



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 the 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 their 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.

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 personal statement which describes experiences which have led you to consider nursing as a career.
- The Office of Graduate Admission reserves the right to request additional information or a personal

interview. The admission decision will be made following receipt of additional information or the personal interview.

- Successful completion of a Medicaid approved Certified Nurse Aide course by March 15 of the program year. Students do not need to complete the state certification examination.
- Completion of an American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR course by March 15 of the program year. You can find a provider at www.heart.org. We do not accept other forms of CPR training.
- Satisfactory completion of all required criminal background and immunization documents by March 15 of the program year.
- Attend the mandatory Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Orientation.
- If any transcript(s) or undergraduate degree(s) is from an international institution, you must provide an official copy of a third party course by course credential evaluation to Nursing CAS and Bellarmine University. The following organizations offer this service and information regarding processes and fees are available at: www.aacrao.org, www.wes.org, and www.ece.org. The Office of Graduate Admission reserves the right to request a certified copy of the original transcript(s).
- Language Proficiency: see details in this packet

PREREQUISITE COURSES

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

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All applicants must apply through the Nursing Centralized Application Service (CAS) at www.nursingcas.org. Applicants must complete the entire application, including entry of all previous coursework. The CAS application fee is \$45.

- The priority application deadline is November 1.
- It takes Nursing CAS 4-6 weeks to verify your application and submit it to Bellarmine University after you submit it to Nursing CAS.
- You must submit all official transcripts (even if coursework is “In Progress”) directly to Nursing CAS. They will not verify an application without all transcripts.
- You may apply while enrolled in pre-requisite courses. Applicants are considered for conditional admission pending successful completion of outstanding requirements.
- You may apply if you will earn your bachelor’s degree in the spring semester of your program

year.

- We do not require a supplemental application or fee.
- Upon admission to the program, students must submit a \$100 non-refundable tuition deposit to confirm their position in the program.

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

- Applicants must submit all final, official transcripts to Nursing CAS at the time of your application or they will not process your application.
- Applicants must submit any official transcripts including “In Progress” coursework at the time of application as well.
- Applicants who apply prior to fall semester grade posting must submit final, official transcripts including fall semester grades to Nursing CAS by February 1 of your program year
- Any final, official transcripts submitted to Nursing CAS are considered official and you do not need to submit those to Bellarmine University.
- Any transcripts which include “In Progress” coursework or degree requirements at the time you submit the Nursing CAS application are not considered official.
- All final, official transcripts for any course completed in the spring semester must be submitted directly from the college or university directly to Bellarmine University by June 26 of your program year. Final, official transcripts cannot be stamped “Issued to Student.”
- Because students cannot be enrolled in any other academic coursework while enrolled in the Accelerated BSN program, you must provide proof that you have successfully completed all courses by the dates outlined in your admission notification. This is typically the Thursday prior to the first day of class.
- An email from the professor including the final grade, an unofficial transcript, or credit-by-exam printed grade report including the final letter grade will be acceptable for proof of course completion.
- If you are completing your bachelor’s degree in the spring semester of your program year, you should provide proof of course completion for all spring semester courses.
- Students who do not provide proof of successful completion of all academic coursework by the deadlines included in the admission notification will not be allowed to start the program.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition: \$850 per credit hour (62 credit hours)

Estimated lab fees: \$1,450

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

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. For more information on how to fund your Bellarmine education, please visit www.bellarmino.edu/financialaid and www.fafsa.gov. The Bellarmine school code is 001954.

ACCREDITATION

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Please complete the items above and submit the following:

Financial Affidavit. All applicants must provide credible evidence (e.g. a bank statement, letter on bank stationary attesting to the availability of funds, etc.) of the ability to fund the cost of attending Bellarmine University for one academic year. If funds are provided by another person on behalf of the student, an affidavit must accompany the financial information.

