

Nursing (NUR)

The Elizabeth Akers Elliott Associate Degree Nursing Program is part of the Division of Nursing. The Pikeville College program in nursing is a two-year program leading to an Associate of Science Degree, with a major in nursing. The nursing program also permits Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) to earn an Associate of Science Degree in nursing in two semesters, once admitted to the LPN to RN program of study.

Graduates of the nursing program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse (RN). Due to the technical nature of the program of study, nursing (NUR) courses are not normally intended for transfer because graduates who pass the NCLEX-RN are licensed for immediate employment as an RN if desired. An RN with an Associate Degree is qualified as a provider of care, manager of care, and member of the health care team.

Admission to the nursing program is limited due to Kentucky Board of Nursing approval requirements on faculty/student ratio and availability of affiliating health care agencies. Selection for admission is competitive and based on, but not limited to, ranking on objective scale (available from the Nursing Division) and other qualifying factors such as semester GPA and overall GPA in selected courses.

A new nursing class is admitted twice a year in the fall and spring semester. The fall semester has an application deadline of March 1 and the spring semester admission has an application deadline of October 1. Readmission, LPN-to-RN, and transfer applicants from other nursing programs are admitted to either fall or spring semester with an application deadline of respectively, March 1 or October 1. The Nursing Admissions Committee determines acceptance of applicants to the nursing program. Admission or readmission to the nursing program is not guaranteed to any applicant.

Admission Criteria

The admission criteria for the nursing program include the following. *(For further information of each criterion, contact the Division of Nursing or once admitted, refer to the Nursing Student Handbook).*

All Nursing Applicants

1. Meet general admission requirements to Pikeville College (PC).
2. High school graduate or the equivalent.
3. ACT composite score of 19 or higher within the last five years. If there is more than one qualifying ACT composite score (i.e., ACT composite at 19 or higher) within the last five years, the MTH and ENG subscores on the most recent qualifying ACT will be used for admission ranking.

4. Completion of Pikeville College English, Math, and Reading developmental courses with a “C” grade or better, if placed in these courses based on ACT subscores.
5. Meet the nursing MTH requirement by (choose one): (a) completing MTH 099 at Pikeville College with a “C” grade or higher; (b) having the transfer equivalency of at least an intermediate or applied algebra course; or (c) per Pikeville College policy, using the applicant’s highest ACT MTH subscore that is 19 or higher.
6. An overall average of “C” or better, represented by a college G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher.
7. A minimum of 50% composite score on the Nurse Entrance Test (NET). A second NET attempt is allowed only for applicants with less than 50% on the first NET. The NET score can be used for one fall-spring admission year. The NET must be repeated for subsequent fall-spring admission years. Exception: Readmission nursing students only retake the NET if out of the program for more than one year.
8. A “C” or better in any required support course.
9. NOTE: A course at or below a “C” grade may be repeated one time. The grade on the second attempt stands as the final grade. Science courses must have been taken within the last ten years. Any exception to admission criteria will be determined on an individual basis by the Nursing Admissions Committee.

Admission with Advanced Standing

1. Applicants who may be eligible for admission with advanced standing are:
 - a. Readmission nursing students
 - (1) Students who have withdrawn from the Elizabeth Akers Elliott Associate Degree Nursing Program.
 - (2) Nursing students who failed to achieve a “C” or better in Pikeville College required nursing or corequisites courses, resulting in academic dismissal from the nursing program.
 - b. Transfer students from other nursing programs.
 - c. Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) who may apply to the LPN to RN program of study.
2. Applicants seeking admission with advanced standing must:
 - a. Meet admission requirements for all nursing applicants.
 - b. Achieve a grade of at least a “C” and/or 76% on required Nursing Challenge examinations if out of a registered nurse program more than one year but less than three years (readmission and transfer nursing students).
 - c. Validate selected nursing skills.

