

Accelerated BSN Sequence

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Overview

- Second degree program designed for those with a prior, non-nursing bachelor's degree
 - Kent Campus program
- ACCELERATED
 - Full-time, intensive program
 - 100% attendance is expected
- Enrollment Options
 - Daytime Cohort
 - Evening/Weekend Cohort (Summa)
 - Weekend Cohort (Cleveland)
- Highly competitive admission process
- 2-step application process
- Estimation of program costs

Enrollment Options

Daytime Cohort

- Four semester curriculum (15 months)
- Admits Fall, Spring, and Summer
 - Available seats vary by term (24-32)
- General Course Schedule
 - Class: Kent Campus, one to three days Monday-Friday anytime between 8am-6pm
 - Clinical: One or two days per week either Monday-Saturday between the hours of 7am-5:30pm
 - Diverse sites within an hour's radius of the Kent Campus
 - Up to three clinicals in the same term
 - Up to two clinicals during the same half of the term

*There is only *one* ABSN application per term. The Fall application requests for applicants to indicate their cohort preference (i.e. Daytime v. Weekend) and if they would accept a seat in either cohort if the opportunity became available.

- 200+ agencies in NE Ohio
 - Akron Children's Hospital
 - Akron General Medical Center
 - Cleveland Clinic Foundation
 - MetroHealth System
 - Rainbow Babies
 - Robinson Memorial
 - Summa Health System
 - University Hospitals
 - Western Reserve Hospital

Enrollment Options

Weekend Cohort (Cleveland)

- Five semester curriculum (18 months)
- Admits every other Fall - odd years
 - Fall 2019, Fall 2021
 - 16 students*
- *General Course Schedule*
 - Class: Friday between the hours of 5-9pm at a Cleveland facility in addition to class/lab on Saturday and/or Sunday at various sites/times
 - Clinical: Saturday and/or Sunday between hours of 7am-5:30pm primarily at a Cleveland facility – University Hospitals; Cleveland Clinic
 - Required to come to the Kent Campus several times throughout the term (particularly during the first semester)
 - *Note: Fourth and fifth semesters will require a weekday clinical*

* Available seats may vary

Enrollment Options

Evening/Weekend Cohort (Summa)

- Five semester curriculum (18 months)
- Admits every other Fall, even years
 - Fall 2020, Fall 2022
 - 16 students*
- *General Course Schedule*
 - Class: Monday and Wednesday evenings between the hours of 5-9pm at the Kent Campus
 - Clinical: Saturday and/or Sunday between the hours of 7am-5:30pm primarily at Summa (Akron City)
 - *Note: Fourth and fifth semesters will require a weekday clinical*

* Available seats may vary

Accelerated BSN Curriculum

Program Prerequisites

- Baccalaureate Degree
- Science GPA Prereqs – Minimum grade of “C” in each
 - Anatomy & Physiology (8 credit hours) (lab required)
 - BSCI 21010 & BSCI 21020: Anatomy and Physiology I & II
 - or BSCI 20020 & BSCI 30030: Biological Structure and Function & Human Physiology
 - Chemistry Elective (3 credit hours) (no lab required)
 - CHEM 10050: Fundamentals of Chemistry
 - or CHEM 10055: Molecules for Life
 - or CHEM 10060: General Chemistry I
 - Microbiology (3 credit hours) (no lab required)
 - BSCI 20021: Basic Microbiology
 - or BSCI 30171: General Microbiology
- Math Elective (3-5 credit hours) – Minimum grade of “C”
 - College Algebra course *or higher-level, algebra-based* course
 - MATH 11009: Modeling Algebra (4) or MATH 10772 Modeling Algebra Plus (5)
 - or MATH 11010: Algebra for Calculus (3)

You may be in progress with the prerequisites during the ABSN application window. Preference is given to applicants who have their first degree and our five prerequisite courses completed by the ABSN application deadline.

