

PRE-NURSING PLANNING GUIDE

Admission Requirements: Admission is competitive and holistic. A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required to be considered. KU School of Nursing accepts all graded attempts of coursework in GPA calculations; the grade replacement policy is not applied. Students must have a minimum of 58 credit hours completed prior to starting the program. An ideal candidate will have strong written and communication skills, a variety of experiences including healthcare and leadership, and evidence of understanding the field of nursing.

Application Deadline: Priority deadlines are November 1 for fall start and May 1 for spring start. Those who meet priority deadlines will have first consideration for admission and scholarships. They will continue to accept applications until January 15 and June 15, respectively.

More information is available at nursing.kumc.edu and prehealth.ku.edu.

COMMON REQUIREMENTS

*Courses marked with an asterisk have pre-requisites not already listed below. Please see a Pre-Health Academic Advisor for guidance.

- Written Communication I
 - Options at KU: ENGL 101
 - Core 34 ENG
- Written Communication II
 - Options at KU: ENGL 102
 - Core 34 ENG
- Public Speaking
 - Options at KU: COMS 130 or COMS 244
 - Core 34 CMS
 - Notes: KU students who completed 4.2/Global Awareness prior to Fall 2024 may substitute for Ethics.
- Ethics
 - Options at KU: PHIL 160
 - Core 34 AH
- Arts & Humanities
 - Options at KU: Any non-PHIL course that fulfills Core 34 AH
 - Core 34 AH
- Psychology
 - Options at KU: PSYC 104
 - Core 34 SBS
- Sociology
 - Options at KU: SOC 104 or 160
 - Core 34 SBS
- Human or Child Development
 - Options at KU: Human: PSYC/ABSC 250, Child: ABSC 160 or PSYC 333
 - Core 34 SBS
 - Notes: Human Development is required for some other programs.
- College Algebra
 - Options at KU: MATH 101*
 - Core 34 MTS
 - Notes: Eligible students may replace with a higher-level math course, excluding MATH 105.
- Statistics

- Options at KU: MATH 365 or PSYC 210
- Core 34 MTS
- Biology with lab
 - Options at KU: BIOL 100 & BIOL 102 or BIOL 150* & BIOL 154
 - Core 34 NPS
- Human Anatomy with lab
 - Options at KU: BIOL 240 & BIOL 241
 - Core 34 NPS
- Physiology
 - Options at KU: BIOL 246
 - Core 34 NPS
 - Notes: BIOL 247 lab is required for most other programs.
- Microbiology with lab
 - Options at KU: BIOL 200 & BIOL 203
 - Core 34 NPS
 - Notes: Offered spring semester only.
- Chemistry
 - Options at KU: CHEM 110 or CHEM 130
 - Core 34 NPS
 - Notes: CHEM 110 is offered spring semester only.
- Nutrition
 - Options at KU: HSES 330 or HSCI 320

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Students should plan to apply in the year preceding the desired entry term to the School of Nursing.
- KU School of Nursing has limited spots, so applications to other programs are strongly encouraged. Please note that other programs may have different admission requirements, and it is important to connect with the specific school you are considering. Common programs include:
 - Avila University
 - Baker University
 - Research College of Nursing
 - Rockhurst University (St. Luke's)
 - Washburn University