

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

ADMISSION POLICIES-*Generic Students and LPN Students*

The baccalaureate nursing program at Emporia State University at the Emporia State University Campus located in Emporia, Kansas is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000, <https://www.acenursing.org/>

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the baccalaureate nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>

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Approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN), Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson Street, Topeka, Kansas 66612. Phone: (785) 269-4929

Students seeking the Bachelor of Science in nursing degree usually enter the nursing major at the junior level and progress through the nursing curriculum over a period of 2 years. ESU Nursing at Emporia State University (ESU) admits up to fifty generic students in each admission cycle to the junior nursing class seeking the BSN.

Admission Requirements

1. Admission to Emporia State University

2. Completion of ESU Nursing Application Procedure:

- Applications for each Fall cohort open December 2
- Our priority deadline is February 1
- Applications will be accepted through May 1 as space allows
- Applications for each Spring cohort open July 1
- Our priority deadline is September 1
- Applications will be accepted through December 1 as space allows

3. Completion of Admission Prerequisite Courses

Applicants should have completed the 60 pre-requisite credit hours of required non-nursing courses located in the *Curriculum* section of this document to be considered for admission to the nursing program.

4. Achievement of at least the Minimum Admission Grade Point Average (GPA)

The admission grade point average (GPA) is based on the 60 credit hours of required non-nursing courses listed in the Curriculum section of this document. A minimum ESU Nursing admission GPA of 2.5 with at least a C in the 60 credit hours of required non-nursing courses is required. Meeting the minimum GPA does not guarantee admission to the nursing program.

Transfer Nursing Course Credit

A student who has attended but not completed another registered nursing program and desires to transfer nursing course credit to ESU Nursing will be considered for admission on an individual basis. Please contact ESU Nursing directly for additional requirements pertaining to transfer of nursing course credit.

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

An individual who is currently licensed as an LPN in Kansas without restrictions and has completed the required non-nursing courses, if admitted to ESU Nursing, may be granted up to (12) nursing credit hours for the following courses: NU 308-Foundations of Professional Nursing; NU 310- Fundamentals of Nursing; NU 311-Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum; NU 306-Health Assessment; and NU 307-Health Assessment Lab. Eligibility for course credit will be based on successful completion of the validation process. The validation process consists of achieving a level 2 on the ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) Fundamentals Exam and successful completion of a skills checkoff. The credits granted will be posted to the student's transcript after successful completion of the NU314- LPN Transition to Professional RN Role in the ESU Nursing program. The student must submit proof of current Kansas licensure without restrictions. Please contact Autumn McCullough, amccullo@emporia.edu with any additional questions.

Emporia State University Nursing

REQUIRED NON-NURSING COURSES • SAMPLE CURRICULUM GUIDE

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree requires a total of 120 credit hours (60 nursing credits and 60 non-nursing credits). All non-nursing required courses are pre-requisite courses to be completed prior to entering the nursing program. **Students applying to the nursing program for Fall 2026 must have completed 8 hours of Anatomy and Physiology courses including labs. Students seeking admission prior to fall 2026 must have completed at least 5 hours of Anatomy and Physiology courses including lab.**

REQUIRED NON-NURSING COURSES – 60 Credit Hours		
Course	Hours	Notes
EG 101 Composition I	3	
MA 120 Elementary Statistics	3	
GB 100 Biology	3	
GB 101 Biology Lab	1	
PY 100 Introductory Psychology	3	
SP 100 or 101 Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communications	3	
GB 385 Nutrition	3	
EG 102 Composition II	3	
PY 212 Developmental Psychology Nursing and Other Majors (or PY 210 or PY 211)	3	
CH 120, 123, or 126 One Chemistry Lecture Course	3	
CH 121, 124, or 127 One Chemistry Lab Course	2	
SO 102, 202, or 261 One Sociology Course	3	
GB 330 Anatomy and Physiology I*	3	
GB 331 Anatomy and Physiology I Lab *	1	
GB 340 Anatomy & Physiology II*	3	
GB 341 Anatomy & Physiology II Lab *	1	
PI 301 or 225 Ethics or Intro to Philosophy	3	
ZO 364 Human Pathophysiology	3	
MC 216 Human Health Microbiology	3	
MC 317 Microbiology Lab	1	
CULTURAL AWARENESS/CULTURAL COMPETENCY - 1 course		
AN 210 Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3	
GE 101 World Regional Geography	3	
GE 454 Cultural Geography	3	
ID 301 Issues in Ethnic & Gender Studies	3	
PO 330 International Relations	3	
ELECTIVE COURSES		
Any 3-hour General Education Arts & Humanities course from any discipline other than PI (Philosophy)	3	
Remaining 3 (or more) credit hours to be completed in any discipline outside of Nursing (NU)	3	