Nursing Major Requirements (“Blue Courses”)

- BSCI 30050: Human Genetics (*Minimum grade: C*)
 - or BSCI 30156: Elements of Genetics
- NURS 20950: Human Growth and Development (*Minimum grade: C*)
- NUTR 23511: Science of Human Nutrition
- Statistics Elective (*Minimum grade: C*)
 - Application of Statistical Findings for Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing (NURS 31010)
 - Quantitative Methods in Psychology (PSYC 21621)
 - Introductory Statistics (MATH 10041)
 - Introductory Biostatistics (PH 30002)

Preference is given to applicants who have these completed and/or will finish them prior to starting the ABSN sequence. Any incomplete upon ABSN admission must be completed during the ABSN sequence.

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Additional Graduation Requirements

- PSYC 11762: General Psychology
- SOC 12050: Introduction to Sociology
- Global Diversity Elective
 - www.kent.edu/catalog
 - Course Information
 - » Diversity Course Requirement
 - » Global Diversity Focus

Need credit for intro to PSYC, SOC and/or College Algebra?

Consider [CLEP](#) as a cost-effective method to earn college credit for those requirements

Any incomplete upon ABSN admission must be completed during the ABSN sequence.

Admissions Process/Evaluation

Effective Spring 2019



- ✓ Kent State University Admission
 - Must be accepted to the University before ABSN application deadline
 - Verify prior bachelor's degree
- ✓ 2.75 Minimum Cumulative GPA ----- 4pt max
 - All college coursework completed at Regionally Accredited Institution(s); regardless level
- ✓ 2.75 Minimum Prerequisite Science GPA ----- 4pt max
 - Minimum grade of C in each science class
 - Calculated from the grades earned in the prerequisite science courses; best attempts
- ✓ College Algebra
 - Minimum grade of C
- + 1 if all prerequisites are *completed* by the application deadline ----- 1pt
 - Bachelor's degree, Science GPA prerequisites, College Algebra
- +0.5 for any *completed or in-progress* Blue Courses by deadline ----- 2 pt max
 - Human Genetics, Human Growth & Development, Human Nutrition, and/or Statistics
- Total possible admission score ----- **11 points**

Typical Admit

- Highly competitive
 - ABSN Admits GPA
 - Average Cumulative GPA: 3.4-3.5
 - Average Science GPA: 3.5-3.6
 - Anticipated competitive threshold
 - $3.4 \text{ CGPA} + 3.5 \text{ SGPA} + 2 \text{ bonus} = 7.9$
 - Competitiveness varies by semester as Fall typically offers 40 total seats (24 Daytime and 16 Evening and/or Weekend) with 24 seats typically available each Spring and Summer
- Most effective ways to boost your score
 - Secure prerequisite completion point
 - Maximize available blue points
 - Retake core science(s) to boost SGPA
 - We use the best attempt in SGPA calculations

We can *never* guarantee admission to the nursing sequence. Prospective students are encouraged to meet with an ABSN academic advisor early to prepare a competitive while realistic application.

How do I prepare?

- If you wish to get a better idea as to how your courses will transfer, consult the [Kent State Transfer Credit Guide](#).
 - All regionally accredited, collegiate coursework which is not remedial or developmental *will* transfer to KSU; the critical question is *how* it will transfer → KSU TCG
 - Please note that these equivalency tables reflect coursework which has previously been transferred to KSU rather than being exhaustive
 - Equivalencies with an “X” in the number indicate that the matching course receives a *general* equivalency within that department
 - Use the Guide to see how your *previous* work will transfer as well as what you can take elsewhere (*now*) to count toward our prerequisites
- If you desire further clarity than what the Guide provides, you will need to apply and be accepted to Kent State.
 - *After you receive notification that your official transfer evaluation has been completed*, you will then be able to schedule an appointment with an ABSN Academic Advisor to discuss how your credits transferred as it relates to our degree.
 - We will request syllabi for any required courses we feel should be reviewed by our academic department(s) to determine if they would be appropriate substitutes.

Advising appointments are reserved for KSU students.

