Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

The School of Nursing at Lincoln University offers a four-year nursing curriculum that leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Upon successful completion of the program, the student is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses. Nursing Practice Act Section 335.066 provides additional criteria for eligibility to apply for licensure to practice nursing. Satisfactory performance on this examination will qualify the student for licensure as a registered nurse.

The purpose of the BSN nursing program is to prepare individuals for professional nursing practice. The nurse prepared at the baccalaureate level is a professional who has acquired a well-delineated and broad knowledge base for practice. Emphasis within the program is placed on role development and the Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice (AACN, 2008). The baccalaureate graduate is prepared to provide and manage care for individuals, families, groups, communities and populations in diverse settings. The baccalaureate graduate is also a member of the profession. The BSN nursing program establishes the foundation required for continuous education within the discipline of nursing.

The nursing curriculum consists of five sequential semesters of nursing courses. Each nursing semester includes structured classroom, practicum and laboratory experiences. These experiences will occur in a variety of health care settings in the Jefferson City, Columbia, Fulton and other mid-Missouri areas.
BSN ADMISSION CRITERIA

To be considered for admissions, you must:

- Be admitted to Lincoln University
- Entrance exam within the last five years from nursing application date, meeting one of the following criteria:
  - Minimum A CT composite of 19 OR
  - HESI A2 with a minimum composite score of 70% in the following areas: basic math, reading comprehension, vocabulary and general knowledge, grammar and A&P. The HESI A2 may only be taken a max of two times per calendar year (January through December). Preparation with HESI A2 materials is highly recommended.
  - A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- TOEFL ≥ 600 if English is a second language
- A minimum of 48 credit hours that meet BSN degree requirements to enroll in Fundamentals, which must include:
  - English Composition
  - 18 hours of Life, Physical and/or Natural Science (including Anatomy and Physiology with lab, Microbiology with lab and Chemistry)
  - Statistics
  - Psychology
  - Pre-Nursing Survey

Pre-requisite courses may be required for these courses. If you are transferring credits to Lincoln, the course requirements may vary.

- A grade of C or higher within two attempts in all required courses.
- School of Nursing application with $25 nonrefundable application fee
- Three School of Nursing reference forms
- Personal interview by invitation
- Good academic and non-academic standing
- Copy of ALL transcripts
- Attend a School of Nursing information session

Application and references are due the last Tuesday in September for spring admission and the first Tuesday in March for fall admission.

Additional information concerning the application process is available by contacting the nursing office.

BSN SAMPLE PROGRAM

PRENURSING

1st Semester ............................................. HRS
GE 101 University Seminar ....................... 1
BIO 103/104L Principles of Biology with Lab ............ 4
ENG 101 Composition and Rhetoric I ................ 3
MAT 117 Elementary Statistics .................. 3-5
S/A 201 Introduction to Sociology ............... 3
Total ...................................................... 15-17

2nd Semester ............................................. HRS
PSY 101 General Psychology ................... 3
ENG 102 Composition and Rhetoric II .......... 3
BIO 206/206L Anatomy and Physiology .......... 5
SPT 203 Fundamentals of Speech ................ 3
Humanities and Fine Arts ....................... 3
Total ...................................................... 17

3rd Semester ............................................. HRS
BIO 301/301L Microbiology with Lab .......... 4
PSY 308 Developmental Psychology .......... 3
Humanities and Fine Arts ....................... 3
CHM 103 Living with Chemistry ............... 3
NUR 100 Pre-Nursing Survey ................. 3
Total ...................................................... 16

NURSING

4th Semester ............................................. HRS
NUR 200 Pharmacology in Nursing .......... 3
NUR 225 Fundamentals of Nursing ......... 9
NUR 235 Principles of Nutrition .......... 3
Total ...................................................... 15

5th Semester ............................................. HRS
NUR 305 Psychosocial Nursing .............. 3
NUR 322 Essentials of Health Assessment .... 3
NUR 340 Medical-Surgical Nursing I ........ 5
Civics: HIS 205, 206, PSO 203 .......... 3
Total ...................................................... 14

6th Semester ............................................. HRS
NUR 300 Gerontological Nursing ...... 2
NUR 390 Intro to Nursing Research ....... 3
NUR 365 Nursing of Women and Children ...... 6
Humanities and Fine Arts ....................... 3
Total ...................................................... 14

7th Semester ............................................. HRS
NUR 400 Medical-Surgical Nursing II ...... 6
NUR 420 Leadership/Management in Nursing .... 3
NUR 480 Legal and Ethical Issues in Prof. Nursing .... 3
Electives ........................................... 2-4
Total ...................................................... 14-16

8th Semester ............................................. HRS
NUR 435 Medical-Surgical Nursing III .... 6
NUR 475 Community Health Nursing .... 5
International Cultural Diversity ............... 3
Total ...................................................... 14

Gen. Ed., Support and Elective Hours .......... 63
Total Nursing Credits ............................. 57
Total Program Credits ............................. 120

PROGRAM COSTS

In addition to the tuition and fees charged by the university, nursing students are assessed $125 for each nursing course.

Kaplan testing fees are also assessed throughout the program.

Students should anticipate spending approximately $4,000 for nursing expenditures such as:

- Textbooks
- Uniforms
- Stethoscope
- Watch with second hand
- Student Nurse Association Membership
- Graduation fees
- NCLEX-RN licensure exam
- Background checks
- Drug screening
- CPR
- Health requirements
- Lincoln nursing pin
- A2 materials
- International Cultural Diversity

Finally, students are responsible for transportation to and from campus and practicum experiences.

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