Proof of Passport. Scan of passport ID page must show validity for 6 months post completion of the program.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Language proficiency is required to ensure that international students within the department of nursing are able to communicate with diverse populations. The department of nursing accepts one of the following as evidence of required language proficiency for students for whom English is a second language or who have a degree from an international institution:

- TOEFL-iBT (internet-based test) and receive a total score of 83 or higher AND a score of 26 or higher on the speaking test OR
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) and receive a total band score of 7 or higher AND a speaking band score of 8 or higher OR
- Successful completion of Language training at an approved center. Bellarmine University recognizes the following standards and centers: English Language Services level 112 (<http://www.els.edu/en>); Interlink Level 5 (<http://interlink.edu/>); Intensive English Program at Indiana University Level 6 (<http://iep.indiana.edu/>); and other centers may be approved at the discretion of the Admissions, Progression & Graduation Committee of the Department of Nursing.

International students who are exempt from language proficiency requirements are the following:

- Students who are citizens of or have completed a degree from a TOEFL exempt country.
- Students who have a secondary or high school diploma earned in TOEFL exempt countries.
- International students who have completed at least one year of full time university study or its equivalent (i.e., a minimum of 24 earned credit hours or its equivalent and earned a 2.0 GPA) in a TOEFL exempt country.

Only official score reports will be accepted.

ONE YEAR ACCELERATED CURRICULUM

Semester 1 May - August

Session 1

- NURA 205** Foundations of Nursing (4)
- NURA 206** Transcultural Communication in Health Care (3)
- NURA 311** Health Assessment (3)

Session 2

- NURA 221** Gen. Principles of Drug Classification I (2)
- NURA 230** Nursing Process with Adults I (5)
- BIOL 300** Pathophysiology (3)

Semester 2 August - December

Session 3

- NURA 310** Nursing Process with Adults II (5)
- NURA 312** Health Care Research (3)
- NURA 321** General Principles of Drug Classification II (2)

Session 4

- NURA 330** Nursing Process with Women & Their Families (4.5)
- NURA 401** Mental Health Nursing (4.5)
- THEO 200** Ultimate Questions (3)

Semester 3 January - May

Session 5

- NURA 430** Complex Health Problems (5)
- NURA 455** Leadership and Management in Health Care (4.5)
- NURA 498** NCLEX Review I (0)

Session 6

- NURA 305** Nursing Process with Children (4.5)
- NURA 415** Community and Public Health Nursing (4)
- NURA 499** NCLEX Review II (2)

TWO-YEAR CURRICULUM (OPTION 1)

Semester 1 - May - August

Session 1

- NURA 205** Foundations of Nursing (4)
- NURA 206** Transcultural Communication in Health Care (3)
- NURA 311** Health Assessment (3)

Session 2

- NURA 221** General Principles of Drug Classification I (2)
- NURA 230** Nursing Process with Adults I (5)
- BIOL 300** Pathophysiology (3)

Semester 2 - Fall

- NURS 310** Nursing Process with Adults II (5)
- NURS 312** Health Care Research (3)
- NURS 321** General Principles of Drug Classification II (2)

Semester 3 - Spring

- NURS 330** Nursing Process with Women & Their Families (4.5)
- NURS 401** Mental Health Nursing (4.5)

Semester 4 - Summer

- THEO 200** Ultimate Questions (3)

Semester 5 - Fall

- NURS 305** Nursing Process with Children (4.5)
- NURS 415** Community and Public Health Nursing (4)
- NURS 498** NCLEX Review I (0)

Semester 6 - Spring

- NURS 430** Complex Health Problems (5)
- NURS 455** Leadership and Management in Health Care (4.5)
- NURS 499** NCLEX Review II (2)

TWO-YEAR CURRICULUM (OPTION 2)

Additional Pre-Requisite Course

NURS 110 Introduction to Nursing (3)

Students conditionally admitted with at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA must earn a B- or higher in this course to enter the nursing major. Students conditionally admitted on the Alternative Review with less than a 2.75 GPA must earn a B or higher in this course to enter the nursing major.

