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Mission Statement

St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences pursues excellence in nursing and health science education in a personalized Christian environment by preparing students to be competent, caring professional nurses and health care providers.

Vision Statement

Based on Christian values, the St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences pursues excellence by:

- Preparing professionals capable of serving diverse populations in a variety of healthcare settings;
- Providing a clinical and theoretical foundation for lifelong pursuit of advanced degrees, involvement in professional organizations, and scholarly activities.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

(Accredited by National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission)

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences offers a Registered Nurse Degree Completion Program (Junior-Senior level) leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The R.N.-to-B.S.N. program is a web-based, accelerated program. Degree candidates must be registered nurse graduates of an associate degree or diploma program. All degree candidates are required to complete general education requirements as well as the major requirements listed below. **Note:** An associate degree in a professional program (such as A.A.S.N. or A.S.N.) does not satisfy the general education requirements.

BSN Requirements (128 hours)

Students completing the RN-BSN Completion Program must meet all general education and graduation requirements of the University.

Program Requirements (24 hours)

BIO 2204	Anatomy and Physiology I*	4 hours
BIO 2213	Microbiology*	3 hours
BIO/ATH/HPE 2243	Nutrition	3 hours
BIO 3304	Anatomy and Physiology II*	4 hours
BIO 4404	Pathophysiology	4 hours

PSY 3063	Growth and Development.....	3 hours
PSY 3243	Statistics	3 hours

BSN Major Requirements (35 hours)

NUR 3202	Foundations of Learning.....	2 hours
NUR 3303	Health Assessment.....	3 hours
NUR 3373	Professional Nursing Practice.....	3 hours
NUR 3383	Gerontological Nursing	3 hours
NUR 3393	Transcultural Nursing [#]	3 hours
NUR 3453	Spirituality in Nursing Practice**.....	3 hours
NUR 3563	Health Care Informatics.....	3 hours
NUR 4404	Community Health.....	4 hours
NUR 4434	Nursing Administration and Leadership	4 hours
NUR 4344	Theories and Research.....	4 hours
NUR 4441	Capstone	1 hour
Nursing Electives (3 hours)		

* Biology courses will satisfy the general education life science requirement.

Approved general education alternative course

** Approved alternative for SPF 2012

Lower Division Nursing (30 credit hours)

Thirty hours of lower division credit will be awarded toward the major requirements for students from an NLNAC accredited Associate of Science in Nursing or Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program. These hours will only be credited toward the BSN degree. Students from diploma programs will be considered for admission.

Admission Policy, BSN

In addition to admission to the University, all upper division degree-seeking students must formally apply for admission to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences undergraduate BSN degree program. Applicants must complete the following for acceptance into the BSN degree program.

All Applicants Must Comply with the Following:

- All general education and graduation requirements (except the Spiritual Formation and Cultural Studies courses, which are offered in the BSN program) must be successfully completed before enrolling in a BSN NUR course.

Students Applying to the BSN Program

- Complete an application packet for the BSN program. Applicants who have attended SBU in the past but have a break of one year or longer in enrollment must reapply to SBU.
- Provide a copy of current RN license and official transcripts of all college and nursing courses.
- Unlicensed new graduates must provide an anticipated date for taking NCLEX-RN. Following successful completion of the NCLEX-RN examination, a copy of the license must be provided.
- If licensed in another state, but not in Missouri, provide documentation that the licensure by endorsement process has been started with the Missouri Board of Nursing, as well as the anticipated date of receiving licensure in Missouri.

Dual-Enrolled Students

- ASN students may take designated BSN courses during the ASN program with permission of their ASN advisor and the director of the BSN program.
- Dually enrolled students in the ASN and BSN programs of St. John's College of Nursing must apply for admission to the BSN program the first semester after graduation from the ASN program. They must complete an application form and the BSN profile, provide official college transcripts for any college credit not already recorded by SBU, and provide an anticipated date for taking NCLEX-RN.

