

## School of Nursing

The School of Nursing is located on the Medical Center Campus of Saint Louis University. The facilities of the School of Nursing include three large lecture halls, classrooms, a nursing technologies laboratory, graduate research laboratories, conference rooms, faculty and staff offices, and student and faculty/staff lounges. Found within the School of Nursing building is the Student Success Center. The baccalaureate, master's and DNP degree programs at Saint Louis University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>).

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

### Undergraduate Study

An undergraduate program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is offered by the School of Nursing. This program may be completed in one of three ways:

- The Traditional Option
- The Accelerated Option
- The R.N. to B.S.N. Option

### Continuing Education

The School of Nursing offers a program of Continuing Nursing Education. Courses, institutes, and workshops provide the registered professional nurse with opportunities to meet the challenges of contemporary and future nursing.

### Curricula

Curricular requirements of the baccalaureate degree program are subject to modification related to ongoing curriculum development.

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## Nursing (B.S.N.)

Total hours required for graduation (min): 123  
(Varies with selected option)

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

### Baccalaureate Option-Traditional

The traditional Baccalaureate Option offers a program of four academic years designed for high school graduates; it includes courses in the humanities, natural and behavioral/social sciences, and nursing. This option is open to transfer students on a space available basis. After completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to apply to take the professional licensure examination; however, the Missouri Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 335.066, states that "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 to apply for licensure.

### Special Admission Requirements

The School of Nursing requires an ACT composite score of 24 with subscores of 22 or higher; high school or college entry-level biology and chemistry; and a GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale for admission. CPR certification, immunizations, current health forms, and satisfactory background check and drug screen must be validated before enrolling in nursing courses with a clinical component.

### BSN Curriculum Requirements:

#### Traditional Option

(A minimum of 128 semester hours (70 semester hours in nursing and 9 semester hours of IPE) is required for graduation).

#### Humanities

ENGL 190 Adv Strategies Rhetoric & Research 3  
ENGL 200-399 Literature Course 3  
HIST Any HIST course 3

Fine Arts Requirement 3  
ART, ARTH, FSTD, MUSC, or THR 3

PHIL 105 Intro to Phil: Self & Reality 3  
THEO 100 Theological Foundations 3  
Ethics (PHIL 205,336; THEO360 or HCE201) 3  
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#### Social Behavioral Sciences

PSY 101 General Psychology 3  
SOC Any course 3  
NURS 243 Human Develop Thru the Life Span 3

#### Research Methodology

STAT Statistics 110 or PSY 205 3

#### Natural Sciences

ANAT 100 Human Anatomy 3  
PPY 254 Human Physiology 4  
BLS 210 Microbiology 3  
CHEM 153, or 154, or 161, or 163 4

#### Interprofessional Education

IPE 110 Intro to Interprof Health Care 1  
IPE 350 Hlth Care System & Hlth Promotion 3  
IPE 420 Appl Dec Making in IP Practice 3  
IPE 490 Integrated Interprofessional Practicum Experience 2

#### Nursing

NURS 140 Introduction to Nursing 1  
NURS 243 Human Growth & Development 3  
NURS 250 Clinical Concepts in Nsg Practice 3  
NURS 251 Hlth Prom Across the Life Span 3  
NURS 252 Foundation for Nsg Care 3  
NURS 330 Pharmacotherapeutics for Nsg Care 3  
NURS 360 Pathophysiology 4  
NURS 370 Health Assessment 3  
NURS 377 Essentials of Therapeutic Nutrition: A Nursing Approach 2  
NURS 404 Critical Issues Evidence based Nsg 2  
NURS 431 Psychiatric/Mental Hlth Nsg 4  
NURS 432 Community/Public Health Nsg 4  
NURS 446 Nursing Care of the Adult 4  
NURS 447 Nursing Care of the Older Adult 4  
NURS 448 Nsg Care of Childbearing Family 4  
NURS 449 Nsg Care of Childrearing Family 4  
NURS 479 Synthesis of Nursing Concepts 1  
NURS 482 Complex Multi-system Nsg Theory 2  
NURS 483 Complex Multi-system Nsg Pract 4  
NURS 486 Nursing Immersion Practicum 4  
NURS 493 Health Care Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environment 2  
NURS 494 Leadership/Management 2  
NURS 495 Integrative Seminar on Nsg Issues 2

Nursing Electives (NURS 497..) 2

**Electives** (General Studies or Nsg Elective) 5

Graduation requirements are subject to change related to ongoing curriculum development.

## Baccalaureate Accelerated Option

The Accelerated Baccalaureate Option, a one-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree course of study has the same program outcomes as the 4-year Baccalaureate

Option. It incorporates the integrated approach to learning, the early synthesis and application of concepts, and the concentration on the nursing major.

### Special Admission Procedures

The following must be submitted as part of the application:

1. Original transcripts from all colleges previously attended.
2. Two letters of reference.
3. A letter describing nursing and qualities possessed by the applicant which relate to professional nursing. Letters and personal statement should be sent electronically to:

ChristinaButler@slu.edu

4. Transcripts are evaluated on an individual basis; however, it is strongly recommended that all sciences be completed within 10 years of enrollment. Prerequisite course descriptions may be requested to be considered for credit prior to enrollment.