Students must earn a C or better in each non-nursing course.

*** = 5-8 Hours of Anatomy & Physiology Class and Lab Class Required**

NURSING COURSES—60 credit hours

NOTE: A grade of C or better must be achieved in each required nursing theory/laboratory course.

NU308	Foundations of Professional Nursing	3 hrs.
NU310	Fundamentals of Nursing	4 hrs.
NU311	Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum	2 hrs.
NU306	Health Assessment	2 hrs.
NU307	Health Assessment Lab	1 hr.
NU340	Pharmacology	3 hrs.
NU374	Adult Health I Nursing	3 hrs.
NU375	Adult Health Nursing Practicum	3 hrs.
NU376	Mental Health Nursing	3 hrs.
NU377	Mental Health Nursing Practicum	1 hr.
NU382	Geriatric Nursing	2 hrs.
NU386	Nursing Research Using Informational Literacy	3 hrs.
NU392	End of Life Care	2 hrs.
NU484	Adult Health II Nursing	3 hrs.
NU485	Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum	3 hrs.
NU426	Maternal/Newborn Nursing	3 hrs.
NU428	Pediatric and Family Nursing	3 hrs.
NU429	Maternal/Newborn and Pediatric Nursing Practicum	2 hrs.
NU431	Decision Making in Nursing	2 hr.
NU454	Facing the Challenge of NCLEX-RN	1 hr.
NU486	Public, Population, and Global Health Nursing	4 hrs.
NU492	Nursing Leadership	3 hrs.
NU493	Transition to Professional Nursing Practicum	4 hrs.
NU314	LPN Transition to Professional RN Role	2 hrs. (LPN Articulation only)
NU352	Role Transition	3 hrs. (RN Articulation students only)

Nursing theory courses: 1 credit hour = 1 contact hour
 Nursing lab courses: 1 credit hour = 2 contact hours
 Nursing practicum courses: 1 credit hour = 4 contact hours

Application Procedure

Application materials are located on the nursing webpage or may be requested by contacting:

*ESU Nursing
1127 Chestnut
Emporia, Kansas 66801
(620) 341-4440*

or

<https://www.emporia.edu/applied-health-sciences/nursing/about-nursing/nursing-admissions-policies-and-procedures/>

The ESU Nursing application materials are available after **December 2** for fall entry and **July 1** for spring entry. If the applicant has not previously attended ESU, an application form for admission to ESU will be provided upon request. For questions related to special needs or accommodation, please contact the Emporia State University Director of Student Accessibility and Support Services.

The following steps are required to complete the ESU Nursing application procedure:

1. Application to ESU
Students must be admitted to Emporia State University before applying to ESU Nursing. The ESU application, including an application fee payable to the University, must be submitted to the ESU Admissions Office. These fees are non-refundable.
 2. Application to ESU Nursing (submitted to the ESU Nursing office)
February 1st is the priority deadline for submitting the ESU Nursing application form and application fee for August entry. **September 1st** is the priority deadline for submitting the ESU Nursing application form and application fee for January entry. Applications are located on the ESU Nursing website <https://www.emporia.edu/applied-health-sciences/nursing/about-nursing/nursing-admissions-policies-and-procedures/>. An application fee of \$25.00 must accompany the completed ESU Nursing application form. Checks should be made payable to ESU Nursing. These fees are non-refundable.
 3. Official Transcripts (other than ESU transcripts)
Official transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended (**other than ESU**) must be received and posted by the ESU Registrar's office **prior to the application deadline. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all transcripts have been received and are posted by the ESU Registrar's office and are accessible to the admissions committee, prior to the deadline date.**
 4. Personal Interview
A personal interview may be requested by the ESU Nursing admission committee.
 5. Submit all ESU Nursing application materials to: ESU Nursing, 1127 Chestnut Street Emporia, KS 66801
- All application materials (application form, application fee, and transcripts) become the property of Emporia State University and cannot be returned.
6. Licensed Practical Nurses only
LPNs seeking course credits based on licensure must submit proof of current Kansas licensure without restrictions.
 7. Nursing Transfer students only
Contact the ESU Nursing Office for a list of additional requirements for students seeking to transfer nursing course credit from another institution.

