



**BELLARMINE
UNIVERSITY**
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Accelerated Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The one-year accelerated second degree BSN program is specifically designed for the individual holding a bachelors degree in another field who is drawn to the rich and diverse experience that nursing offers. This intensive 12-month program allows students to master clinical skills and theoretical knowledge needed to assume nursing's vital role in today's dynamic healthcare environment.

Students will be able to change careers efficiently in a climate that recognizes your previous experiences. This program consists of three semesters and each semester is divided into two seven-week sessions. We also offer a two-year accelerated option and a three-year part time option. These formats are designed for people who want to become a registered nurse but would like to advance at a less intense pace. Space is limited in these special formats.

The priority application deadline for the May 2011 cohort is November 1, 2010. All applicants must apply through the centralized application service, Nursing CAS. Please visit www.nursingcas.org to complete your application. The application fee is \$125.

Upon admission to the program, a \$100.00 non-refundable tuition deposit will be due to reserve entrance to the May 2011 class.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete a bachelors degree or higher in any discipline from a regionally accredited college or university
- Minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale
- Grade of B- or better in all prerequisite natural science and nutrition courses
- Grade of C or better in all other prerequisites courses
- Applicants who do not have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate GPA will be reviewed for admission if they meet the following requirements: prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher; grades of B or higher in Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Microbiology and Nutrition; and no prerequisite grade below a C.
- Submit a complete Accelerated BSN application to the university's Office of Admission (including official transcripts for all colleges and universities attended)
- Submit a personal statement which describes experiences which have led you to consider nursing as a career.
- The Office of Admission reserves the right to request additional information or a personal interview.
- Provide proof of successful completion of a Medicaid approved Certified Nurse Aide course prior to March 15 of the program year. Students do not need to complete the state certification examination.
- If any transcripts or undergraduate degree(s) are from an international institution you must provide an official copy of a third party course by course credential evaluation. Information regarding processes and fees is available at: www.aacrao.org/international/, www.wes.org and www.ece.org.
- If your undergraduate degree is from an international institution, you were born outside the United States, or English is your second language, you will be required to take the TOEFLiBT (internet-based test) and receive a total score of 83 or higher and a 26 or higher on the speaking test. The Nursing Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee reserves the right to require a TOEFL from any applicant.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

- Developmental Psychology
- Nutrition
- Anatomy and Physiology (6-8 hours)
- Microbiology
- Ethics
- Statistics

ACCREDITATION

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APPLICATION, FEE AND TUITION INFORMATION

Complete the attached application, enclose a \$25 nonrefundable application fee (check made payable to Bellarmine University) and mail your application and official college transcripts (with proof of degree) to the Office of Admission. *Official college transcripts must come directly from your institution to Bellarmine University.*

Tuition and Fees for 2011

Full-time undergraduate tuition for one semester Accel. BSN: \$14,580*

Part-time undergraduate tuition part-time special formats: \$690**

Full-time undergraduate comprehensive fee: \$575 per semester

Part-time undergraduate comprehensive fee: \$45 per course

** per semester, totals \$43,740*

*** per credit hour*

The comprehensive fee for students includes student activities, technology, printing allowance, parking, drop/add, and transcript fees.

Tuition and fee rates for students who select the one year Accelerated BSN program will remain at the above rate for the duration of their three semester enrollment. Rates for students who select a part-time special format or who leave the one year format are subject to tuition increases.

Additional expenses for the nursing major include books, nurse packs, uniforms, transportation and personal living expenses. Lab fees are required in most nursing courses and cover the cost of maintaining the supplies for the nursing skills lab and physical assessment lab. Student insurance and handbooks are also covered by the lab fee. Other outside personal expenses include obtaining proof for the required health records, immunizations and CPR certification. Clinical assignments involve a variety of facilities and agencies in the Kentuckiana area. You are responsible for your own transportation, parking, and meals.

