WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Health Professions – School of Nursing
RN to BSN Program
PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

To be considered for admission, ALL Step 1 Application materials MUST be completed and submitted to the School of Nursing for review

Step 1: Application Materials and Prerequisite Course Requirements

1. Be admitted to WSU – this must be completed prior to any further review
   o Application to WSU may be obtained from and should be returned to: Wichita State University, Office of Admissions, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260-0124 or may be obtained on-line at www.wichita.edu
   o NOTE: Admission to WSU and the College of Health Professions does not imply admission to the School of Nursing
2. Have ALL transcripts from previous colleges/universities/vocational schools sent to the School of Nursing.
   o ALL transcripts must be DIRECTLY sent from each college you have attended to:
     ▪ School of Nursing, WSU, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita KS 67260-0041.
3. Develop a plan of study with a School of Nursing Academic Advisor
   o Contact a Nursing Academic Advisor at 316-978-5708
   o This plan includes your current and projected enrollment for completing prerequisite courses (a minimum 63 prerequisite hours)
   o Enclose a complete and updated plan of study with your application (please attach an unofficial copy of your transcript to your completed plan of study)
4. Meet minimum requirements:
   ▪ Cumulative GPA: 2.50 on all college level course work and WSU GPA must meet minimum graduation requirements
   ▪ Transfer courses are included in the GPA according to the WSU policy in effect at the time a student is admitted to the University
     o Minimum Grade of “C” (2.0) in all prerequisite courses – see attached “Plan of Study” for prerequisite courses
5. Provide proof of RN licensure in the state where nursing is practiced. A copy of your card will suffice. Or please provide the date when you will be sitting for NCLEX.
6. Meet work experience criteria: 1,000 hours in the last three years if graduated from a nursing program five or more years ago; no experience necessary if graduated within the last five years.
7. Complete the application which includes
   o Personal information – must be signed
   o Technical Standards statement for the nursing program – must be signed
   o Computer Competency Statement – must be signed
   o Transcripts
   o Plan of study

Applications for the fall semester are due August 1. Applications for the spring semester are due January 1.

Step 2: Notification of Admission Status:

1. All candidates will be notified in writing of their admission status by the RN to BSN committee after the completion of Step 1 of the admission process.
2. If admitted, you are REQUIRED to:
   a. Complete certain requirements to participate in the clinical capstone, the last semester of enrollment in the program.
   b. Pay a retroactive credit fee of $50.00 in the last semester of enrollment in the program (Pertains only to ADN students). The RN diploma student may submit a portfolio for review in one area of content covered by the NLN Mobility Profile II exams. Upon approval, credit will be awarded in lieu of the NLN exam in that content area.
   c. Meet the following graduation requirements:
      ● Of the 124 hours required for the degree, 60 hours must be completed at a 4-year college/university
      ● 45 hours at the 300+ course level must be completed
      ● Of the 124 hours required for the degree, 30 hours must be completed at WSU
      ● 24 of the last 30 hours must be completed at WSU
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Health Professions – School of Nursing
APPLICATION FORM
RN to BSN Program

I am applying to begin the RN to BSN professional phase coursework during (please specify year):

Fall _________ Spring __________

Fall deadline: August 1
Spring deadline: January 1

Please note that all prerequisite courses must be completed before you can begin the professional phase coursework and for admission into the program.

Last Name ___________ First Name ___________ Middle Name ___________ Other name used on record (Please use full name-no initials)

MyWSU ID# ___________________________ □ Female □ Male □ Resident of the USA or □ International Student on study visa

Date of birth_____/_____/______ Ethnic status (Optional):□ Asian, Pacific Islander, or Indian Sub-Continent □ American Indian or Alaskan Native □ African-American, Non-Hispanic □ White, Non-Hispanic □ Hispanic □ International Student (study visa)

Current Address ___________________________________________________________________________
Street ______________________________________ City __________________ State ___________ Zip ___________

Permanent Address __________________________________________________________________________
Street ______________________________________ City __________________ State ___________ Zip ___________

Cell Phone (______) ______________________ E-mail: _____________________________________________

College/University where Associate degree in Nursing was earned: ___________________________ Date Earned ___________

Date NCLEX was taken or anticipated date: ___________________________ NCLEX passed? □ yes □ no □ unknown

Please list all colleges/universities/vocational schools attended
Transcripts from these institutions must be sent to the address at the bottom of this page for application to be reviewed.

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Work Experience (0-5 years after graduation-none required. More than 5 years after graduation-1,000 hours in last 3 years.)

