

# College of Nursing

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## General Information

The College of Nursing offers academic nursing programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Knowledge and skills needed to complete the professional licensure examination to become a registered nurse are available through the traditional baccalaureate option. A part-time, evening and weekend scheduling option is available, as is an accelerated option for students with degrees in other fields or who meet the admission criteria for this intensive option. Nurses who have obtained their basic nursing education through an Associate degree or a diploma nursing program may fulfill the requirements for the BSN completion option without repetition of previous nursing education classes through the RN to BSN option. The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.) program prepares nurse scientists. Admission to the Ph.D. program is available at the post BSN and MSN levels. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program prepares students for the highest level of advanced clinical nursing practice. Admission to the DNP program is available at the post BSN and MSN levels.

*\*Completion of the nursing program does not guarantee eligibility to take the licensure examination, per section 335.066 RSMo of the Missouri Nursing Practice Act.*

## International Students

Students with international status are required to take the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) assessment at the University. Based upon the assessment, students may be required to complete recommended EAP courses prior to enrolling in nursing courses.

All students with international coursework (whether they are classified as an international student or as a citizen or permanent resident of the United States) must submit official transcripts from the international school(s), as well as official course descriptions (in English) for every course taken at a foreign institution.

## Professional Organizations

### Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing

The Nu Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau was officially established in April 1984. Membership is offered by invitation to those students graduating in the upper third of their class and to those recognized as outstanding community nursing leaders. Professional presentations are held twice each year and feature leaders in the nursing profession.

### Student Nurses' Association

The College of Nursing is a constituent of the National Student Nurses' Association (SNA). The purpose of this organization is to provide nursing students in the basic baccalaureate program the opportunity to connect with the nursing profession prior to licensure. SNA provides students with volunteer, donation and networking opportunities to increase their involvement in the nursing community. The organization is open to all nursing majors.

### Minority Student Nurses' Association

The Minority Student Nurses' Association (MSNA) was developed to function as an academic support and networking group. The focus of MSNA is to provide service, knowledge, and sense of awareness through

community and university service; and to create a bond between minority nursing students. MSNA is all about support, academics and community outreach. Membership is open to all students from the CON regardless of race, culture, religion, or ethnic background.