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Dear Interested Student:

You have expressed an interest in the most fascinating realm of the health sciences: professional nursing practice. Career opportunities for the baccalaureate prepared nurses are expanding each and every day. Nursing will continue to be a critical component in the health care system of tomorrow.

Baccalaureate education is the minimal preparation for the professional practice of nursing. After graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree and successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination, you will be prepared to practice nursing in a variety of settings including hospitals, community health and mental health agencies, industrial health centers, nursing homes, family planning centers, and crisis care centers. Some of our graduates have entered the armed forces as commissioned officers or have served as missionary nurses, nurses with HOPE, Vista, or other humanitarian organizations.

Education makes the difference in your direct patient care, in your leadership management potential, and in the variety of opportunities open to you. Start your career with an educational foundation that will allow you to grow into your potential and pave the way for future graduate study. Baccalaureate education in nursing prepares for a career in professional nursing practice. Graduate education in nursing prepares you for advanced levels or advanced practice nursing roles.

At Eastern we have a progressive, innovative baccalaureate curriculum to guide you through the study of nursing science. The bachelor's and master's programs in nursing at ECU are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education until 2021. Accreditation is one indicator of excellence in nursing education.

The Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing faculty at Eastern are a dedicated group of nurse specialists whose primary commitment is to excellence in teaching. Small clinical groups and seminars provide one-on-one relationships with nurse faculty who want you to succeed.

If you want the opportunity to be a provider of patient-centered care, a designer/manager/coordinator of care, and a member of a profession who is proactive in a changing health care system, then a baccalaureate nursing degree is for you. ECU will help you achieve these goals. Please feel free to contact me for further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Mary Clements".

Dr. Mary Clements, Chair
Baccalaureate & Graduate Nursing



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The Baccalaureate and Master's Programs at Eastern Kentucky University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 887-6791

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Traditional BSN Curriculum Plan
Effective Fall 2017

First Year					
<u>First Semester</u>			<u>Second Semester</u>		
HSO 100	Student Success Seminar	1	BIO 171	Human Anatomy	3
CHE 105 & 105L	Chemistry For Health Science I	4	BIO 301	Human Physiology	3
Gen. Ed. 1A	Written Communication	3	Gen. Ed. 1B	Written Communication	3
PSY 200	Introduction to Psychology	3	MAT 105	Mathematics with Applications	3
Gen. Ed. 4A	Natural Science	3	Gen. Ed.	(Select from 3A or B, 5A, or 6)	3
Gen. Ed.	(Select from 3A or B, 5A, or 6)	3	Gen. Ed. 1C	Oral Communication	3
		17			18
Second Year					
<u>Third Semester</u>			<u>Fourth Semester</u>		
BIO 273/MLS 209	Clinical/Medical Microbiology	4/3	STA 215*	STA or Gen. Ed.	3
NSC 232	Health Assessment & Promotion I	2	NSC 332	Health Assessment & Promotion II	1
NSC 232L	Health Assessment & Promotion I Lab	1	NSC 332L	Health Assessment & Promotion II Lab	1
NSC 242	Communication in Nursing	3	NSC 350	Pathophysiology	3
NSC 252	Intro to Professional Nursing	3	NSC 380	Adult Health Nursing 1	2
NFA 201	Essentials of Nutrition	3	NSC 380C	Adult Health Nursing 1 Clinical	2
		15/16	Gen. Ed.	(Select from 3A or B, 5A, or 6)	3
					15
Third Year					
<u>Fifth Semester</u>			<u>Sixth Semester</u>		
NSC 330	Clinical Drug Therapy	3	NSC 390W	Research for EBNP	2
NSC 386	Adult Health Nursing II	7	NSC 392	Mental Health Nursing	3
NSC 386C	Adult Health Nursing II Clinical	3	NSC 392C	Mental Health Nursing Clinical	2
STA 215*	STA or Gen. Ed.	3	NSC 396	Family Health Nursing	5
	(Select from 3A or B, 5A, or 6)		NSC 396C	Family Health Nursing Clinical	2
		16	Gen. Ed.	(Select from 3A or B, 5A, or 6)	3
					17
** Application for Graduation.			*** HESI Mid Curricular.		
Fourth Year					
<u>Seventh Semester</u>			<u>Eighth Semester</u>		
NSC 480	Health Care Leadership	3	NSC 492	Complex Clinical Health Care	2
NSC 484	Adult Health Nursing III	2.5	NSC 492C	Complex Clinical Health Care Clinical	3
NSC 484C	Adult Health Nursing III Clinical	2.5	NSC 495	Professional Role Transitions	2
NSC 487	Public Health Nursing	2.5	NSC 496	Application of Nursing Theory	2
NSC 487C	Public Health Nursing Clinical	2.5		Free Elective (optional)	
		13			9

