

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Admission Policy

Generic Students, LPN Students, Second Bachelors, and Priority Admission Option

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 4 semesters. ESU Nursing at Emporia State University (ESU) admits up to fifty students in each admission cycle to the junior nursing class seeking the BSN.

Admission Process

1. **Admission to Emporia State University**
2. **Completion of ESU Nursing Application:**
 - a. Applications for each Fall cohort open December 2
 - i. Our priority deadline is February 1
 - ii. Applications will be accepted through May 1 as space allows
 - b. Applications for each Spring cohort open July 1
 - i. Our priority deadline is September 1
 - ii. Applications will be accepted through December 1 as space allows
3. **Completion of Admission Prerequisite Courses**

Applicants should have completed, or be in the process of completing, the 60 prerequisite credit hours of required non-nursing courses listed in the Sample Curriculum Courses section of this document by the semester start 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 on a 4.0 scale 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.
5. **Request Official Transcripts**

Official transcript(s) from all colleges/universities attended must be sent to Emporia State University. Transcripts should be sent electronically through the National Clearinghouse (www.studentclearinghouse.org). If sending an electronic transcript from another institution, please send it to transcript@emporia.edu. Paper copies can be mailed to:

Emporia State University
Office of the Registrar
Campus Box 4026
1 Kellogg Circle
Emporia, KS 66801

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 1 on the ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) Fundamentals Exam and successfully completing a skills checkoff. The credits granted will be posted to the student's transcript upon successful completion of 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 at amccullo@emporia.edu with any additional questions.

Second Bachelors

Students seeking the BSN as a second bachelors degree must complete the prerequisite courses with a C or better. It is recommended to meet with the Nursing Advisor prior to applying to the nursing program.

Priority Admission Option

Students who enroll in pre-nursing courses at Emporia State University are eligible for the Priority Admission Option to the Nursing Program. This option secures a provisional seat in the BSN Nursing Program. The seat becomes a full admission offer only after all admission requirements are successfully completed and verified. Successful completion of all admission requirements is required to be admitted to the Nursing Program.

To secure and maintain Priority Admission Option to the ESU nursing program, complete each of the following steps:

- **Apply** to Emporia State University. Submit your application for admission to ESU and receive your official acceptance to the ESU pre-nursing program.
- **Schedule** an Advising Appointment. Meet with your academic advisor to plan your coursework and next steps toward full admission into the BSN program.
- **Complete** the [Nursing Priority Admission Option Intent Form](#). Confirm your interest and intent by submitting the online form.
- **Receive** Official Priority Admission Option Acceptance. Once your form is received and reviewed, you will receive email confirmation of your priority placement in the program.
- **Maintain** Priority Admission Option Requirements. Continue to meet all academic and program requirements, including prerequisite courses and GPA standards.
- **Apply** for the Nursing Program. Apply online during the application window of your identified program semester start.

Priority Admission Option Requirements

- Complete the 60 required non-nursing credit hours from the list of non-nursing courses located in the "Curriculum" section of the ESU Nursing Admission Policies.
- Achieve a "C" or higher in required non-nursing coursework regardless of overall cumulative GPA.
- Maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA for admission to the nursing program.
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours at Emporia State University prior to admission in the nursing

program.

Students will apply to the nursing program for their anticipated semester of entry. As a Priority Admission Option student, students will have their application reviewed first and receive priority placement in the program. Students who do not meet Priority Admission Option requirements will be moved into the generic admission application pool for consideration and will follow the Generic Admission Process (see above).

Admission Review

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 considered during candidate selection include admission GPA, written interview responses, and the potential to complete the program. Final applicants accepted to the program will be the most qualified among the overall applicant pool.

Applicants will receive a notification letter by mid-February for their admission status in the fall cohort and by mid-September for the spring cohort.

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.

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.

Provisional Acceptance or Declination

Applicants selected for admission must return the Accept/Decline form to the ESU Nursing office by the specified date. The acceptance packet will include additional information concerning deadlines for submitting documentation of the requirements described in this section.

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

An applicant who is not admitted to ESU Nursing may reapply for the next admission period by submitting a new application and following the Application Policy steps. The application fee must be paid for each application.

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.

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

American Heart Association BLS and American Red Cross BLS are accepted. CPR certification is required and must remain current during the entire program. It is the student's responsibility to maintain current certification. ESU Nursing offers American Heart Association courses at the beginning of each semester. Contact nursing@emporia.edu to learn more.

Background Check and Drug/Alcohol Testing

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 disclosures or background checks, drug/alcohol testing, or who does not meet 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 complete the clinical experiences required by their program of study, they 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.

Professional Licensure Disclosure

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

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. For more information, please see the Kansas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act <https://ksbn.kansas.gov/npa/> or refer to the State Board of Nursing Practice Act for the state the graduate intends to be employed in.

Program Accreditation

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>

The nursing program is also approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN), Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson Street, Topeka, Kansas 66612. Phone: (785) 269-4929

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.

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 COURSE		
Any 3-hour General Education Arts & Humanities course from any discipline other than PI (Philosophy)	3	
Remaining 3 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.

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

Starting Fall 2026, students must complete 8 hours of Anatomy & Physiology Class and Lab

NURSING COURSES—60 credit hours

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

NU306	Health Assessment	2 hrs.
NU307	Health Assessment Lab	1 hr.
NU308	Foundations of Professional Nursing	3 hrs.
NU310	Fundamentals of Nursing	4 hrs.
NU311	Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum	2 hrs.
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.
NU 382	Geriatric Nursing	2 hrs.
NU386	Nursing Research Using Information 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= 3 contact hours