All Applicants Must Comply with the Following:

Admission conference with a member of the BSN faculty (may be done by distance communication)

These records and/or requirements must be submitted:

- Current RN license in state of residence/employment
- Current CPR certification
- Photo ID/driver's license
- SBU Name Tag Request Form
- Current auto insurance in state of residence/employment

- Current nursing liability/malpractice insurance

Verification of nursing liability (malpractice) insurance and automobile insurance is needed while enrolled in the BSN program, to protect the student and the University when the student is serving in a nursing capacity for any school-related project or fulfilling required clinical hours.

All admissions are provisional until the required information is received. Admission criteria subject to change.

Clinical Course Requirements

- When entering into a course that has a clinical component, additional requirements apply due to the requirements of clinical agencies or course faculty. These requirements must be completed prior to enrollment in a class with a clinical component. Failure to provide the information will result in the student not being allowed to enroll in the clinical course.
- A student must have a current R.N. license to enroll in designated BSN courses (see course descriptions).

BSN Program Educational Outcomes/Competencies

1. Critically examines processes used in gathering data in order to evaluate decisions and conclusions drawn from the data.
2. Initiates, participates in and evaluates effective communication processes in professional practice.
3. Facilitates and directs nursing care through intervention, consultation and collaboration.
4. Accepts accountability for delivering value-based nursing services and empowers participants across the healthcare continuum.
5. Integrates Christian discipleship to direct, inform and guide professional nursing practice.

Graduation Policy, BSN

All degree candidates must meet the graduation requirements of the University. Students must earn a "C" or better in all major courses including all nursing courses and departmental courses required for the major (BIO 4404 and PSY 3243). For graduation, students must have an overall 2.00 GPA. Participation in outcome assessment activities including standardized testing is a graduation requirement.

Associate of Science in Nursing **(Accredited by National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission)**

Southwest Baptist University in joint sponsorship with St. John's Health System offers a 2-year nursing program leading to the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree. Graduates of the ASN program meet the requirements for the licensure examination to become registered nurses (NCLEX-RN). **Graduation from this program does not guarantee licensure as an RN.** This program is offered at Southwest Baptist University-Springfield. The graduate of the ASN program enters the health care environment as a nurse generalist prepared to practice in settings where policies and procedures are established and guidance is available. The graduate is prepared to care for individual clients within the context of their families and communities. Graduates have experience in providing care for clients across the life span and health continuum. Students may progress from the ASN program to the BSN program.

Admission to the ASN Program

1. The student must be admitted to Southwest Baptist University (SBU). **Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to the ASN program.** A separate application process to the ASN program is required.
2. In addition, to be considered for admission to the ASN program, the following must be met:
 - a. College Chemistry (4 credit hours), Anatomy and Physiology (8 credit hours total), and Microbiology (3 credit hours) are required prerequisites for all ASN students. Microbiology and anatomy and physiology courses must be completed within 5 years prior to admission to the program.
 - b. Based on transcript and ACT score evaluation, these foundational courses may be required:
 - (1) MAT 0123 Intermediate Algebra
 - (2) BIO 1004 Principles of Biology
 - c. Prior college credit:
 - (1) Minimum of C in all courses required for the ASN program.
 - (2) Minimum of 2.50 cumulative GPA in all college courses.
 - (3) Minimum of 2.70 cumulative GPA in all science courses required for the ASN program.
 - (4) If repeating any course required for the ASN program, course must be completed with a grade of C or better before applying to the ASN program.
3. Pass the admission test(s) with acceptable scores.
4. **ASN application deadlines** are:

Consideration for Fall (August): January 30 deadline of same year
 Consideration for Spring (January): August 15 deadline of previous year

Acceptance into the nursing program is based on satisfactory completion of the admission criteria and space available. When applicants meet minimum qualifications, admission decisions will be made based on such factors as GPA, admission test scores, grades in science courses, recommendations, and interactions with faculty and staff. Interviews may be required. Special consideration will be given to students enrolled at SBU, students who have completed their science courses at SBU, and employees of St. John's Health System.