* Statistics options include STA 215, STA 270, COR 400, CRJ 400, PSY 309, QMB 200, SOC 232, HEA 350, or approved substitutions.

** Baccalaureate seeking students must apply to graduate in the semester they earn 90 credit hours. Application for graduation is available online through ECU Direct.

*** HESI Mid curricular is completed at the end of NSC 396. If students are below standard on the HESI Mid Curricular, they are required to enroll in NSC 378 in the 7th semester.

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.

Required NSC courses:	65 hours
General Education (Support Courses which fulfill Gen Ed are in Bold):	36 hours
1. Communication	9
A. ENG 101 or 105	
B. ENG 102, or HON 102	
C. CMS 100 or 210	
2. Mathematics (MAT 105)	3
3. Arts and Humanities	6
(One of each or two integrated)	
4. Natural Sciences (lab courses)	7
-CHE 105 & 105L (4 hours)	
-Additional Course from Section 4 (3 hours)	
5. Social and Behavioral	6
A. History	
B. Social Science (PSY 200)	
6. Diversity-Two Courses	6
University:	
Orientation Course (HSO 100)	1
Wellness (NFA 201)	3
Writing Intensive Course (NSC 390W)	2
ACCT Course (NSC 492)	5
Other Support:	
BIO 171, BIO 301, BIO 273 or MLS 209, STA 215 or equivalent	13/12
Electives	as needed

Total 120-121

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATE NURSING
ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION
TRADITIONAL PRELICENSURE STUDENTS

ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

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 nursing courses. Students seeking to enter NSC 232, 242, and 252 in the third semester of the curriculum must meet minimum program GPA requirements of 2.5 and have department chair approval. Spaces in these courses are limited and are reserved for students whose academic record indicates they are more likely to be eligible to be considered for and admitted to the clinical nursing courses. Therefore, not all who meet minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed a spot in the NSC classes in the third semester of the curriculum. To be eligible to be considered for admission to the clinical nursing courses, in the fourth semester of the curriculum, 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, have been completed within the specified time frame, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale must be obtained. For the prelicensure nursing program, [Nursing Pre-RN (B.S.N)], some prerequisite courses (BIO 171, BIO 273/MLS 209, BIO 301, CHE 105, NFA 201, NSC 232, 242, and NSC 252) must have been taken within five years prior to the time application is made for admission to the clinical nursing courses unless an exception has been approved by the department. For the prelicensure Nursing (B.S.N.) Second Degree Option, the courses in BIO 171, BIO 273/MLS 209, BIO 301, and NFA 201 must have been taken within five years prior to the time application is made for admission to the option unless an exception has been approved by the department. 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.

In addition to the academic criteria required for admission, 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.**

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 Baccalaureate Nursing 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. Students interested in entering graduate study may apply to the Graduate School.

Students should also refer to the Academic Standards section of this handbook under Academic Information.