Agency ___________________________________________ Employment Dates _________________________________________________________________________

Signature ______________________________________ Date ___________________________

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Wichita State University does not discriminate in its programs and activities on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation, status as a veteran, genetic information or disability. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies: Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, Wichita State University, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita KS 67260-0205; telephone (316) 978-6791.
SENSORY AND MOTOR COORDINATION OR FUNCTIONS

Students must be able to execute gross and fine motor movements required to provide assessment, general care, and emergency treatment of patients. Some examples of the necessary skills include the following: (not all inclusive)

- Administering CPR.
- Using the assessment skills of palpation, auscultation, and percussion.
- Assisting in moving and lifting patients using proper body mechanics.
- Demonstrating the ability to perform clinical skills, such as initiating intravenous therapy and catheter insertion.
- Determining changes in skin temperature.

OBSERVATION

Students must be able to perform observational skills necessary to assess the health needs of clients through auditory, visual and tactile abilities. Some examples of the necessary skills include the following: (not all inclusive)

- Hearing with a stethoscope to assess blood pressure and to assess heart, lung, and abdominal sounds.
- Seeing color changes in the skin; changes in pupil reaction.
- Accurately reading calibrations on a syringe.

COMMUNICATION

Students must be able to speak, to hear, and to observe clients in order to do complete and accurate assessments of client status. Communication includes verbal, reading, writing, and non-verbal behaviors that reflect sensitivity, clarity and mutual comprehension. Some examples of the necessary skills include the following: (not all inclusive)

- Initiate and maintain a nurse/patient relationship
- Share pertinent client assessment and other information with colleagues.
- Give verbal and or written reports with clarity.
- Document accurately and clearly in written or electronic format.
- Do client/family teaching that results in mutual understanding.

INTELLECTUAL, CONCEPTUAL, INTEGRATIVE, AND QUANTITATIVE ABILITIES

Students must have sufficient critical thinking skills in the practice of nursing. The students will need to problem solve clinical issues and situations by synthesizing information in an analytical, deliberative, evaluative, and decisive manner. Some examples of needed cognitive skills include but are not limited to the following:

- Accurately identify nursing problems from all relevant client data.
- Analyze data to determine client’s health care needs and nursing diagnoses.
- Use judgment to develop a plan and implement nursing interventions relevant to client’s needs.
- Synthesize assessment findings to evaluate the effectiveness of actions in meeting client needs for nursing care. Develop alternative plan of care if current plan is ineffective.

BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL ATTRIBUTES

Students must possess the emotional stability to enable them to develop therapeutic relationships and successfully communicate with individuals and aggregates from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds. Students should possess the qualities of self-awareness, emotional maturity, objectivity, flexibility, empathy, and integrity. Students should be emotionally able to handle demanding workloads and to function effectively under stress.

I have been informed of the Technical Standards for the baccalaureate nursing program and I am able to meet these technical standards.

Signature ______________________  Date ______________________

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COMPUTER COMPETENCY STATEMENT

Students admitted to the School of Nursing are expected to demonstrate competency with the following computer skills:

1. Word Processing (WORD or WORD Perfect preferred – not Microsoft Works) with the following formatting skills:
   - Setting font size and type
   - Setting margins
   - Setting line spacing
   - Creating headers and footers
   - Inserting tables
   - Italicizing
   - Inserting page numbers – in a header
   - Centering text; right and left justification

2. Sending and receiving email with attachments.

3. Accessing the Internet.

4. Students are expected to have familiarity with the following:
   - Presentation Program (PowerPoint)
   - Spreadsheet (Excel)

Students not competent with the above computer skills must enroll in a computer class.

I have been informed of the expected computer competency for the baccalaureate nursing program. I understand that it is my responsibility to demonstrate competency in the stated skills. I understand that my grades may be significantly affected by poor application of the above computer skills.

_________________________________________  ____________________________
Signature                        Date
Application to the professional program requires admission to WSU, grade of C (2.0) or better in all prerequisite coursework, 2.50 cumulative GPA and passing NCLEX-RN (verification of RN licensure is required at the time of application). An application must be filed with the Nursing Office in 541 Ahlberg Hall prior to enrollment in the professional phase. For more information on applying please meet with a school of nursing advisor.

