University of Kentucky Online RN-BSN

Envision your future as a BSN-prepared RN

UK College of Nursing

Benefits of a BSN degree

- Professional Growth & Expand Knowledge-more comprehensive curriculum focusing on patient education, community health, leadership, research

- Career Advancement- nurse leadership/management, graduate level goals (APRN, clinical nurse specialist, nurse executive, nurse anesthetist)

- Meet needs of community by reducing health care costs while improving patient outcomes

- Higher employment rate and salary

UKHC BSN Requirement

With the call to action by the Institute of Medicine or (IOM) as well as Magnet (ANCC) for nurses to achieve higher levels of education and training, UK Health Care is committed to being a BSN preferred institution. Effective January, 2012 newly employed ADN nurses ***will be expected to complete their BSN within 5 years from date of hire***. For those in an advanced degree nursing program that does not award a BSN while completing a Masters or Doctoral program, the employee is required to provide documentation from the educational institution confirming completion of credit hours equal to that of a BSN within the designated 5 year period of time and completion of the advanced degree within 8 years.

- Each UK ADN at the date of their hire receives an offer letter explaining the BSN completion mandate in 5 years (and resources to help them including Sue H. Strup, UK HealthCare Senior Career Consultant, the link to the UK RN to BSN web page and EEP info)
- Each UK ADN also receives the BSN Degree Requirement Agreement (on yellow paper) and they are to sign and initial. It is given to them upon hire by their Patient Care Nurse Manager. It is printed on yellow paper and submitted with paperwork for the employee's file. It is supposed to be reviewed every year during their PE to make sure they are progressing with their BSN in the 5-year timeframe
- If a UK RN doesn't finish their BSN in 5 years, they will be separated from the University.

University of Kentucky College of Nursing

- Ranked 9th in the nation of all public nursing schools

- UK's BSN program is ranked in the top 2% nationally by U.S. News and World Report 2023

- Reputation of excellence

- Faculty expertise & dedication to student success

- Convenience and flexibility of online learning

- Preparation for graduate school- UK flagship

- EEP will pay your tuition if employed FT by UKHC

- Customizable plan of study- nursing electives

Pre-Requisites & Curriculum

- ADN from regionally-accredited school with GPA 2.5- will consider 2.0-2.49 for provisional status

- Chemistry is <u>not</u> required; Statistics IS required

- 120 hours to graduate; RN-BSN curriculum is 30-33; UK requires 30 of last 36 hours be taken at UK

- AS or prior bachelor degree meets UK Core (general education classes)

- Clinical requirements- 40 hours during last class- Capstone course- research, leadership based- you get to choose preceptor/approved site

Required Nursing Courses (ten total =30 credit hours)

CORE COURSES (eight)

- Professional Communication in Nursing Practice
- Health Assessment
- Evidence Based Practice
- PathoPharmacology I
- Population Health
- Integrative Concepts in Nursing
- Leadership & Management
- Clinical Practice Capstone

ELECTIVE COURSES (choose two options)

- Healthcare Topics in the US
- PathoPharmacology II
- Gerontological Nursing
- Occupational and Environmental Health
- Rural and Appalachian Health
- Addiction is a Chronic Disease

Application Process

1. Apply to UK at   http://www.uky.edu/admission/

   Can use Transfer Tuesday- Apply for FREE:
   https://www.uky.edu/admission/transfer-tuesday

2. Send official transcripts from ALL college coursework to:

   admission@uky.edu

3. Complete essay questionnaire that CON Student Services sends to you after you apply

❑ Optional Transcript Evaluation- email Tara.Grana@uky.edu

Deadlines for complete application: March 15 (summer), July 15 (fall) and Nov. 1 (spring)

If you wish to apply and start for block 2 (mid semester), reach out to tara.grana@uky.edu first for specific instructions.

UKHC EEP Benefit

- For eligibility, visit the HR website www.uky.edu/hr

- EEP stands for Employee Education Program and is a benefit provided by   the University and administered by the HR Benefits Office.

- Covers 6 credit hours per semester (Fall, Winter/Spring, and Summer) up to 18 hours per academic year (example; 2023–2024 academic school year; Fall 23, Spring 24, and Summer 24)

- There are exceptions to cover more (last year before graduation up to 9 hours allowed)

- Once enrolled in the program, you'll submit EEP form each semester to UK's HR office

- Please direct inquiries regarding the EEP program to Aneya Hardin-Carter at edubenefits@uky.edu

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Financial Obligations

- $50 Application Fee (Free Transfer Tuesday or UKHC employee waiver)

- Pay for transcripts from previous schools

- Hardware & Software computer

- Tuition: Academic Year 23-24: $611.00 per credit hour

- Student Fees

- Books- majority provided free online

- Graduation (Pinning, cap/gown)

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Scholarship Options

- RN-BSN students are eligible to apply (entering student or applicant)

- To be considered, students must complete the College of Nursing undergraduate scholarship application, which is online through Qualtrics, and submit all required attachments.

- Transcript, FAFSA Student Aid Report

- Application is available on https://www.uky.edu/nursing/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships in January and deadline is March 1st each year

- The average award is $1,000-$2,000, and both the scholarships and amounts available to award vary from year to year.

- Awards are applied to your tuition

- Award recipients and non-recipients will be notified in June or July before the new academic year begins

- **Brittany Fiero; CON Student Scholarship Coordinator- Brittany.fiero@uky.edu**

Tips for Success in Online Courses

- Time management- organization and accountability

- Study space and study plan

- Self-motivated, don't get behind

- Active participation; Be engaged and connect with fellow classmates/discussion boards, develop support network

- Keep your eye on the end goal

- Get to know faculty and ask questions

- Career mentors- reach out to recent graduates of the program for personal tips

Resources

For more information, please contact:

Tara Grana, BSN, RN, Student Affairs Officer II,

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or

Dr. Hensley, DNP, FNP-C, RN-BSN Track Coordinator,

Angela.Hensley@uky.edu

UK Online: https://www.uky.edu/academics/online-programs

College of Nursing: http://www.uky.edu/nursing/

UK Transfer Team:

http://www.uky.edu/admission/contact-us-transfer-admissions