

# SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

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## Programs

The School of Nursing and Allied Health (SONAH) offers the following Nursing Programs: Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Master's Entry Professional Nursing (MEPN), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), MSN to Doctorate in Nursing Practice (MSN-DNP), and BSN to Doctorate in Nursing Practice - Family Nurse Practitioner focus (BSN-DNP). The School of Nursing and Allied Health offers the following Allied Health Programs – Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene, Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. The School of Nursing and Allied Health also houses the WKU College of Health and Human Services' Institute for Rural Health.

This catalog provides information about the undergraduate Nursing and Allied Health programs. For information about the graduate programs, see [www.wku.edu/graduate](http://www.wku.edu/graduate) (<https://www.wku.edu/graduate/>) or contact the program.

## Program Accreditation

The Associate of Science in Nursing program at Western Kentucky University located in Bowling Green, Kentucky 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 associate nursing program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs> (<https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs/>).

The Baccalaureate, Masters, and Doctoral Nursing programs are accredited by:  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)  
655 K Street NW, Suite 750  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 887-6791  
<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org> (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>)

All WKU nursing programs are approved by the Kentucky Board of Nursing.

The Associate and Baccalaureate Dental Hygiene programs are accredited by the Council of Dental Education/Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association.

## Admission

Admission to the nursing and allied health programs is competitive and requires a separate application. Enrollment is limited and based on student qualifications, availability of faculty, and clinical resources. Additional admission information and application deadlines are available on the School of Nursing and Allied Health website. Students interested

in one of the SONAH programs should contact the program coordinator for the program of choice. See the individual programs listed below for phone and email information.

## Colonnade Requirements and Regulations

When planning a program of study in the School of Nursing and Allied Health, each student should be aware of the University's academic requirements contained in this catalog in the chapter "Academic Information." Specific attention should be given to the subsections regarding (a) Academic Programs, (b) Colonnade Requirements and (c) Academic Requirements and Regulations. For the most current curriculum requirements, please review the program curriculum information located on the School of Nursing and Allied Health website at <http://www.wku.edu/nursing> (<http://www.wku.edu/nursing/>).

Upon acceptance into a School of Nursing and Allied Health program, students will be required to provide the following information/documentation:

- Professional Liability Insurance
- Immunization records
- Drug Screen
- Annual Tuberculin (TB) test
- Completed medical exam
- Criminal Background check
- Current medical history
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR)
- Health Insurance
- Annual Influenza Vaccination

The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) requires a criminal background check when applying for a Registered Nurse (RN) license and rejects candidates with some types of misdemeanors and any felony conviction. Therefore, students will be required to disclose any felony or misdemeanor convictions at the time of application to the nursing program and have a criminal background check and drug screen upon acceptance into the program and at random intervals throughout the program. Additionally, there may be certifications, training seminars, or other requirements specified by the program, facility, or agency that students must meet in order to be eligible for a clinical experience. Students will be responsible for purchasing uniforms as described in the student handbook and any necessary supplies. Students are responsible for program, testing and course fees each semester in addition to the regular tuition. See the School of Nursing website for most current fee information. Students are responsible for providing transportation to and from off-campus experiences. It is expected that prospective students review the School of Nursing Student Handbook for additional information on policies, regulations, and requirements.

## Core Performance Standards for Nursing Students

These are the Southern Regional Educational Board approved technical standards for students in nursing programs. These standards must be met by all nursing students with or without reasonable accommodation. Students with disabilities who require accommodation (academic adjustment and/or auxiliary aids or services) to meet the core performance standards must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) and obtain an evaluation of any necessary accommodations prior to entering the WKU nursing programs. Please

see the student handbook located on the School of Nursing website at <http://www.wku.edu/nursing> (<http://www.wku.edu/nursing/>) for more information.

## Degrees

- Dental Hygiene (Associate of Science) (226P, 226) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/nursing/dental-hygiene-as/>)
- Dental Hygiene, Bachelor of Science (524P, 524) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/nursing/dental-hygiene-bs/>)
- Nursing, Associate of Science in Nursing (273P, 273) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/nursing/nursing-asn/>)
- Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (586P, 586) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/nursing/nursing-bsn/>)
- RN to BSN, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (5014) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/nursing/rn-to-bsn/>)

## Faculty