- d. Abide by an admission contract, if applicable, which may specify one or more required activities.
 - e. Meet with the Division Chair and/or Nursing Admissions Committee for a personal interview and update on program requirements.
3. Readmission nursing students – additional admission criteria include:
- a. Submit a letter of petition to the Nursing Admissions Committee to be considered for reinstatement into the nursing program. This letter must explain why the student failed to progress in the nursing program and what has been done to remedy the situation.
 - b. A student may only be readmitted to the nursing program one time.
4. Transfer students from another nursing program—additional admission criteria include:
- a. Meet Pikeville College requirements for transfer applicants and transfer credit.
 - b. Transcript evaluation for nursing course equivalency.
 - c. Two letters of reference, one of which must be from the applicant's former nursing program.
5. LPN to RN Applicants – additional admission criteria include:
- a. Valid practical nurse license.
 - b. Minimum of one year of clinical experience as an LPN within the last three years.
 - c. Grade of “C” or better in prerequisite LPN to RN program support courses with “C” grade or better. These courses include ENG 111, ENG 112, PSY 110, PSY 215, BIO 171 and BIO 172 allowing 20 hours of support course credit.
 - d. Grade of “C” or better and/or 76% on required Nursing Challenge examinations, allowing 13 hours of nursing credit.
 - e. Grade of “C” or better in NUR 130 received within the last two years, allowing three hours of nursing credit.
 - f. Completion of all LPN to RN admission criteria, allowing 16 hours of nursing credit (see 5d & 5e above), a minimum of 20 hours of support course credit, and eligibility for advanced standing placement in Semester III of the nursing curriculum.

Application Procedure

- 1. Submit to the Pikeville College Admissions Office by the respective March 1 or October 1 deadline:
 - a. Application for admission to Pikeville College (complete a new application if out of PC for a semester or more).

- b. Application for admission to the nursing program (complete a new application for each March 1 or October 1 admission deadline).
 - c. Official transcript with high school graduation date or passing GED score.
 - d. Official transcripts from ALL colleges, universities, and/or vocational schools attended.
 - e. Official ACT scores, with the required ACT from within the last five years.
 - f. Results of the NET, with a maximum of two attempts to achieve a 50% composite score.
2. The NET is administered for a fee in the Division of Nursing on selected dates. Contact the Division of Nursing or visit www.pc.edu for the NET application form and testing dates.
 3. After selection of applicants into the nursing program, if vacancies exist, the Nursing Admissions Committee may extend the deadline for applications.
 4. If an applicant is not admitted to the nursing program in fall semester but wishes to be an applicant in the spring semester of the fall-spring admission year, the applicant must complete a new Pikeville College application (if not a current student), complete a new nursing program application, and update one's records in the Admissions Office.
 5. If an applicant is not admitted to the nursing program in either fall or spring but wishes to be an applicant for the next academic year, the applicant must complete a new Pikeville College application (if not a current student), complete a new nursing program application, retake the NET, and update one's records in the Admissions Office.

Nursing Curriculum: Non-LPN students

I.	General Studies Requirements.....	18 hours
	ENG 111 Composition I	
	<i>or</i>	
	ENG 114 Honors Composition I.....	3
	ENG 112 Composition II	
	<i>or</i>	
	ENG 115 Honors Composition II	3
	PSY 110 General Psychology	3
	PSY 215 Lifespan Development	3
	REL 213 Old Testament Introduction	
	<i>or</i>	
	REL 214 New Testament Introduction.....	3
	Elective Restricted Elective (<i>Choose One</i>)	
	SOC 119 Introduction to Sociology	3

	SOC 229 The Family.....	3
	REL 230 World's Great Living Religions.....	3
	SPN 111 Elementary Spanish I.....	3
II.	Nursing Requirements	40 hours
	NUR 110 Fundamentals of Nursing I	8
	NUR 120 Fundamentals of Nursing II.....	4
	NUR 125 Family Nursing	4
	NUR 130 LPN to RN Transition (for LPNs only).....	(3)
	NUR 200 Pharmacology in Nursing.....	2
	NUR 230 Nursing Across the Lifespan I	8
	NUR 240 Nursing Across the Lifespan II.....	8
	NUR 245 Mental Health Nursing.....	4
	NUR 246 Professional Transitions	2
III.	Related Course Requirements	12 hours
	BIO 171 Anatomy & Physiology I.....	4
	BIO 172 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
	BIO 273 Microbiology w/lab.....	4

LPN to RN Program of Study

The LPN must meet admission criteria for the LPN to RN program of study and successfully complete the following prerequisite coursework (see Section I and II below) to earn 36 credit hours and be eligible for advanced standing to Semester III of the nursing curriculum.