Evaluation

Admission to the nursing program is of a competitive nature based on the applicant pool. Fulfillment of the minimum ESU Nursing admission criteria **does not** guarantee admission. Factors given consideration during candidate selection include admission GPA, written interview responses, and potential to complete the program. Final applicants accepted to the program will include the most qualified based on the overall applicant pool. All applicants will receive a notification letter by **April 1st for their admission status in the fall cohort. Applicants for the spring cohort will be notified of their admission status by November 1st.**

Each applicant is considered individually without regard to age, race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sex gender identity, gender expression, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as an individual with a disability, status as a protected veteran, or any other factors which cannot lawfully be considered, to the extent specified by applicable laws.

ESU Nursing reserves the right to refuse admission or progression to an applicant or student who cannot meet, with reasonable accommodations, the functional abilities to practice safely and effectively as defined by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (1996).

Be advised that by current Kansas law, the Kansas State Board of Nursing may discipline or refuse licensure to applicants with certain arrests, misdemeanors, and felonies. For more information, contact the state board of nursing in the state where you intend to practice. ESU Nursing reserves the right to refuse admission or progression to an applicant or student who has been convicted as a felon or has otherwise committed offenses inappropriate for a nurse.

NCLEX-RN and Licensure

Be advised that to practice professional nursing, a graduate of the nursing program must apply to take a national licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN) and apply for licensure in the state where the graduate wants to work as a professional registered nurse. A graduate is required to pass the NCLEX-RN before state licensure can be granted. As outlined in the Kansas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (<http://www.ksbn.org/npa/npa.pdf>):

The practice of nursing is subject to state-specific licensure requirements. For state-specific licensure requirement information, contact the state board of nursing in the state where you intend to practice. By current Kansas law, the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) has requirements that include but are not limited to the following: **65-1115. Licensure of professional nurses; qualifications of applicants; examination; refresher course; renewal license; title and abbreviation; temporary permit; exempt license.** (a) Qualifications of applicants. An applicant for a license to practice as a registered professional nurse shall: (1) have graduated from an approved school of professional nursing in the United States or its territories or from a school of professional nursing in a foreign country which is approved by the board as defined in rules and regulations; (2) have obtained other qualifications not in conflict with this act as the board may prescribe by rule and regulation; and (3) file with the board written application for a license.

In addition, according to the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN), all criminal history must be revealed to and will be evaluated by the KSBN before licensure is granted or denied. Please be advised that by current Kansas law, the KSBN may discipline or refuse licensure to applicants with certain arrests, misdemeanors, and felonies. Possible grounds for such consideration or action may include arrests or being guilty of any felony or being guilty of a misdemeanor that involves an illegal drug offense if the KSBN determines that such a person has not been

sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust. Also considered by KSBN are patterns of practice and other behaviors exhibiting an apparent incapacity to practice nursing. ***Individuals convicted of a felony crime against person WILL NOT be licensed in Kansas. (Please refer to the current Kansas Nurse Practice Act.***
<http://www.ksbn.org/npa/npa.pdf>

65-1120. Grounds for disciplinary actions; proceedings; witnesses; costs; professional incompetency defined; criminal justice record information.