CONSIDERATION BY EXCEPTION

Students who desire consideration of their **extraordinary circumstance** should submit an *Application for Admission – Consideration by Exception* to the Department Chair by **October 31** for Spring enrollment and by **March 31** for Fall enrollment. The Admission/Readmission Committee will recommend approval or disapproval of the “CONSIDERATION BY EXCEPTION” to the department chair.

TRANSFERS FROM OTHER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OR OTHER NURSING PROGRAMS, READMITTED STUDENTS TO ECU, AND CHANGE OF MAJORS

Transfer students must apply for admission to the University and declare Baccalaureate Nursing as their major. In addition to the official transcripts which are sent to ECU’s Admissions Office, **transfer students must also submit copies of all transcripts to the department chair for review.** These transcripts will be considered part of the application process and are necessary to determine admission and placement.

Students wishing to transfer nursing courses from another accredited institution must have a minimum grade equivalent of a 2.0 (C) or the program’s passing grade in any nursing or support course to be transferred. In addition, the applicant must submit complete course outlines and/or syllabi for nursing courses to the department chair for review and consideration for approval. This material should be submitted well in advance of expected matriculation in order to provide time for necessary evaluation.

Transfer students who have been enrolled in nursing courses in another nursing program must also submit an *Applicant from Another Nursing Program* form and a *Nursing School Director Reference* form from all programs in which the student was previously enrolled. All students who wish to transfer and have had previous enrollment in nursing courses at another nursing program must apply through the Admission/Readmission Committee. If a student who wishes to transfer has had a deficiency in nursing course (s) taken at the other nursing program, the student must apply through the Admission/Readmission Committee as well. A deficiency is defined as (a) a theory grade less than the passing grade, (b) an unsatisfactory grade in clinical, or (c) withdrawal from a course in which the student was deficient in classroom or clinical performance at the time of withdrawal. To be considered by the Admission/Readmission Committee, the student who has been enrolled in another nursing program must submit: 1) *Application for Admission to Clinical Nursing Sequence* form, 2) *Applicant from Another Nursing Program* form, 3) *Nursing School Director Reference* form from the previous nursing school director (s), and 4) transcripts from all previous academic work.

Students who have previous academic course work and declare pre-baccalaureate nursing as their major should note that some support courses/prerequisite courses must have been completed within a specific time frame unless an exception is granted by the department.

ADMISSION TO THE TRADITIONAL BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAM CLINICAL SEQUENCE

All students who desire admission to the traditional pre-licensure clinical nursing sequence should submit an *Application for Admission to Clinical Nursing Sequence* form to Rowlett 223 by **March 31** for Fall admission and **October 31** for Spring admission. Spaces are limited and admission is competitive. Students who desire admission by exception, students seeking admission who have been enrolled in another nursing program, students who have withdrawn/dropped nursing courses, students who drop out of the nursing program for one or more semesters and/or students who have had a deficiency in any previous nursing course, must apply for admission through the Admission/Readmission Committee and be recommended for admission by that committee. If admission is made with the provision that documentation of completion of pre-requisite courses must be available from the Registrar when grades are recorded at the end of the current semester (or end of the summer term for fall enrollment); and the documentation is not received, the student is subject to disenrollment from the nursing classes and loss of his/her spaces in the classes. (See Undergraduate Admissions Categories).

If a student is not admitted and desires to be considered for admission to a subsequent semester, a new application form must be completed and returned. All students whose applications must be considered by the Baccalaureate Admission/Readmission/Committee (transfer nursing students, students desiring consideration by exception, students seeking admission who have previous deficiencies in nursing courses, and students seeking readmission) must submit all required materials by the specified date given on the forms and in the policy. Mailed applications should be sent certified mail to ensure the applications are received by the department.