Paramedics with a Missouri license may apply for advanced placement after meeting admission criteria for the ASN program and successfully completing the placement exam with an acceptable score. Then, after successful completion of NUR 1104, the paramedic will be eligible to progress to NUR 2005 and NUR 2004.

LPN's with a Missouri license may apply for advanced placement after meeting admission criteria for SBU and the ASN program, successfully completing the placement exam with an acceptable score, and obtaining IV certification. After successful completion of NUR 2002, the LPN may progress to NUR 2005 and NUR 2004.

Admission to the ASN program is contingent upon an acceptable background check and drug screen. Admission criteria subject to change.

Functional Abilities Necessary for Participation in the Nursing Program

The ASN Program prepares the student for a nurse generalist role. Functional abilities to meet this role include cognitive, sensory/perceptual, psychosocial/emotional and physical principal capabilities to provide safe care to individuals or groups of individuals.

1. COGNITIVE REQUIREMENT	
ACADEMIC STANDARD	FUNCTIONAL ABILITY
Comprehension and application of information and ability to assimilate it with new and previous learning to form new understandings.	Meet admission requirements for SBU and for the ASN program, including all standardized and other required admission, ability, performance, or aptitude assessments.
2. SENSORY/PERCEPTUAL REQUIREMENT	FUNCTIONAL ABILITY
a. VISION STANDARD	
Visual acuity sufficient to observe, read or otherwise accurately interpret visual stimuli or obtain and record client information or provide safe environment and emergency response to situations. Common aids to correct vision may be applied.	To include reading small print, charts, orders, medication labels, ampules, vials, syringes, technological tools and monitoring equipment. Vision should be sufficient for accurate assessment of clients by using visual inspection to implement appropriate interventions. This includes the ability to recognize emergency lights and/or equipment functions/alerts, clarity of medications or other situations necessary for client safety.
b. AUDITORY, SMELL, SPEECH STANDARD	FUNCTIONAL ABILITY
The sense of hearing and smell necessary to discriminate and assign meaning to sensory input. To communicate and obtain oral communication sufficient to be understood clearly by others.	To make oral communication with clients, to elicit information, respond to emergency and alert sounds and odors and utilize equipment that may need to be placed in both ears to hear faint sounds, tones and make rhythm interpretation.
3. PSYCHOSOCIAL REQUIREMENT	FUNCTIONAL ABILITY
INTERPERSONAL STANDARD	
Psychosocial skills and emotional stability and sensitivity sufficient to maintain a cooperative atmosphere among other health care persons and clients and families. The student must also have the ability to respond to a variety of clinical situations with therapeutic interpersonal techniques.	Establish and maintain relationships. Possess the ability to function and respond appropriately, without undue anxiety, in a variety of stressful situations, including emergencies and rapidly changing crisis situations.

4. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT	FUNCTIONAL ABILITY
PSYCHOMOTOR STANDARD	
To obtain and maintain complete bilateral body motor coordination, strength, flexibility, dexterity and balance as well as sensory capabilities sufficient for safe and accurate assessment and performance of client care.	Adhere to infection control standards; provide direct client care, including walking, lifting, turning, moving clients safely during care and in activities of daily living and in emergent situations including CPR. The ability to manipulate technological and monitoring equipment and recognition of changes in tactile assessment is necessary.

ASN Program Educational Outcomes/Competencies

1. Communication – formulate effective communication when interacting with patients, families and other healthcare team members.
2. Nursing Interventions – select safe, quality nursing interventions for implementation within a framework of scientific evidence.
3. Professionalism – integrate professional nurse's roles and responsibilities in creating a safe system for delivery of quality patient-centered care.
4. Clinical Judgment – evaluate clinical data and practices that promote delivery of safe, quality care that is patient centered.
5. Christian Discipleship – incorporate Christian beliefs and behaviors into the delivery of patient-centered nursing care.