After notification from the School of Nursing, a personal interview may be arranged.

### Special Prerequisites for Admission

1. Baccalaureate or higher degree.
2. A grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.00 system in previous college work.
3. Successful completion of the following general requirements or comparable courses: Chemistry (3 credit hours), Human Anatomy & Physiology (6-8 credit hours), Microbiology (3 credit hours), Inferential and Descriptive Statistics (3 credit hours), Theology or Religion (3 credit hours), Ethics (3 credit hours), Social-Behavioral Sciences (3 credit hours), Human Growth and Development through the Life Span (3 credit hours).

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

### Accelerated Baccalaureate Option - Junior Entry

This Accelerated Baccalaureate 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:

1. Completion of at least 77 semester hours, including all general education courses required for the 4-year Baccalaureate option (except nutrition), prior to enrolling in the accelerated option nursing courses.
2. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.2, with at least a "C" in all required courses.

3. Demonstrated ability to successfully carry and complete a college course load of at least 15 credit hours or more per semester.
4. Letters which attest to the applicant's academic ability and potential for success in the accelerated option from two (2) faculty members.
5. A letter describing nursing and qualities possessed by the applicant that relate to professional nursing.

The Accelerated Baccalaureate Option begins in May with a summer session and extends through two additional semesters. Course requirements total 54 semester hours 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 that "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 to apply for licensure.

### Required Courses -

NURS 250 Clinical Concepts in Nursing Practice	3
NURS 249 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	2
NURS 370 Health Assessment	3
NURS 252 Foundation for Nursing Care	3
NURS 360 Pathophysiology	4
NURS 330 Pharmacotherapeutics for Nursing Care	3
NURS 418 Conceptual Approaches to Patient Care 1: Adult/Older Adult	4
NURS 419 Conceptual Approaches to Patient Care 2: Adult/Older Adult	4
NURS 406 Critical Issues in Evidence Based Nursing	2
NURS 378 Essentials of Therapeutic Nutrition: A Nursing Approach	2
NURS 427 Psych/ Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 429 Public Health Nursing	4
NURS 488: Healthcare Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environments	2
NURS 451 Conceptual Approaches to Patient Care 3: Childrearing/Childbearing Theory	4
NURS 452 Conceptual Approaches to Patient Care 3: Childrearing/Childbearing Nursing Practicum	2
NURS 481 Conceptual Approaches to Patient Care 4: Complex Multi-System Nurse Theory	2
NURS 484 Conceptual Approaches to Patient Care 4: Complex Multi-System Nurs Pract.	4
NURS 489 Leadership and Management	2

## Registered Nurse to B.S.N. Option

The fully online R.N. to B.S.N. Option leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree for graduates of associate degree or hospital diploma programs who have passed the U.S. NCLEX examination, are registered (RN) with a State Board of Nursing, and have an unencumbered license. This degree may be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis.

### Special Admission Procedure

Official transcripts must accompany applications from hospital schools (including transcripts from affiliated colleges or universities), community colleges, and other schools of higher education attended.

### Special Prerequisites

R.N. licensure and current health forms.

### Transfer Credits

College-level courses completed at other Higher Learning Commission accredited institutions will be accepted for transfer, provided the grade received is "C" (2.0) or above. Exceptions include physical education, personal development, and technical courses.

Saint Louis University School of Nursing acknowledges the value of previous nursing education. Thirty-eight nursing credits will be awarded through articulation after the student has successfully completed the course entitled NURS 380, Conceptual Framework for Nursing Practice.

## General Curriculum Requirements (Revised Curriculum for students enrolling Fall 2014 and after)

A minimum of 123 credit hours is required. The last 30 hours must be taken at Saint Louis University.

### Humanities

ENGL 190 Adv Strategies Rhetoric & Research	3
ENGL 200-399 Literature Course	3
HIST Any HIST course	3
Fine or Performing Arts Requirement	3
PHIL 105 Intro to Phil: Self & Reality	3
Or Any Philosophy 105 or above	3
THEO 100 Theological Foundations	3
Or any Theology 100 or above	3
PHIL 236 Medical Ethics	3

### Social Behavioral Sciences

PSY 101 General Psychology	3
SOC Any course 100 or above	3
ED 120 Human Develop Thru the Life Span	3
Or Any life-stage psychology course	

### Research Methodology

CIS 295 Principles of Data Analysis or any Statistics	3
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### Natural Sciences

ANAT 100 Human Anatomy	3
PPY 254 Human Physiology	4
BIO 320 Microbiology	3
CHEM 100 Chemistry and the Environment	3
OR any Physics	

General or Nursing Electives 9

In addition to the pre-nursing core courses, the nursing courses are:

NURS 380 Conceptual Framework for Practice	3
NURS 442 Public and Comm Health Nursing	3
NURS 450 Leadership & Management	3
NURS 492 Community Health Project	2
NURS 377 Essentials of Ther Nutrition (Credit by Examination)	3
NURS 370 Health Assessment	3
NURS 414 Research and Evid.-Based Nursing	3
NURS 470 Health Assessment for RNs	3
NURS 487 HealthPolicy, Finance, and Reg.	3
 NURS 497 Elective	 3

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