(a) Grounds for disciplinary actions. The board may deny, revoke, limit or suspend any license or authorization to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse, as a licensed practical nurse, as an advanced practice registered nurse or as a registered nurse anesthetist that is issued by the board or applied for under this act, or may require the licensee to attend a specific number of hours of continuing education in addition to any hours the licensee may already be required to attend or may publicly or privately censure a licensee or holder of a temporary permit or authorization, if the applicant, licensee or holder of a temporary permit or authorization is found after hearing: (1) To be guilty of fraud or deceit in practicing nursing or in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice nursing; (2) to have been guilty of a felony or to have been guilty of a misdemeanor involving an illegal drug offense unless the applicant or licensee establishes sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the public trust, except that notwithstanding K.S.A. 74-120, and amendments thereto, no license or authorization to practice nursing as a licensed professional nurse, as a licensed practical nurse, as an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse anesthetist shall be granted to a person with a felony conviction for a crime against persons as specified in article 34 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, prior to their repeal, or article 54 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21- 6104, 21-6325, 21-6326 or 21-6418, and amendments thereto; (3) has been convicted or found guilty or has entered into an agreed disposition of a misdemeanor offense related to the practice of nursing as determined on a case-by-case basis; (4) to have committed an act of professional incompetency as defined in subsection (e); (5) to be unable to practice with skill and safety due to current abuse of drugs or alcohol; (6) to be a person who has been adjudged in need of a guardian or conservator, or both, under the act for obtaining a guardian or conservator, or both, and who has not been restored to capacity under that act; (7) to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the board; (8) to have willfully or repeatedly violated the provisions of the Kansas nurse practice act or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to that act, including K.S.A. 65-1114 and 65-1122, and amendments thereto; (9) to have a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse or as a practical nurse denied, revoked, limited or suspended, or to be publicly or privately censured, by a licensing authority of another state, agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or country or to have other disciplinary action taken against the applicant or licensee by a licensing authority of another state, agency of the United States government, territory of the United States or country. A certified copy of the record or order of public or private censure, denial, suspension, limitation, revocation or other disciplinary action of the licensing authority of another state, agency of the United States government, Page 33 territory of the United States or country shall constitute prima facie evidence of such a fact for purposes of this paragraph (9); or (10) to have assisted suicide in violation of K.S.A. 21-3406, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-5407, and amendments thereto, as established by any of the following: (A) A copy of the record of criminal conviction or plea of guilty for a felony in violation of K.S.A. 21-3406, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-5407, and amendments thereto. (B) A copy of the record of a judgment of contempt of court for violating an injunction issued under K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 60-4404, and amendments thereto. (C) A copy of the record of a judgment assessing damages under K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 60-4405, and amendments thereto. (b) Proceedings. Upon filing of a sworn complaint with the board charging a person with having been guilty of any of the unlawful practices specified in subsection (a), two or more members of the board shall investigate the charges, or the board may designate and authorize an employee or employees of the board to conduct an investigation. After investigation, the board may institute charges. If an investigation, in the opinion of the board, reveals reasonable grounds for believing the applicant or licensee is guilty of the charges, the board shall fix a time and place for proceedings, which shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. (c) Witnesses. No person shall be excused from testifying in any proceedings before the board under this act or in any civil proceedings under this act before a court of competent jurisdiction on the ground that such testimony may incriminate the person testifying, but such testimony shall not be used against the person for the prosecution of any crime under the laws of this state except the crime of perjury as defined in K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-5903, and amendments thereto. (d) Costs. If final agency action of the board in a proceeding under this section is adverse to the applicant or licensee, the costs of the board's proceedings shall be charged to the applicant or licensee as in ordinary civil actions in the district court, but if the board is the unsuccessful party, the costs shall be paid by the board. Witness fees and costs may be taxed by the board according to the statutes relating to procedure in the