Kent State University Application

Step One: Apply to KSU – Three Avenues



New Domestic Student

- Undergraduate Admissions
 - <http://www.kent.edu/admissions/apply/undergraduate>
- Post-undergraduate, degree-seeking student
- Submit ALL transcripts
- \$50 application fee

Recommendation: Apply 4-6 weeks before ABSN application deadline

New International Student

- International Admissions, Office of Global Education
 - <http://www.kent.edu/admissions/apply/international/undergraduate>
- Post-undergraduate, degree-seeking student
- Submit ALL transcripts & requested materials
- \$70 application fee

Recommendation: Apply 6-8 weeks before ABSN application deadline

Returning KSU Student

- University Registrar
 - <http://www.kent.edu/registrar/other-requests-and-forms#re>
- Reenroll as a post-undergraduate, degree-seeking student
- Those who have previously attended KSU and have not attended another undergraduate institution since their time at Kent should reenroll

Recommendation: Apply for reenrollment 4-6 weeks before ABSN application deadline

Apply to KSU as a post-undergraduate, degree-seeking student. Request admission as a Nursing major with the Accelerated Second Degree concentration.

Accelerated BSN Application

Step Two: Apply to the College of Nursing



Application Dates

- Summer Semester
 - December 1 to February 1
- Fall Semester
 - April 1 to June 1
- Spring Semester
 - July 1 to September 1

ABSN Application

- www.kent.edu/nursing
 - Academics
 - Accelerated Second Degree Concentration (ABSN)
 - Apply Now

Applicants must be accepted to the university as a post-undergraduate, degree-seeking student

FLASHline credentials are required to create an ABSN application

Being admitted to Kent State as a Nursing major in the Accelerated Second Degree concentration does not mean that you are admitted to the professional nursing sequence. You must submit an ABSN application for the term you intend to begin the ABSN sequence. Official ABSN admission is determined via the ABSN application.

The ABSN application review period lasts four to five weeks.

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ABSN Sequence Program Costs 2017-2018



Requirement	Estimated Costs
Tuition (www.kent.edu/tuition) <i>Based on a 12-18 semester credit hour load. One "academic year" in terms of tuition refers to Fall and Spring tuition. Tuition is rated per-credit-hour during the Summer term.</i>	<i>Ohio Resident per academic year: \$10,012 (\$5,006 per semester)</i> <i>Non-OH Resident per academic year: \$18,544 (\$9,272 per semester)</i> <i>Summer tuition: OH \$456 per hour; Non-OH: \$818 per hour</i>
Semester Fees <i>College of Nursing Fee, Distance Learning Fees, Course Fees, Legal Services Fees, Career Service Fee, etc.</i>	Approximately \$300 per term (\$217-372 per term)
Immunizations*	Per Insurance
CPR* (American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers OR American Red Cross CPR/AED)	Approximately \$70
Stethoscope, Blood Pressure Cuff, Pen Light* (www.mdfedu.com/KSU.html)	Approximately \$100
CastleBranch* (clinical compliance tracker)	\$118
Books	Approximately \$750 per term
Kaplan Testing Fee*	\$660
Uniforms/Scrubs Package*	Approximately \$150

Asterisks (*) indicate one-time expenses to prepare for clinical.
 Refer to "Program Cost Estimation" handout for clearer projection on sequence total.

Funding

- [FAFSA](#)
 - Limited aid available for post-undergraduates
 - 5,500-12,500 per academic year based upon eligibility and degree progress
 - Recommend filling it out for Kent State just in case
- [One Stop for Student Services](#)
 - Kent State's One Stop is the student front for questions related to financial aid, scholarships, billing, and much more
 - Seeking private loans? [FASTChoice](#)
- Hospital Tuition Assistance Program
- Professional Nursing Organizations
- Medical Supply/Pharmaceutical companies
- Government Agencies
 - OBN, Health Resource Services Admin, etc.

Questions?

Please be advised: The information shared during ABSN Information Forums is reflective of what we can project at the time in which the material is presented. It is prospective students' responsibility to regularly check the College of Nursing's website, attend Forums, and maintain semesterly contact with an ABSN advisor to remain informed.

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