All students who are accepted by EKU's Admissions Office and declare their major as baccalaureate nursing (four-year nursing) are admitted to the University as pre-baccalaureate nursing majors. However, admission to the freshman year does not guarantee admission to the laboratory pre-nursing courses (NSC 232, 242, and 252).

During the second semester advising period, students seeking to enter laboratory pre-nursing courses (NSC 232, 242, and 252) in the third semester of the curriculum must meet minimum program GPA requirements of 2.5, obtain signed “Request for Course Override” form from assigned nursing faculty advisor, and have department chair approval. Approvals for the available spaces are given according to priority based on GPA and all grades in designated support courses.

To be eligible to be considered for admission to the clinical nursing courses in the fourth semester, students must have completed the first three semesters of college work as outlined in the curriculum plan and have submitted a complete department application. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of “C”/2.0 or better, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale must be obtained.

All baccalaureate nursing (NSC) courses are sequential by semester. Unless permission is granted by the department to enroll in a course out of sequence, a student must complete all NSC courses in a semester successfully with a grade with a grade equivalent of 2.0/C or better in order to enroll in courses listed in the curriculum progression plan for the next semester. With the exception of NSC 232, 242, and 252, a student may NOT enroll in any NSC course without being admitted to the nursing major or receiving department approval. All requests for permission to take nursing courses out of sequence must be made through the Baccalaureate Admission/Readmission Committee.

Progression to Fourth Semester

To be eligible to be considered for admission to the clinical nursing courses (NSC332, NSC350 and NSC380), students must have completed the first three semesters of college work as outlined in the curriculum plan and have submitted a complete department application form called “APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO STANDARD PRELICENSURE CLINICAL NURSING SEQUENCE” to Rowlett 223 by March 31 for Fall admission and October 31 for Spring admission. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of “C”/2.0 or better, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale must be obtained. Completion of eligibility criteria does not guarantee admission to the clinical nursing courses. Admission to the clinical courses is competitive and based on review of the applicants’ academic history by the
Baccalaureate Nursing Admission/Readmission Committee. Spaces are limited and the most qualified applicants will be selected for admission. Click here is to see the Admission Rating Scale.

In addition to the academic criteria required for admission to the clinical sequence in the 4th semester, the student must meet the standards written into the Commonwealth of Kentucky Nurse Practice Act. Specifically, the Nurse Practice Act requires that 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 Nursing’s website, including the information for candidates with a history of prior criminal convictions. Students must meet all clinical agency placement requirements (including up-to-date immunizations and CPR certification, etc. Refer to BSN Student Handbook for specific requirements and procedures).

For progression, students must earn a grade of “C”/2.0 or better in all nursing and supporting courses. Students who fail to meet the requirements for progression must apply for readmission through the Baccalaureate Admission/Readmission Committee. Readmission to a nursing course is not guaranteed to any student. Please refer to the BSN Student Handbook for specific information on readmission procedures. The program reserves the right to alter the suggested plan as necessary to enhance a quality educational program.

A minimum of 120 credit hours is required for the BSN degree. 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.

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