship) (prerequisite)	4	BIOL 221 Anatomy and Physiology I (with on-campus lab) (prerequisite)	4
INTD 105 Wesleyan Experience (foundational course only for first-time freshmen) INTD 115 Wesleyan Heritage (foundational course for students new to KWU)	3	SPES 180 Medical Terminology (online) (Human Expression) (prerequisite)	3
INTD 102 Foundations of Success (required for all pre-nursing freshman)	1	Elective: If needed MATH 120 College Algebra or Liberal Studies choice	3
Elective: If needed MATH 107 Algebra or Liberal Studies choice	4	EDUC 244 Developmental Psychology	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	16
Sophomore FALL	CrHrs	Sophomore SPRING	CrHrs
BIOL 222 Anatomy and Physiology II (with on-campus lab) (prerequisite)	4	NURS 250 Intro to Professional Nursing (online/hybrid)	3

PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (Personal Awareness) (prerequisite)	3	CHEM 120 Concepts in Chemistry (with on-campus lab) (Natural World Stewardship) (prerequisite)	4
Liberal Studies suggested: SCTH 130 Public Speaking (Human Expression)	3	BIOL 226 Microbiology (with on-campus lab) (prerequisite)	4
BSHS 210 Statistics (foundational quantitative reasoning) (prerequisite)	3	Liberal Studies suggested: (Community & World) SPES 120 Personal, Community & Global Health	3
Liberal Studies suggested: REPH 111 Intro to Ethics or BUSA 100 Intro to Business (Community & World)	3	Elective if needed	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	Total Semester Credit Hours	17
Junior FALL	CrHrs	Junior SPRING	CrHrs
NURS 304 Nursing Interventions (4cr) & Clinical (2cr) 90 clinical hrs	6	NURS 308 Adult Health I (4cr) & Clinical (3cr) 1st 8 weeks (Chronic) 135 clinical hrs	7
NURS 318 Pharmacology (blended)	3	NURS 355 Mental Health Nursing (2cr) 2nd 8 weeks & Clinical (1cr) 45 clinical hrs	3
NURS 275 Pathophysiology (blended)	3	NURS 360 Evidence-Based Practice (online)	3
NURS 380 Assessment in Nursing with Lab	3	NURS 378 Healthy Aging (online)	2
NURS 250 Intro to Professional Nursing (transfers Only)	3	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
Total Semester Credit Hours	15/12		
Senior FALL	CrHrs	Senior SPRING	CrHrs
NURS 409 Community Health Nursing (online) (2cr) & Clinical (1cr) 45 clinical hrs	3	NURS 429 Adult Health III (5cr) & Clinical (2cr) 1st 8 weeks (Complex) 90 clinical hrs	7
NURS 408 Adult Health II (4cr) & Clinical (2cr) Acute) 90 clinical hrs	6	NURS 453 Nursing Leadership & Clinical (online) & 45 clinical hrs 1st 8 weeks.	2
NURS 432 Family-Centered Health (4cr) & Clinical (2cr) 90 clinical hrs	6	NURS 482 Nursing Capstone & Entry to Practice (3cr) 90 clinical hrs 2nd 8 weeks	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	12