I.	Pre-requisite General Studies and Related Requirements	20 hours
	ENG 111 Composition I	
	<i>or</i>	
	ENG 114 Honors Composition I.....	3
	ENG 112 Composition II	
	<i>or</i>	
	ENG 115 Honors Composition II	3
	PSY 110 General Psychology.....	3
	PSY 215 Lifespan Development	3
	BIO 171 Anatomy & Physiology I.....	4
	BIO 172 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
II.	Pre-requisite Nursing Courses	16 hours
	Nursing Challenge Exams	13
	NUR 130 LPN to RN Transition.....	3

Upon successful completion of Section I and II prerequisite coursework, the following LPN to RN curriculum can be completed in two semesters of full-time study.

III.	General Studies and Related Requirements	10 hours
	BIO 273 Microbiology w/lab.....	4
	REL 213 Old Testament Introduction	
	<i>or</i>	

REL 214	New Testament Introduction.....	3
Elective	Restricted Elective (<i>Choose One</i>)	
	SOC 119 Introduction to Sociology	3
	SOC 229 The Family.....	3
	REL 230 World's Great Living Religions.....	3
	SPN 111 Elementary Spanish I.....	3
IV.	Nursing Requirements.....	24 hours
NUR 200	Pharmacology in Nursing.....	2
NUR 230	Nursing Across the Lifespan I	8
NUR 240	Nursing Across the Life span II.....	8
NUR 245	Mental Health Nursing.....	4
NUR 246	Professional Transitions	2

NOTE: All students who are admitted into the Program have additional mandatory costs for uniforms, liability insurance, CPR certification, health examination, TB skin test (or if applicable, a chest X-ray), immunity to MMR, Hepatitis B, and Varicella (chicken pox), skills laboratory kits, Courtnet checks, licensure and NCLEX applications, and standardized testing, if repeated testing is needed. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to meet all course-related requirements. A detailed list of costs is available from the Division of Nursing.

Nursing courses are open only to students admitted into the nursing program. Exceptions may apply for NUR 200, Pharmacology in Nursing.

Some clinical affiliating agencies require a criminal background check of nursing students. These agencies have the right to deny a student's clinical placement at their facility if the student has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor. Should this situation occur, the Division of Nursing does not guarantee the student's placement at an alternate clinical site and the student may need to withdraw from the program.

An applicant for RN licensure must submit a criminal background check to the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN). KBN has the power to delay or deny a nursing graduate the right to take the NCLEX-RN if the applicant for licensure has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor which bears directly on the qualifications of the applicant to practice nursing.

Progression in the nursing program is dependent upon submission or completion of required activities by publicized deadline dates, adherence to nursing program policies as stated in the Nursing Student Handbook (available upon admission or by request) and course syllabi, minimum standardized testing scores, completion of required remediation, "C" or higher grade in pre- and corequisite courses, "C" or higher grade in the theory portion of nursing courses, and final "Satisfactory" rating in the clinical portion of nursing courses.

Nursing Course Descriptions

Credit hour definition: 1 semester credit hour = 1 clock hour of lecture or 3 clock hours of clinical/skills laboratory.

NUR 110 Fundamentals of Nursing I(8)

An introduction to nursing concepts and principles, the nursing process and clinical decision-making. Basic patient care skills, therapeutic communication and physical assessment are emphasized in the care of patients across the life span. Emphasis also is placed on principles of healthy nutrition and basic pharmacologic principles and dosage calculations for beginning administration of medications. Six hours of lecture and six hours of clinical experience per week. *Corequisites: BIO 171 or BIO 172, ENG 111 or ENG 114, and PSY 110.*

NUR 120 Fundamentals of Nursing II(4)