district court. All costs accrued by the board, when it is the successful party, and which the attorney general certifies cannot be collected from the applicant or licensee shall be paid from the board of nursing fee fund. All moneys collected following board proceedings shall be credited in full to the board of nursing fee fund. (e) Professional incompetency defined. As used in this section, "professional incompetency" means: (1) One or more instances involving failure to adhere to the applicable standard of care to a degree which constitutes gross negligence, as determined by the board; (2) repeated instances involving failure to adhere to the applicable standard of care to a degree which constitutes ordinary negligence, as determined by the board; or8 Page 34 (3) a pattern of practice or other behavior which demonstrates a manifest incapacity or incompetence to practice nursing. (f) Criminal justice information. The board upon request shall receive from the Kansas bureau of investigation such criminal history record information relating to arrests and criminal convictions as necessary for the purpose of determining initial and continuing qualifications of licensees of and applicants for licensure by the board. History: L. 1949, ch. 331, § 9; L. 1963, ch. 314, § 6; L. 1972, ch. 231, § 10; L. 1975, ch. 316, § 7; L. 1978, ch. 240, § 6; L. 1981, ch. 245, § 1; L. 1983, ch. 206, § 10; L. 1985, ch. 88, § 6; L. 1986, ch. 233, § 4; L. 1990, ch. 221, § 5; L. 1993, ch. 194, § 1; L. 1995, ch. 97, § 2; L. 1997, ch. 158, § 4; L. 1998, ch. 142, § 8; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 236; L. 2011, ch. 114, § 42; L. 2018, ch. 42, § 5; July 1, 2019.

Acceptance

Applicants selected for admission must return the Verification for Admission form to the ESU Nursing office by the specified date. The acceptance packet will include additional information concerning requirements described in this section. **Deadlines for acceptance documents will be listed within acceptance packets.**

Health Insurance

Each nursing student is required to have accident and health insurance in effect at all times that the student is participating in ESU Nursing activities. Emporia State University and ESU Nursing do not assume responsibility for any premium, co-payment, or any other costs associated with the insurance coverage. Each student must notify ESU Nursing if, for any reason, a lapse in coverage has occurred. Each student will complete a notarized Student Verification of Health Insurance Coverage form.

Professional Liability Insurance

Each nursing student is required to have professional liability insurance. This insurance is purchased by ESU Nursing and charged to the student.

Health Requirements

Health requirements include a physical examination and immunization reports. These health requirements deadlines will be outlined in the student acceptance packets.

CPR Certification Requirement-Only American Heart Association BLS Accepted

CPR certification is required and must remain current during the entire program.

Background Check and Drug/Alcohol Testing- Follow the instructions provided in the acceptance letter.

Learning in clinical settings is an important aspect of the nursing program at Emporia State University. Many health care facilities require information about students engaged in clinical learning opportunities, including, but not limited to: verification of name; address and social security number; personal health information; drug and alcohol testing; criminal background checks; verification of education; listing on any registered sex offender lists; listing on the U.S. Office of Inspector General's Excluded Individual's list; and listing on the U.S. General Services Administration's Excluded Parties List. Both background testing and drug/alcohol testing are required to be in a practicum setting.

While ESU Nursing may assist students in obtaining and gathering information required by a health care facility, the student is responsible for the cost of obtaining such information. The information required to permit a student to participate in a clinical setting is determined by the respective health care facility.

Students with a criminal history and/or arrests for which action is still pending will be evaluated on an individual basis, with no guarantee of admission to the program or a clinical site. Any student who does not consent to required disclosure or background checks, drug/alcohol testing, or does not meet the clinical settings' eligibility requirements, may not be allowed to enter clinical settings. ESU Nursing is not responsible for finding alternative clinical sites. If a student is unable to fulfill the clinical experiences required by his/her program of study, the student may be unable to graduate. ESU Nursing reserves the right to request repeat background and/or criminal history checks as well as drug/alcohol tests at the expense of the student if deemed necessary by the Nursing Assistant Dean.

Time Limit for Completion of Degree Requirements

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree must be completed within 4 years of admission to ESU Nursing for generic and articulating students. Students transferring into ESU Nursing from another nursing program must complete ESU Nursing's curriculum within 3 years if admitted as a junior and 2 years if admitted as a senior.

Professional Licensure Disclosure

See information on Licensure Disclosure at: <https://www.emporia.edu/applied-health-sciences/nursing/>

Non-Acceptance

Applicants who are not accepted may be placed on a waiting list of qualified applicants. The Nursing Assistant Dean notifies individuals in order of ranking on the waiting list if openings become available.

Re-application

An applicant who is not admitted to ESU Nursing may re-apply for the next admission period by submitting a new application and following the steps in the Application Procedure section of this document. The application fee must be paid for each application.