

Admission

As a top-quality program, applicants often compete for the limited spaces available in the program each semester. Minimum application requirements include:

- Completion of 45 college credit hours (including prerequisite courses) with a grade of C or better.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5
- An ACT score of 20 (which may be waived if the student meets other requirements).

Successful candidates for the nursing program will have a solid background in science and mathematics. Those students in high school should complete the college core and take any advanced level science and mathematics courses available. The department also offers a transition program leading to the BSN for RNs and LPNs that recognize the past learning and experiences of these nurses.



Alumni Views

“I know that my ability to stand in front of a crowd and speak, my ability to run a meeting or plan a course of action, and my ability to think critically is directly related to my education at Western. Faculty and staff encouraged me to get involved,

and those experiences were a vital part of my education. The advice I received as a student remains with me today.”

*Obie Austin, '96, Nurse Practitioner
UMKC Medical Center, Kansas City, Mo.*

“The Nursing Department provided a challenging environment both in the classroom and in clinicals, which made the transition from student nurse to RN that much easier for me. Mentoring and working with other nursing students made me a better student and a better nurse.”

*Jenny Evans RN, BSN, '04
University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics*

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Careers

With the critical need for nurses across the nation, it is the perfect time to join the profession. Opportunities for RNs with bachelor's degrees will only grow due to the increasingly complex world of health care. More employers are looking for graduates from programs like Western's that emphasize leadership, health promotion, and case management.

Graduates are employed in a wide range of areas, including critical care, obstetrics, pediatrics, medical-surgical, operating rooms, schools, public health departments and outpatient clinics. Still others continue their

education to become nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, nurse educators, executives and researchers.

It important to plan from the first year of college to take the courses required to be considered for admission to



the program. In addition, maintaining the highest GPA possible while completing general courses can increase your chance of admission to this competitive program.

Clinical & Research Opportunities

A critical component of a quality program is the clinical experience – practical training opportunities in state-of-the-art health care settings. Every nursing student works with experienced faculty members in multiple clinical rotations. In fact the department has agreements with more than 30 clinical agencies where students complete rotations, including Heartland Regional Medical Center, Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Liberty Hospital, and the St. Joseph School District.

A very well-equipped Nursing Skills Learning Resource Center enables students to practice nursing skills in a laboratory setting. The center contains medical simulation equipment and other technical equipment used in hospitals.

Small classes allow students to receive personal attention from instructors who have years of practical experience in the field. Through research and service projects, students expand their knowledge of health care under the supervision of nursing instructors. As a result of these projects, students have been selected to make presentations at state and national professional conferences.

Nursing

Department

Do you want to change lives? Nursing allows you to pursue a career in the front lines of the health care industry – to make a difference in the lives of patients every day.

The United States is experiencing a shortage

of nurses that is predicted to last for the next 20 years – meaning skilled nursing graduates are in demand. As the only Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for Registered Nurses (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) in the region, the program focuses on intensive classroom and clinical experiences for students in a variety of nursing areas such as obstetrics, acute care, long-term care and hospice.

This combination leads to success for our graduates! Not only do 100% of our graduates report being employed or enrolled in graduate school, they rate their classroom and clinical experience as excellent. State-of-the-art classrooms, labs, and clinical setting provide the backdrop for the personalized instruction from experienced professors.

Points of Pride

- **The Department of Nursing boasts a 100% placement rate for graduates.**
- **The program is nationally accredited by the Commission for Collegiate Nursing accreditation and approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing.**
- **The program was recently awarded a \$142,000 grant from the Missouri Hospital Association to support program expansion.**