Semester 1 - Fall

NURS 205 Foundations of Nursing (4)
NURS 206 Transcultural Communication in Healthcare (3)
NURS 311 Health Assessment (3)

Semester 2 - Spring

NURS 230 Nursing Process with Adults I (5)
NURS 221 General Principles of Drug Classification I (2)
BIOL 300 Pathophysiology (4)

Semester 3 - Fall

Session 3

NURA 310 Nursing Process with Adults II (5)
NURA 312 Health Care Research (3)
NURA 321 General Principles of Drug Classification II (2)

Session 4

NURA 330 Nursing Process with Women & Their Families (4.5)
NURA 401 Mental Health Nursing (4.5)
THEO 200 Ultimate Questions (3)

Semester 4 - Spring

Session 5

NURA 430 Complex Health Problems (5)
NURA 455 Leadership and Management in Health Care (4.5)
NURA 498 NCLEX Review I (0)

Session 6

NURA 305 Nursing Process with Children (4.5)
NURA 415 Community and Public Health Nursing (4)
NURA 499 NCLEX Review II (2)

EXAMPLE SUMMER SEMESTER SCHEDULE

First 7 Weeks

Monday

NURA 206 8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
NURA 205 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
NURA 311 1:20 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

Tuesday

NURA 206 8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
NURA 205 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
NURA 311 1:20 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

Thursday

NURA 205 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (clinical)
NURA 311 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (clinical)

Friday

NURA 205 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (clinical)
NURA 311 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (clinical)

Second 7 Weeks

Monday

NURA 221 10:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
BIO 300 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday

NURA 230 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
BIO 300 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

NURA 221 10:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
NURA 230 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday

NURA 230 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (clinical)

Friday

NURA 230 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (clinical)

EXAMPLE FALL SEMESTER SCHEDULE

First 7 Weeks

Monday

NURA 310 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
NURA 321 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday

NURA 310 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
NURA 321 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday

NURA 310 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
NURA 321 1:00 P.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Thursday

NURA 310 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (clinical)

Friday

NURA 310 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
NURA 310 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (clinical)

Second 7 Weeks

Monday

NURA 330 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (clinical)

Tuesday

NURA 401 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
NURA 330 12:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.
THEO 200 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday

NURA 401 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (clinical)

Thursday

NURA 401 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
NURA 330 12:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.
THEO 200 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

EXAMPLE SPRING SEMESTER SCHEDULE

First 7 Weeks

Monday

NURA 455 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NCLEX 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday

NURA 430 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

NURA 430 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday

NURA 455 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (clinical)

Thursday

NURA 430 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

NURA 430 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (clinical)

Friday

NURA 455 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NURA 498 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Second 7 Weeks

Monday

NURA 401 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NURA 415 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday

NURA 401 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NURA 415 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

NURA 499 4:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday

NURA 401 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (clinical)

Thursday

NURA 415 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (clinical)

Students will receive their individual schedules approximately 2 weeks prior to the first day of class. Students will then self-register for the fall and spring semesters once enrolled.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Accelerated Second Degree program like?

Students attend classes two to three days a week and are in clinical (hospitals, clinics, and other health-care settings) two to three days a week, Monday through Friday; the exact schedule varies each semester. It is possible that you could have a clinical rotation on a weekend, however students who may be assigned to a weekend clinical would have a day off during the week so that they would only have class/clinical five days per week. Students complete courses and clinicals in all the major sub-specialty areas including adult health, women's health, pediatrics, psychiatric-mental health, critical care, and community health nursing. Because of the intense nature of the program students are strongly advised not to work while in the program.

What are students in the program like?

Students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and majors. They enter this program either because they always wanted to be a nurse but were unable to find a program they could finish in a reasonable amount of time or because they wanted a career with better advancement opportunities, salaries, and benefits. Bellarmine attracts students from areas across the country including California, Washington, Oregon, Maryland, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Michigan. Students range in age from 21-65+ and the average age is 32. About 10% to 15% of students are men. Generally, half the students are married and many have children. Students in the program tend to be close-knit and supportive of each other and they enjoy a close working relationship with the faculty.