Funding Assistance

At Bellarmine, we recognize that the cost of private higher education is a major consideration for you. We are committed to providing you with a high quality education at a reasonable cost. Our staff will work closely with you to explore all of the resources and funding options available. Our goal is to ensure that every student receives our best offer of financial assistance and that your affordable investment in a Bellarmine education is a reality. Qualified Accelerated Second Degree BSN students are eligible for federal student loans and may also choose to apply to local hospital scholarship-to-work programs.

Visit the financial aid website at www.bellarmino.edu/financialaid/ for other potential funding sources.

ONE YEAR ACCELERATED CURRICULUM

Semester 1 May – August

SESSION 1

- NURS 205** Foundations of Nursing (4)
- NURS 206** Nurse-Client Interaction (3)
- NURS 220** Gen. Principles of Drug Classification (3)

SESSION 2

- NURS 230** Nursing Process with Ill Adults I (5)
- NURS 311** Health Assessment (3)
- NURS 312** Health Care Research (3)

Semester 2 August – December

SESSION 3

- NURS 310** Nursing Process with Ill Adults II (7)
- BIOL 300** Pathophysiology (4)

SESSION 4

- NURS 305** Nursing Process with Children (4.5)
- NURS 330** Nursing Process with Women & Childbearing Families (4.5)
- THEO 200** Ultimate Questions (3)

Semester 3 January – May

SESSION 5

- NURS 401** Mental Health Nursing and Health Care Policy (5)
- NURS 415** Community Health Nursing and Leadership (5)

SESSION 6

- NURS 430** Complex Health Problems (5)
- NURS 455** Leadership and Management in Healthcare (4)

TWO-YEAR CURRICULUM

Semester 1 May – August

SESSION 1

- NURS 205** Foundations of Nursing (4)
- NURS 206** Nurse-Client Interaction (3)
- NURS 220** Gen. Principles of Drug Classification (3)

SESSION 2

- NURS 230** Nursing Process with Ill Adults I (5)
- NURS 311** Health Assessment (3)
- NURS 312** Health Care Research (3)

Semester 2 Fall

- THEO 200** Ultimate Questions (3)
- BIOL 300** Pathophysiology (4)
- NURS 310** Nursing Process with Ill Adults II (7)

Semester 3 Spring

- NURS 305** Nursing Process with Children (4.5)
- NURS 330** Nursing Process with Women & Childbearing Families (4.5)

Semester 4 Fall

- NURS 401** Mental Health Nursing and Health Care Policy (5)
- NURS 415** Community Health Nursing and Leadership (5)

Semester 5 Spring

- NURS 430** Complex Health Problems (5)
- NURS 455** Leadership and Management in Healthcare (4)

NURSING 205 Foundations of Nursing (4)

This course is designed to introduce the nursing process, knowledge, concepts, and skills of nursing care. The nursing process is used to examine alterations in health status and functioning. The skills lab and acute care facilities provide the setting for clinical experiences. (2 hours of class per week; 90 hours of laboratory/clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 200; BIOL 108, 109; PSYC 103, 218.)

NURSING 206 Nurse-Client Interaction (3)

This course provides theory and practice using interpersonal communication as a foundation for nursing care for individuals throughout the lifespan. The nursing process is discussed as it relates to communication and group dynamics. A variety of community settings are used for clinical experience. (2 hours of class per week; 45 hours of laboratory/clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: BIOL 108, 109; PSYC 103, 218.)

NURSING 220 General Principles of Drug Classification (3)

This course focuses on the action and therapeutic use of medication. Major classes of drugs are examined for pharmacological properties and effects. (Corequisites: NURS 205, 206.)

NURSING 230 Nursing Process with Ill Adults, I (5)

This course focuses on implementation of the nursing process with ill adults who are experiencing fluid and electrolyte, cardiac, respiratory, hematologic, and neoplastic disorders. Perioperative care and HIV/AIDS are also examined. The skills lab and acute care facilities provide the setting for clinical experiences. (3 hours class per week; 90 hours clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 205, 206, 220; Pre/corequisite: BIOL 202; NURS 311.)