**PREREQUISITES:**

**Basic Skills** *(must be completed within the first 48 hours of coursework):*

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**Humanities/Fine Arts**

- Fine Arts Intro Course (3)
- Humanities Intro Course (3)
- Intro. Course in Philosophy, Ethics or Logic: PHIL 100, 125 or 144 (3)

**Social & Behavioral Sciences**

- PSY 111 General Psychology (3)
- SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- PSY 325 Developmental Psychology (3)

**Natural Sciences & Mathematics**

- CHEM 103 or CHEM 211 Chemistry w/Lab (5)
- BIOL 220 Microbiology w/Lab (4)
- STAT 370 Statistics (3)

**Additional Required Course**

- BIOL 223 Anatomy & Physiology w/Lab (5)
- Electives (16)

**Total Prerequisite Hours**

- 63

**ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COURSES:**

(This following courses can be taken as pre-requisites or co-requisites with the professional courses)

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- Issues and Perspectives Course (3)
- Upper division elective (numbered 300 or above) (3)

**Total upper level non-major courses**

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<td><strong>NURS 461</strong> Care Manager</td>
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<td><strong>NURS 495</strong> Clinical Capstone Course – RN <em>(must be in last semester of program to enroll in this course)</em></td>
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<td>Career Enhancement Electives (upper division)</td>
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<td>Options: Clinical Nutrition, nursing electives, Pathophysiology, courses in: Communication, Business, Gerontology, Women Studies, Psychology, Sociology, and Health Sciences Organization and Policy departments. (HS 400 Pathophysiology is highly recommended.)</td>
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| Total Hours | 27 | | |

**Retroactive Credit Total Hours (ADN graduates) or**

**Credit by Exam (RN-Diploma Graduates)**

| Total Hours for the BSN Degree | 124 | | |

Graduation requirements that must be met: 60 hours required at a 4-year college, 45 upper division hours required at the 300+ level or above, 24 of the last 30 hours must be completed at WSU, 30 hours of the degree must be completed through WSU.

**The Associate Degree (ADN) RN student is eligible to receive nursing credit for 25 hours of ADN course work upon successful completion of the degree requirements. During the final semester of coursework, the student will pay an administrative fee of $50.00 for receiving the credit. To avoid the award of duplicate credit toward graduation, the associate degree nursing course work will be parenthesized on the transcript at the time 25 credits of upper division nursing coursework are posted.**

**RN diploma students who have graduated from an NLN accredited program and who meet the work experience criteria may earn 25 upper division hours through Credit by Examination (CrE) or through portfolio review. A minimum score of 85 on each exam is required to demonstrate proficiency. If the score achieved is less than 85, the student has the option of taking the second version of the test. If credit by exam is not successfully earned, the student would need to take the corresponding didactic course(s). RN’s receiving nursing credit by exam must complete the NLN exams prior to enrollment in the clinical course, NURS 495 Clinical Capstone Course-RN. Cost to test is incurred by the student. The RN diploma student may submit a portfolio for review in one area of content covered by the NLN Accelerated Challenge Exams. Two faculty members with expertise in the specialty area will review materials. Final approval of credit will occur at the recommendation of the School of Nursing, RN to BSN Committee. Upon approval, credit through portfolio review will be awarded in lieu of the NLN exam in that content area. Credit will be posted upon completion of credit by exam for the remaining two NLN exams. The portfolio must include the following materials: a) a vita which includes the identification of education, continuing education conferences, board membership, grants and certifications, b) documents supporting items identified in vita, c) letters documenting nursing work experiences, and d) a letter of recommendation from present nursing supervisor specifically addressing currency in nursing practice. Materials must cover the content relating to one of the NLN exams: NLN I Care of the Adult Client, NLN II Care of the Client During Childbearing and Care of the Child, NLN III Care of the Adult Client with Mental Disorders. Materials must be submitted to the Director of the Undergraduate Nursing Program no later than the semester prior to enrollment in NURS 495, Clinical Capstone Course for RNs. Review of portfolio materials: $40.00; posting of approved credit: $10.00 per credit hour.
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Checklist

☐ Admitted to Wichita State University
☐ Official transcripts on file from ALL colleges/universities/vocational schools; grades must be posted
  ☐ Unofficial copies of transcripts, degree audit sheets, or grade reports are acceptable for initial processing of your application but official transcripts must be on file to finalize processing/acceptance.
☐ Completed and signed application materials on file in the School of Nursing
  ☐ Personal information (Page 2 of the application form)
  ☐ Technical Standards Statement
  ☐ Computer Competency Statement
  ☐ Complete a plan of study to reflect previous, current and projected enrollment
☐ Copy of RN licensure in the state where nursing is practiced
☐ Proof of successful completion of NCLEX if RN Licensure Card has not been received yet or date when NCLEX will be taken.

Follow-up:
Contact a School of Nursing Academic Advisor prior to the start of the semester to confirm receipt of all application materials.

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