Major - A.S.N. Degree (72 hours including prerequisites)

Students completing the ASN program must meet these prerequisites with a minimum of a C in all courses:

BIO 2204	Human Anatomy and Physiology I ⁺⁻	4 hours
BIO 3304	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ⁻	4 hours
CHE 1104	Principles of Chemistry ^{#+}	4 hours
BIO 2213	Introduction to Microbiology ⁻	3 hours

Students completing the ASN program must meet the following graduation and program requirements:

BIB 1013	Old Testament History ^{**}	3 hours
BIB 1023	New Testament History ^{**}	3 hours
BIO/ATH 2243	Nutrition	3 hours
CIS 1103	Introduction to Computing [#]	3 hours
ENG 1113	English Composition I [#]	3 hours
NUR 1006	Fundamental Concepts of Nursing	6 hours
NUR 1023	Pharmacology for Nursing	3 hours
NUR 1135	Nursing Interventions I	5 hours
NUR 1134	Nursing Interventions I - Clinical	4 hours
NUR 2005	Nursing Interventions II	5 hours
NUR 2004	Nursing Interventions II - Clinical	4 hours
NUR 2124	Nursing Interventions III	4 hours
NUR 2135	Nursing Role Integration	5 hours
PSY 1013	General Psychology	3 hours
PSY 3063	Human Growth and Development	3 hours

Licensed Practical Nurses and Paramedics completing the ASN program must meet these graduation and program requirements:

BIB 1013	Old Testament History ^{**}	3 hours
BIB 1023	New Testament History ^{**}	3 hours
BIO/ATH 2243	Nutrition	3 hours
CIS 1103	Introduction to Computing [#]	3 hours
ENG 1113	English Composition I [#]	3 hours
Either:		
NUR 1104	Paramedic/Advanced Placement Bridge (for Paramedics)	4 hours
or		
NUR 2002	LPN Bridge (for LPNs)	2 hours
NUR 2005	Nursing Interventions II	5 hours
NUR 2004	Nursing Interventions II - Clinical	4 hours
NUR 2124	Nursing Interventions III	4 hours

NUR 2135	Nursing Role Integration	5 hours
PSY 1013	General Psychology	3 hours
PSY 3063	Human Growth and Development	3 hours

- ** Graduation requirement
- # General education requirement
- + Must satisfy course prerequisites if minimum ACT scores not met
- ~ Completed within 5 years prior to ASN program entry

NOTE: Students are required to take nationally normed tests throughout the curriculum and to make satisfactory scores on such tests. During the fourth semester of nursing courses, students may be required to take a comprehensive exit exam. If satisfactory scores are not achieved on these tests, repeat testing and remediation may be required with an additional fee before progressing and/or taking the licensing exam.

NOTE: Students with college degrees that satisfy the university's general education requirements must still complete the following general education requirements if they were not part of the previous college degree: CHE 1104 Principles of Chemistry and CIS 1103 Introduction to Computing.

Emergency Medical Technology-Basic A.A.S. Degree (67 hours)

Those having already completed emergency medical training will be admitted to the Associate of Applied Science program on the basis of a current state-issued emergency medical license. The Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Medical Technology is offered in conjunction with Southwest Missouri Emergency Medical Services and Missouri Paramedical Program through St. John's Regional Health Center. Credit is granted for EMT courses upon completion of Southwest Baptist University requirements. **Contact the Springfield Campus for details.**

General Education	21 hours
Graduation Requirements	10 hours
Emergency Medical Courses (36 hours)	
Emergency Medical Training Basic	9 hours
Liberal Arts Core*	27 hours

* At least 18 hours of these must be taken from one of the following three fields: humanities, social science or science/mathematics.

Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedical (A.A.S. Degree) 67 hours

Those having already completed paramedical training will be admitted to the Associate of Applied Science program on the basis of a current state-issued paramedical license. The Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedical is offered in conjunction with Southwest Missouri Emergency Medical Services and Missouri Paramedical Program through St. John's Regional Health Center. Credit is granted for EMT courses upon completion of Southwest Baptist University requirements. **Contact the Springfield Campus for details.**

General Education	21 hours
Graduation Requirements	10 hours
Emergency Medical-Paramedical Core Courses	36 hours

Associate of Science in Health Sciences (68-72 hours)

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences offers courses leading to the Associate of Science in Health Sciences. The program is web-based with a number of online courses. All degree candidates are required to complete general education requirements as well as the major requirements listed below. **Note:** An associate degree in a professional program (such as A.A.S.N. or A.S.N.) does not satisfy the general education requirements.

