



**KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY**

NURSING ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Associate Of Applied Science In Nursing (A.A.S.)

The A.A.S. is a prelicensure program for students who do not hold a registered nurse license. The A.A.S. program prepares students to provide nursing care to individuals, families, groups, and communities. The program also provides a foundation for further study in nursing.

The A.A.S. program offers a traditional two-year plan of study. The plan requires the completion of 75 semester hours of study to fulfill the A.A.S. degree requirements. The liberal arts and general supporting course components focus on the development of critical skills in English composition and mathematics, as well as the acquisition of basic knowledge in the biological, and behavioral sciences. The nursing component of the plan of study focuses on the application of nursing concepts in clinical practice.

Students interested in applying for admission to the A.A.S. program may fulfill the degree requirements for the entire program at Kentucky State University through course offerings in the various Colleges. A student may also transfer courses from an institution that offers comparable prerequisite or non-major courses that are approved by Kentucky State University and the School of Nursing.

All students must satisfactorily complete the minimum semester credit hours delineated in the A.A.S. plan of study, as well as any other requirements established by the School of Nursing, to qualify for degree candidacy. Students must also meet established grade requirements in all major courses for progression in the program. Information on admission, retention, progression, dismissal, or readmission can be found in the A.A.S. Student Handbook on the School of Nursing website. The School of Nursing is responsible for all components of the A.A.S. program, including but not limited to, the selection, supervision, and evaluation of nursing students, and the curriculum. As such, the School of Nursing reserves the right to modify any academic provisions or academic requirements when such action will serve the interest of the client/patient, the nursing program, or its students.

Academic Advising

Kentucky State University students who have declared an interest in the A.A.S. program and transfer students who are offered admission into the A.A.S. program shall be assigned a Nursing faculty advisor who will assist with course and career planning. Mandatory advising is required each academic year as outlined in the A.A.S. Student Handbook.

Applicants with Foreign Education

Applicants to the A.A.S. program whose first language is not English must score at least 550 (paper) or 80 (Internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Registered nurses educated

outside of the United States are required to present verification of having passed the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) examination. In addition, liberal arts and general studies credits earned at institutions of higher learning outside of the U.S. must be evaluated by the World Education Service (WES), Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE), or International Academic Credential Evaluators (IACEI) for determination of transferability prior to submitting an application for admission to the A.A.S. program.

Admission Requirements

Minimally, the following criteria must be met for admissions consideration:

- Admission to Kentucky State University.
- Official transcripts from all schools attended.
- Overall GPA of at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale for all college coursework attempted; and a GPA of at least and a grade of C or better for all prerequisite courses.
- Official report of Assessment Technologies Institute Test of Essentials Academic Skills (ATI TEAS).
- Letter of academic standing on official letterhead from any nursing program in which the prospective nursing student was previously enrolled.
- Science courses less than five (5) years old.
- Completed School of Nursing application.

Applications to the A.A.S. program are accepted for fall admission only. Applications are processed through Nursing CAS, the centralized application service for nursing. All application materials must be received before the May 1st deadline of the year the student desires to enter the A.A.S. program. Applications are not transferrable from year to year. Interested students must reapply annually, by the May 1st submission deadline, for fall admission consideration. Visit www.nursingcas.org (<https://www.nursingcas.org>) to start your application or log into an existing account.

Competitive Selection

A student must earn competitive admission to the School of Nursing once prerequisite course work is complete. Applications are ranked according to qualifiers including GPA and deficits. Deficits are prerequisite courses which are not completed prior to application submission. Due to the competitive nature of the admissions process, deficits can significantly impact one's chances for admission to the nursing major.

Please note that meeting the minimum requirements for admissions consideration does not guarantee admission. Each application is holistically reviewed by faculty who recommend to the administrative corpus the student applicants who appear to be best qualified. A personal interview may be required.

Admission may be offered conditionally based on overall ranking and pending completion of all requirements. Applicants shall be notified in writing of the admissions decision. Visit the School of Nursing website or contact the School of Nursing for more details on admission criteria.