Students who are seeking admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing Program must submit copies of all required documentation (please refer to the Section "Required Documentation for Clinical Agency Placement Requirements" for specific information) along with their application to Rowlett 223 by March 31 when making application for fall term and by October 31 when making application for spring semester. **Any exception must be approved by the department chair. This documentation must be kept up to date each semester of enrollment in the clinical courses and cannot expire at anytime during a semester. An application for admission is considered incomplete unless all required documentation has been submitted. Incomplete applications are not reviewed for admission.**

Additionally, all students entering the clinical nursing sequence must register for Professional Liability Insurance and re-register each August thereafter while enrolled in NSC courses. (See Required Documentation for Clinical section of this handbook).

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 Traditional Undergraduate Admission Scale

STUDENT NAME: _____ EKU ID # _____

CURRENT GPA	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS EARNED (3.50 GPA = 3.5 POINTS)
	4 points	

SUPPORT COURSES (Biological/Natural Sciences)	POINTS POSSIBLE WITH GRADE OF: A = +2 B = +1 C = 0 D or F = -2	POINTS EARNED FOR EACH COURSE AND REPEAT OF THE COURSE. (All deficiencies and first passing grade will be counted.)
CHE 105	2 points	
BIO 171	2 points	
BIO 301	2 points	
BIO 273/MLS 209	2 points	
NFA 201	2 points	

BEGINNING NSC COURSES	POINTS POSSIBLE WITH GRADE OF: A = +2 B = +1 C = 0 D OR F = -4	POINTS EARNED FOR EACH COURSE AND REPEAT OF THE COURSE. (All deficiencies and first passing grade will be counted.)
NSC 232	2 points	
NSC 242	2 points	
NSC 252	2 points	

TOTAL POINTS EARNED FOR ADMISSION: _____

Calculation of Points:

1. Admission is competitive and will be based on the calculation of points for those students eligible to be considered for admission. For students to be eligible to be considered for admission to the clinical nursing courses, they must meet the minimum requirements, which include: completion of the first three semesters of college work as outlined in the curriculum plan, 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. Completion of eligibility criteria does not guarantee admission to the clinical nursing courses. Spaces are limited and the most qualified applicants will be selected for admission.

2. All coursework listed on the Traditional Undergraduate Admission Scale must be **no greater than five years old when application is made by the pre-nursing baccalaureate student for admission to the nursing clinical sequence/baccalaureate nursing major**. Coursework greater than five years old must be repeated for currency unless an exception is approved by the department chair.

3. The GPA used is the most current cumulative GPA recorded at the end of the semester in which application is made. If the applicant has a prior Bachelor's degree in another field, the GPA used will be a calculated cumulative GPA of **all** previous coursework including the prior degree.

4. When **application is made for spring term**, the GPA and course grades available after the close of the fall term when grades are available will be used. When **application is made for fall term**, the GPA and course grades available after the close of the spring term when grades are available will be used; courses completed in the summer term after the close of the spring term will not be included in the point calculation. The student electing to complete a course in the summer term may compete for admission but will be doing so based on the point calculation at the end of the spring term. If a student is competitive for admission, the admission will be contingent upon documentation being available at the close of the summer term that the course was completed with a grade of "C"/2.0 or greater.

4. Students who hold a Bachelor's degree in another field and who apply for the traditional option will be held to the same competitive point scale for admission as the other applicants.

5. In the event a course has been repeated, the calculations will be made as follows:

- a. **every grade attempt** which resulted in a **deficiency** (grade of D or F or equivalent) will be included in the calculations, unless those grades are shown as officially bankrupted on the transcript.
- b. grade attempts which resulted in a passing grade (C,B, or A) will include only the **first attempt which resulted in a passing grade** in the calculation.

An exception will be made if the student had coursework greater than five years old and was required to repeat the coursework for currency. Grades greater than 5 years old will not be included in the calculations. In that instance, every new grade attempt (within the last five years) which resulted in a deficiency will be included in the calculations, and only the first attempt which resulted in a passing grade within the past five years will be included in the calculation. If the student is granted an exception for coursework greater than five years old, all grade attempts on the older coursework will be calculated as described in a and b above.