NURSING 305 Nursing Process with Children (4.5)

This course provides application of the nursing process to the care of children. The focus is on family centered nursing care with a goal of health promotion, injury and disease prevention, and illness management. Clinical experiences are provided in a variety of settings. (3 hours of class per week; and 67.5 hours of clinical.) (Prerequisites: NURS 310, 312; BIOL 300.)

NURSING 310 Nursing Process with Ill Adults II (5)

This course offers a continued focus on the nursing process with ill adults. Emphasis is placed on the nursing care of adults experiencing disorders of gastrointestinal, renal, neurological, musculoskeletal, sensory (eye and ear), urinary, renal, prostate and endocrine function. Further opportunity is provided for the application of nursing concepts and skills in the clinical setting. (3 hours of class per week; and 90 hours of clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 230, 311.)

NURSING 311 Health Assessment (3)

This course focuses on health assessment of the adult client. Students will develop skills for obtaining health histories and performing physical examinations and documentation. (2 hours of class per week; and 45 hours of laboratory per semester.) (Prerequisites for prelicensure students: NURS 205, 206, 220.)

NURSING 312 Health Care Research (3)

This course provides an introduction to the basic principles of evidence-based practice. It includes examination of selected health care research for applicability to clinical practice. Critical analysis of health care research studies is emphasized. (Pre/corequisite: MATH 205.)

NURSING 330 Nursing Process with Women and Childbearing Families (4.5)

This course focuses on a wellness approach to the developmental changes women experience. The nursing process will be used to meet the health care needs of childbearing families and women throughout the lifespan. (3 hours of class per week; and 67.5 hours of clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 310, 312; BIOL 300.)

NURSING 401 Mental Health Nursing and Health Care Policy (5)

The focus of this course is on the theory and practice of psychiatric mental health nursing in the hospital and community. Emphasis is on using the nursing process to develop therapeutic relationships with individuals. The American health care delivery system will be examined and compared to selected international systems. Issues in health policy and legislation will be examined. (3 hours of class per week; and 90 hours of clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 305, 330.)

NURSING 415 Community Health Nursing and Leadership (4-5)

This course provides an overview of community and public health and on the nurse's role in health theory and practice. The focus is health promotion and disease prevention across the lifespan. The provision and management of care for individuals, families, and groups is emphasized. This class is 4 credits for accelerated students and 5 credits for traditional students. (2 hours of class per week; and 90 hours of clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 305, 330.)

NURSING 430 Complex Health Problems (5)

This course focuses on the provision of professional nursing care to clients with complex health problems. Emphasis is placed on use of the nursing process with individuals and families in secondary or tertiary settings. (3 hours of class per week; and 90 hours of clinical per semester.) (Prerequisite: NURS 305, 330.)

NURSING 455 Health Care Management and Professional Issues (4)

This course addresses trends, issues, and the economic and political aspects of health care organizations. The role of the nurse as a leader and manager in the provision of nursing care within health care organizations is emphasized. (3 hours of class per week; and 45 hours of clinical per semester) (Prerequisites: Nurs. 305, 330.)

KBN REGULATION ON MANDATORY REPORTING OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

An applicant for an RN license in Kentucky must report and submit documentation of felonies and/or misdemeanors. The applicant is required to report and submit the following documentation on the RN license application under Criminal History:

- All Felonies: Certified court documents and a detailed letter of explanation
- All Misdemeanors received within 5 years of the date of application: Certified court documents and a detailed letter of explanation
- All DUIs (Driving Under the Influence): Certified court documents and a detailed letter of explanation
- All Misdemeanors received prior to 5 years of the date of application: No documentation required
- Traffic offenses, other than DUIs, do not have to be reported.

"The statute [KRS 314.091(1)(b)] states that the Kentucky Board of Nursing may take action on any felony or a misdemeanor that involved drugs, alcohol, fraud, deceit, falsification of records, a breach of trust, physical harm or endangerment to others, dishonesty, or sexual offenses. The Kentucky Board of Nursing can deny an application for a license for criminal convictions(s). Denial of licensure is a formal disciplinary action."