What could I do with this degree?

There are many opportunities for full and part-time work in nursing. While the greatest numbers of opportunities are in critical care, medical-surgical, surgery, emergency room, and long-term care settings, there are also many opportunities in psychiatric-mental health, forensics, women's health, pediatrics, community health, case management and administration. There is also a need for nurses with advanced degrees to teach in schools of nursing, work as nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists and as administrators.

This program prepares students for graduate school, including the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program at Bellarmine. Bellarmine's MSN program offers three tracks of study: Nursing Education, Nursing Administration, and Family Nurse Practitioner. We also offer a post-master's Doctor of Nursing Practice program with tracks in Advanced Practice Nursing or Advanced Leadership.

Where do Bellarmine students complete clinical experiences?

Louisville is fortunate to have a diverse array of clinical sites. Our students are assigned to clinicals with the goal of exposing them to a variety of experiences and opportunities within nursing. We have clinical agreements with all the major metropolitan acute care hospitals as well as other community settings.

Do I need previous health care experience?

While work or volunteer experience is advantageous it is not required. However, because students begin clinical skills the first day of the program we do require completion of the Certified Nurse Aide course. If you are interested in getting a job or volunteer experience in the healthcare field, talk with an advisor.

What is the NCLEX-RN (licensure exam)?

Students graduate with a baccalaureate degree in nursing, but to become a registered nurse you must pass the RN licensure exam. The national licensure exam for registered nurses is called the NCLEX-RN. Bellarmine students complete a semester long NCLEX preparation class in the spring semester before graduation.

What is Bellarmine's NCLEX-RN pass rate?

Bellarmino graduates have consistently higher first-time pass rates than the national and state averages.

Bellarmino University First Time Pass Rate 2015: 96%

National First time Pass Rate 201: 87.4%

(Data from National Council of State Boards of Nursing website)

When should I submit my application?

We offer rolling admission and you may apply while still enrolled in pre-requisite courses. We encourage students to apply as soon as possible as this allows students ample time to complete the immunizations and background check.

May I apply while enrolled in prerequisite courses?

Yes, we strongly encourage you to apply before you complete the pre-requisite courses. We will consider your application for conditional admission pending successful completion of all outstanding requirements.

Is there funding assistance available for this program?

Independent second degree students are eligible to borrow up to \$12,500 each academic year for tuition and related expenses. Dependent second degree students are eligible to borrow up to \$7,500 each academic year for tuition and related expenses. The accelerated BSN program is considered two academic years (even though it is one calendar year) because the summer semester is an extension of the previous academic year. Therefore, you are eligible to borrow up to \$25,000 as an independent student or \$15,000 as a dependent student for the Accelerated BSN. To apply for federal direct loans, visit www.fafsa.gov.

Please note if you have used loan eligibility while completing pre-requisite courses during the fall and spring semesters prior to starting the program, it could affect the amount for which you are eligible to borrow the first semester (summer) of the program.

You can also apply for alternative loans. Alternative loans have a slightly higher interest rate than the federal Stafford loans and are based on credit worthiness. Students can borrow up to the cost of attendance in alternative loans.

Visit the Bellarmine Financial Aid website for information about applying for alternative loans as well as comprehensive advice about financial aid.

Some hospitals also offer scholarship-to-work opportunities that will help you finance your nursing education. Visit your local hospitals' website(s) or contact their Human Resources departments to learn about opportunities in your area.

How can I get more information about the program?

Contact Julie Armstrong-Binnix, Graduate Admission Officer at julieab@bellarmine.edu or call her at 502.272.8364 or 1.800.274.4723 if you would like to set up an appointment or if you would like your transcript(s) reviewed.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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. (4 hours of class per week; 90 hours of laboratory/clinical per semester. Prerequisite admission to the BSN Accel track.)

Nursing 206 Transcultural Communication in Healthcare (3)

This course provides theory and practice using culturally competent communication as a foundation for nursing care. This course introduces the IOM core competencies and examines the role of the professional nurse in today's global healthcare environment. The course introduces world health and federal policies to guide practice. (Six hours of class per week.) (Prerequisite admission to the BSN Accel track.)

