

**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

CURRENT

Application Deadline

Freshman (4-year program)

ACT scores, application:

Fall only February 1*

Transfer Students (4-year program)

Application, transcripts(s) ACT, if required:

Fall February 1*

Spring June 15*

RNs only

Application, credentials:

Fall only February 1*

*Applications received after the published deadline will be considered on a space-available basis only.

All applications and transcripts for admission must be submitted to the Office of Admissions according to the deadlines listed in the box above. Freshmen and RN applicants are considered for fall admission only. Transfer applicants will be evaluated for fall and spring admission, according to the deadlines listed. Those accepted for admission must notify the college within 30 days, in writing, of their intent to enroll. Late applicants will be considered for admission on a space-available basis.

Admission Criteria

Admissions criteria for four types of students are presented below:

1. **A freshman student** will be eligible for admission to the College of Nursing (CON) if the student has a high school grade-point average (GPA) of 2.5 or above on a scale of 4.0, and also meets the criteria for automatic admission to the University of Kentucky, and completes a written statement describing reasons for pursuing nursing as a career. (Specific criteria available in Student Services, College of Nursing.)

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Application Deadline

Students are admitted to the 4-year option in both the Fall and Spring Semesters. Students are admitted to the RN-BSN and RN-MSN options in the Fall semester only. The application deadline for Fall admission is February 1; the application deadline for Spring admission is June 15. After the deadlines, eligible applicants will be accepted on a space-available basis. It is advisable to initiate the application process early; it is a 2-step process, involving completion of an essay for 4-year students only.

Admission Criteria

Criteria for Admission to the 4-Year BSN Program include:

C Freshman Student:

Students will be admitted as freshman to a **prenursing** curriculum based on the following criteria:

- C High School grade point average of 2.5 on 4.0 scale
- C Meets criteria for selective admission to the University of Kentucky (See UK Bulletin for more information)
- C Ability to articulate reasons for choosing

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nursing as a career, as evidenced in an essay. Essay criteria are available by calling 606-323-5108.

- C **One letter of reference from an individual who can assess potential for success (e.g. teacher, employer, etc.) Reference forms are available by calling (606) 323-5108.**

Admission to the **nursing** curriculum will occur at the sophomore level for students in the prenursing category contingent upon maintenance of:

- C Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or greater
- C a C in **all** required prenursing courses.
- C completion of an approved certified nursing assistant program.

2. **A transfer student who is not a registered nurse** will be eligible for admission to the CON after meeting the following requirements:

a. Applicants with less than 24 credit hours must meet the criteria for entering freshmen and have at least a GPA of 2.35 on all college work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions.

b. Applicants with 24 credit hours or more must have at least a GPA of 2.35 on all college work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions.

c. All transfer applicants complete a written statement describing reasons for pursuing nursing as a career. (Specific criteria available in Student Services, College of Nursing.)

C **Transfer Student:**

- C With less than 24 hours of college credit, must meet the criteria for entering freshman and maintain a G.P.A. of **2.5** on all college work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions.
- C With more than 24 hours of college credit must have a **2.5** G.P.A. on all college work attempted as computed by the Office of Admissions.
- C Grades of C or better in all courses required for CON curriculum.
- C Ability to articulate reasons for choosing nursing as a career, as evidenced in an essay. Essay criteria are available by calling (606) 323-5108.
- C One letter of reference from an individual who can assess potential for success (teacher, employer, etc.) Reference form available by calling (606) 323-5108.
- C completion of an approved certified nursing assistant program.

Note: Categories 3 and 4 will not be changed at this time (see pp. 153 of U.K. Bulletin).