Health Sciences Major Requirements (16 hours)		
BIO 2204	Anatomy and Physiology I	4 hours
BIO 2213	Microbiology	3 hours
BIO/HPE 2243	Nutrition	3 hours
BIO 3304	Anatomy and Physiology II	4 hours

HSC 1002 Medical Terminology	2 hours
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Health Science Electives

Credit will be awarded toward the major requirements for students from an accredited professional program. These hours will only be credited toward the Associate of Science in Health Sciences degree. Transfer credits will be given for applicable coursework from such fields as radiology, dental hygiene, pharmacy technology, surgical technology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, emergency medical technology, among others. Transcripts will be evaluated on an individual basis for transfer credit.

Admission Policy, A.S. in Health Sciences

In addition to admission to the University, all health sciences degree-seeking students must formally apply for admission to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences undergraduate Associate of Science in Health Sciences degree program. Applicants must complete an application packet for the program and provide a copy of current professional license or certificate, if applicable, and official transcripts of all college courses. Admission conference with a member of the Health Sciences faculty is required.

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (128 hours)

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences offers courses leading to the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. Many of the courses in the major are web-based. All degree candidates are required to complete general education requirements as well as the major requirements listed below. **Note:** An associate degree in a professional program (such as A.A.S.N. or A.S.N.) does not satisfy the general education requirements.

Program Requirements (14 hours)

BIO 2204 Anatomy and Physiology I	4 hours
BIO 2213 Microbiology	3 hours
BIO/HPE 2243 Nutrition.....	3 hours
BIO 3304 Anatomy and Physiology II	4 hours

Health Sciences Major Requirements (32-40 hours)

HSC/NUR 1002 Medical Terminology	2 hours
HSC 3202 Foundations of Learning.....	2 hours
HSC 3563 Health Care Informatics.....	3 hours
HSC 3013 Organization and Delivery of Health Care	3 hours
HSC 3003 Legal and Ethical Issues for Health Professionals	3 hours
HSC 4023 Health Care Finance	3 hours
PSY 3243 <i>or</i> BUS 2023 Statistics.....	3 hours
BIO 4404 Pathophysiology	4 hours
HSC/NUR 4434 Administration and Leadership.....	4 hours
HSC/NUR 4344 Theories and Research.....	4 hours
HSC ____ Upper Division Electives.....	4-12 hours

*Must achieve a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division credit

Health Science Electives

Credit will be awarded toward the major requirements for students from an accredited professional program. These hours will only be credited toward the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree. Transfer credits will be given for applicable coursework from such fields as radiology, dental hygiene, pharmacy technology, surgical technology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, emergency medical technology, among others.

Admission Policy, BS in Health Sciences

In addition to admission to the University, all health sciences degree-seeking students must formally apply for admission to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree program. Applicants must complete an application packet for the program and provide a copy of current professional license or certificate, if applicable, and official transcripts of all college courses. Admission conference with a member of the Health Sciences faculty is required.

BS in Health Sciences Program Educational Outcomes/Competencies

Graduates of the *Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Program* will be able to:

1. Communicate effectively in multiple settings with diverse health care stakeholders.
2. Use a Christian worldview to guide professional practice in health care.
3. Make decisions based on Christian values and a critical examination of evidence.
4. Apply collaborative leadership skills to service in health care systems.

5. Plan, implement and evaluate health care services in diverse populations.
6. Analyze legal, financial, ethical, cultural, social, religious, ethnic and political issues pertaining to health care in a global context.

Graduation Policy, AS and/or BS in Health Sciences

All degree candidates must meet the graduation requirements of the University. For graduation, students must have an overall 2.00 GPA. Participation in outcome assessment activities is a graduation requirement. Failure to do so will result in withholding diploma until these are completed.