Nursing 221 General Principles of Drug Classification I (2)

This is the first of two related courses focusing on the action and therapeutic use of medication and application of medication therapy in nursing care of adults experiencing fluid and electrolyte imbalance; cardiac, respiratory, hematologic, and neoplastic disorders; HIV/ AIDS; and peri/post operative care will be examined. (2 hours of class per week. Prerequisites: Nurs 205, 206, 311.)

Nursing 230 Nursing Process with 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. (6 hours class per week; 90 hours clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 205, 206, 311; Corequisites: BIOL 300; NURS 221.)

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 330, 401.)

Nursing 310 Nursing Process with 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. (6 hours of class per week; and 90 hours of clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 230, 311, 321; BIOL 300.)

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. (4 hours of class per week; and 45 hours of laboratory per semester.) (Prerequisite admission to the BSN Accel track.)

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 321 Gen. Principles of Drug Classification II (2)

This is the second of two related courses focusing on the action and therapeutic use of medications and application of medication therapy in nursing care of adults experiencing disorders of gastrointestinal, renal, neurological, musculoskeletal, sensory (eye and ear), urinary, renal, prostate and endocrine function. (4 hours of class per week. Prerequisites NURS 221, 230; BIOL 300.)

Nursing 330 Nursing Process with Women and Their 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. (6 hours of class per week; and 67.5 hours of clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 310, 312, 321; BIOL 300.)

Nursing 401 Mental Health Nursing (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 the development of therapeutic relationships with individuals using the nursing process. Course content includes nursing care provided to people with major psychiatric disorders as well as to people who are victims of violence. (3 hours class per week; 67.5 hours clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 310, 312, 321.)

Nursing 415 Community and Public Health Nursing (4.5)

This course provides an overview of community and public health nursing and practice, focusing on health promotion and disease prevention across the lifespan. The development, provision and management of care for individuals, families and groups, within community settings are emphasized. (2.5 hours class per week; 67.5 hours clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 330, 401; PSYC 218.)

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. (6 hours of class per week; and 90 hours of clinical per semester.) (Prerequisite: NURS 330, 401.)

Nursing 455 Leadership and Management in Health Care (4.5)

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. (6 hours of class per week; and 45 hours of clinical per semester) (Prerequisites: NURS 330, 401.)

Nursing 498 NCLEX Review I

The course is designed to assist students in reviewing critical concepts covered throughout the nursing program. Using the results of standardized tests students develop a personalized study plan for NCELX-RN, complete an online review course, simulation, and case studies which will assist students in prioritizing care, developing critical thinking skills, and review for NCLEX-RN. (1 hour of class per week and 45 hours of clinical per semester.) This 0 credit, Pass/Fail course continues over to the next session with NURA 499 in which 2 credits and an A-F letter grade will be awarded.

Nursing 499 NCLEX Review II

The course is designed to assist students in reviewing critical concepts covered throughout the nursing program. Using the results of standardized tests students develop a personalized study plan for NCELX-RN, complete an online review course, simulation, and case studies which will assist students in

prioritizing care, developing critical thinking skills, and review for NCLEX-RN. (1 hour of class per week, online study, and 45 hours of clinical per semester, prerequisites NURS 305, 415.)

Kentucky Board of Nursing Information

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.”

If you have questions about your particular situation, contact the Kentucky Board of Nursing at 800.305.2042.

Bellarmino University admits qualified students of any age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, disability, color, religion, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, disability, color, religion, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs. Bellarmine University will not tolerate any form of sexual misconduct, which includes, but is not limited to, sexual harassment, non-consensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual intercourse, sexual exploitation, rape or retaliation arising out of any of the above acts, as more fully defined in the Bellarmine Sexual Discrimination and Misconduct Policy in the Student and Employee Handbooks. Bellarmine University is an equal opportunity employer.

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