Alcohol and Controlled Substances

The use of alcohol and illegal use of controlled substances, including alcohol, can seriously injure the health of students, impair their performance of their responsibilities, and endanger the safety and well-being of fellow students and members of the general public. Students

who are engaged in clinical work at a practicum site may be required to submit to random tests for illegal use of controlled substances as provided by the law or regulations of the contracting agency. Just cause for student disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, use or unauthorized possession of intoxicants, controlled or illegal substances, or materials dangerous to public health and safety. It is not acceptable to use alcohol or illegal drugs prior to or during class or clinical. Immediate disciplinary action will be taken. Recognizing that substance abuse is a professional hazard, in addition to the Kentucky State University Substance Abuse, Alcohol and Drug Policies, the School of Nursing, has established a substance abuse and drug/alcohol testing policy. This policy applies to all students who have matriculated in the School of Nursing.

Background Check and Drug Testing

Participation in clinical experiences, rotations or fieldwork is a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation. All students will be required to have a background screening and drug test upon admission. If the results of either requirement indicate that the student would not be eligible for placement at the school's practicum agencies, the student's admission will be rescinded. Students may be required to repeat either requirement (i.e., background screening and/or drug testing) should the practicum agency require more frequent monitoring. If at any time during the period of enrollment, the student's background screen or drug test results preclude placement in a practicum agency, the student will be required to withdraw from the program. At the time of application for licensure, students will be required to submit to fingerprinting and criminal background check as a component of the Kentucky Board of Nursing licensure application process.

Technical Standards

Applicants to the School of Nursing are expected to be capable of completing the entire nursing curriculum and of earning an A.A.S. degree. Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. The school's technical standards provide an objective measure on which to base informed decisions about whether individual students will be able to participate in the nursing program. Technical standards also help students determine whether they will need accommodations or modifications in order to participate. Exemplars of technical standards can be found in the A.A.S. Student Handbook available on the School of Nursing webpage. Students with disabilities who believe that they may need assistance in meeting the core performance standards should contact the Kentucky State University Office of Disability Resource Services.

Expenses

Nursing students are charged the same tuition rate and general fees as students enrolled in other University programs. However, students accepted into the nursing major incur additional expenses related to clinical uniform requirements, summative and formative testing, official ceremonial regalia, association membership, and practicum equipment and materials.

Retention, Progression, & Dismissal

Governing policies including policy on admission, retention, progression, dismissal and readmission for the School of Nursing A.A.S. program can be found online in the A.A. S. Student Handbook on the School of Nursing webpage.

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Course	Title	Hours
Term 1 (Fall)		
ALH 205	Dimen. Ana. for Pharm. Calcula	1
BIO 107	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ENG 101	English Comp I	4
MAT 115	College Algebra	3
Hours		12
Term 2 (Spring)		
ALH 210	Term. for Health Care Profess.	2
CHE 209	Survey Gen/Organic/Biochemi	4
PSY 200	General Psychology	3
Hours		9
Term 3 (Fall)		
BIO 108	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
NUR 100A	Basic Pharmacotherapeutics	2
NUR 104A	Health Assessment	3
NUR 105A	Intro to Nursing Practice	3
NUR 105AP	Intro to Nursing Practice Prac	1
Hours		13
Term 4 (Spring)		
BIO 204	Fund of Microbiology	3
NUR 114A	Adult Health I	4
NUR 114AP	Adult Health I Practicum	3
NUR 115A	Behavioral Health	3
NUR 115AP	Behavioral Health Practicum.	2
Hours		15
Term 5 (Fall)		
PSY 223/303	Theor. & Met. in Dev. Psych.	3
NUR 204A	Maternal Newborn Health	3
NUR 204AP	Maternal Newborn Health Practi	2
NUR 205A	Pediatric Health	3
NUR 205AP	Pediatric Health Practicum	2
Hours		13
Term 6 (Spring)		
NUR 214A	Adult Health II	4
NUR 214AP	Adult Health II Inst. Pract.	3
NUR 215A	Synthesis Concept	2
NUR 216A	Professionalism in Nursing	2
Select one of the following: ¹		3
ART 130	Introduction to Art (Select one of the following:)	
MUS 130	Introduction to Music (Select one of the following:)	
THE 130	Introduction to Theatre (Select one of the following:)	
ENG 211	Intro to Literature	
Hours		14
Total Hours		76

¹ Course credit may be earned through testing. ART 130 Introduction to Art, MUS 130 Introduction to Music, THE 130 Introduction to Theatre, ENG 211 Intro to Literature