A continuation of NUR 110, Fundamentals of Nursing II emphasizes advanced patient care skills and provides an opportunity for the student to continue to develop nursing process, communication, and assessment skills for clients across the lifespan. Two hours of lecture per week and six hours of clinical experience per week. *Prerequisites: BIO 171 or BIO 172, ENG 111 or ENG 114, PSY 110, and NUR 110; Corequisites: BIO 171 or BIO 172, ENG 112 or ENG 115, PSY 215, and NUR 125.*

NUR 125 Family Nursing(4)

Introduction to nursing care of women and newborns, within a family experiencing pregnancy and birth. Emphasis is placed upon wellness, prevention, health maintenance, and health restoration. Practical experience is provided in community and acute care settings. Three hours of lecture and three hours of clinical experience per week. *Prerequisites: BIO 171 or BIO 172, ENG 111 or ENG 114, PSY 110, and NUR 110; Corequisites: BIO 171 or 172, ENG 112 or ENG 115, PSY 215, and NUR 120.*

NUR 130 LPN to RN Transition (for LPNs only)(3)

Course addresses those factors which facilitate the transition of the LPN to the RN student role. Student time is divided between classroom seminar, independent study, and clinical/skills laboratory to review theory, processes, and skills. Validation of nursing skills may take place in a clinical setting under direct faculty supervision. Emphasis is placed upon therapeutic communication, nursing process, functional health patterns, assessment skills, and advanced nursing skills. *Prerequisites: BIO 171, BIO 172, ENG 111 or ENG 114, ENG 112 or ENG 115, PSY 110, PSY 215, and completion of required Nursing Challenge examinations.*

NUR 200 Pharmacology in Nursing.....(2)

An examination of the clinical application of drugs as they relate to patients across the lifespan who are experiencing acute and chronic health problems. Emphasis is placed on drug classifications and health maintenance and management of patients as recipients of pharmacotherapy. Two hours of lecture per week. *Prerequisites: PSY 215, BIO 171, BIO 172, ENG 112 or ENG 115, NUR 120, and NUR 125. Corequisites: BIO 273, REL 213 or 214, and NUR 230.*

NUR 230 Nursing Across the Lifespan I(8)

Introduction of knowledge basic to the nursing care of patients across the lifespan who are experiencing actual or potential health problems. Practical experience is provided in a variety of community and acute care settings. Five hours of lecture and

nine hours of clinical experience per week. *Prerequisites: PSY 215, BIO 171, BIO 172, ENG 112 or ENG 115, NUR 120, and NUR 125. Corequisites: BIO 273, REL 213 or REL 214, and NUR 200.*

NUR 240 Nursing Across the Lifespan II.....(8)

A continuation of the study of the nursing care of patients across the lifespan begun in NUR 230. Five hours of lecture and nine hours of clinical experience per week. *Prerequisites: NUR 200 and NUR 230; Corequisites: NUR 245, NUR 246, and restricted elective (choose one): SOC 119, SOC 229, REL 230, or SPN 111.*

NUR 245 Mental Health Nursing.....(4)

Introduction to the concepts of mental health nursing of patients across the lifespan. Wellness, prevention, health maintenance and health restoration are emphasized. Three hours of lecture and three hours of clinical experience per week. *Prerequisites: NUR 200 and NUR 230. Corequisites: NUR 240, NUR 246, and restricted elective (choose one): SOC 119, SOC 229, REL 230, or SPN 111.*

NUR 246 Professional Transitions.....(2)

Course addresses those factors which facilitate the transition from nursing student to RN. Seminar aspects of the course review the historical, political, social, and legal framework of health care delivery and nursing practice. One hour of lecture and three hours of clinical experience per week. *Prerequisites: NUR 200 and NUR 230; Corequisites: NUR 240, NUR 245, and restricted elective (choose one): SOC 119, SOC 229, REL 230, or SPN 111.*

NUR 290 Directed Individual Readings.....(1)

Study of selected nursing topic(s) of particular interest. Topic(s) may be proposed by the student or faculty. This course may be taken more than once if different topics are chosen for a total of 2 credits. *Prerequisites: Eight (8) hours of nursing and approval of Division Chair and supervising faculty.*