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University of Missouri-St. Louis

Nursing

Career Outlook

Nurses have discovered that their intelligence, compassionate caring, and desire to serve people have led to outstanding career choices, and the opportunities for nurses continue to increase.

As the health care delivery system in the United States has changed, so has the practice of nursing. An integral and respected part of the new health care delivery system, the nursing profession has expanded beyond traditional acute care settings. In addition to their important niche in hospitals, nurses have taken on new responsibilities in the community. Thus, the career opportunities for nurses who hold the bachelor of science in nursing or advanced degrees in nursing have expanded.

An increasingly important part of the practice of nursing takes place in managed care organizations. As members of health care teams, nurses serve as primary care providers, liaisons between physician and patient, and participants in health care procedure eligibility determination. Community health nursing, which includes home health care, parish, and geriatric nurses, extends the practice of nursing to ensure the well-being of rural and city populations. These are just a few of the growing areas of nursing practice.

Educating nurses for the future, the College of Nursing at the University of Missouri-St. Louis prepares nurses to meet the exciting changes and challenges in the practice of nursing.

Preparation – BSN

Four-Year Baccalaureate Nursing Track

Students who plan to attend the College of Nursing directly after high school are encouraged to take advanced science and math courses in high school in addition to completing the high school units required by the University. Admission as a freshman in the College's four-year baccalaureate nursing degree program is dependent upon high school rank (upper one-third of the high school

graduating class), ACT or SAT score (21 ACT composite, 970 SAT), and high school GPA (2.5 on a 4.0 scale).

Admission as a transfer student requires at least 24 transferable college credit hours at 2.5 or above GPA on a 4.0 scale.

The basic baccalaureate nursing degree requires 120 credit hours and prepares students for the professional nurse licensure exam.

Students are exposed to a broad liberal arts education with required courses in composition, humanities, science, and social and behavioral science. The nursing curriculum includes theory and practice settings. Students will participate in classes in pharmacology, pathophysiology, nutrition, health assessment, and research, among others. Clinical practice in a variety of community and hospital settings offers experience in the areas of critical care, mental health, pediatric, and maternity nursing.

BSN Accelerated Track

The Accelerated Track of the College's BSN program is designed for students who have an earned degree in a discipline other than nursing or for outstanding transfer students who have completed the prescribed general education and science courses (62 hour minimum). Classes are developed with the adult learner in mind, using self-directed learning activities.

The Accelerated Track is full-time, encompassing 15 months over a period of two regular semesters and two summer sessions, with enrollment beginning each May. Graduates of the Accelerated Track will receive the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and will be eligible to seek licensure as registered nurses. Admission to the Accelerated Track is highly selective and competitive. Admission to the University does not ensure that a student will be admitted to the College of Nursing Accelerated Track.

Admission to the Accelerated BSN Track is competitive and restricted to students who meet these minimum criteria:

With a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Completion of all prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or above
- Completion of all general education courses required for the BSN degree
- Required science courses completed within 10 years prior to enrollment

Without a baccalaureate degree:

- At least 62 transferable credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university
- Minimum GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale
- Completion of all prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or above
- Completion of all general education courses required for the BSN degree
- Required science courses completed within 10 years of enrollment.

In addition, two letters of recommendation addressing academic abilities, including the ability to be a self-learner, are required.

Students who meet this criteria listed under the Accelerated Track BSN Admission Policy but lack the sciences or other general education courses will be admitted to the Traditional Track of the BSN program. Upon completion of the required courses, students will be allowed to transfer to the Accelerated Track providing space is available and they continue to meet the admission requirements.

RN to BSN-C Flexible Learning Experiences

The RN to BSN-C FLEX Program is designed for students who are licensed registered nurses. The program is designed for working RNs who are balancing work, home, and school responsibilities. Nursing courses are scheduled the same evening throughout the program. The nursing curriculum is completed over six semesters and takes two years to complete.

The College of Nursing respects RN/BSN-C students as adult learners who are licensed professionals and possess years of experience. The RN/BSN-C curriculum does not repeat courses which RNs have already had in their previous nursing programs. Students may choose to attend classes on the UMSL campus, at various satellite sites, or

online. During the final semester, the online students are required to attend the UMSL campus to complete required testing.

RN to MSN Option

The College of Nursing allows qualified students to take from 6 to 12 credit hours of MSN credit in the final year of their bachelor’s degree.

MSN

The College of Nursing's MSN program offers four functional roles: Nurse educator, nurse leader, nurse practitioner and clinical specialist. The MSN with the Nurse Practitioner option and the post-MSN program allow students to apply for certifying exams for adult, family, pediatric, or women's health.

Ph.D.

The Ph.D. program is designed for the nurse who wishes to pursue advance nursing practice. It offers post-baccalaureate and post-MSN tracks for students who wish to conduct research to improve the health status of high-risk populations, provide leadership to develop policies that promote health, and serve as collaborators and principal investigators on interdisciplinary research teams.

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