

College of Nursing

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 associate degree or diploma nursing programs may fulfill the requirements for the BSN completion option without repetition of previous nursing education. The Master of Science in nursing program offers areas of emphasis in the roles of nurse educator and advanced practice nursing. The Ph.D. program in Nursing is offered in cooperation with the schools of nursing at the University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Admission to the Ph.D. program is available at the post BSN and MSN levels. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program also is offered in cooperation with the schools of nursing at the University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and prepares students for the highest level of advanced clinical nursing practice.

International Students

All students with International or Permanent Resident status are required to complete an English as a second language (ESL) assessment with the UMSL ESL office. Based upon this assessment students may be required to complete recommended ESL courses before enrolling in nursing courses.

Continuing Education-Extension and Outreach

Both credit and noncredit continuing education offerings in nursing are presented to provide nurses with new information, techniques, and trends within the nursing profession. Some of these offerings are in outreach sites as part of the college's commitment to working in collaboration with community partners to provide higher education for nurses.

Professional Organizations

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing

Nu Chi is the College of Nursing's official chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Membership is offered by invitation to nursing students in the upper third of their class and to nurses recognized as outstanding community nursing leaders.

Student Nurses' Association

The College of Nursing is a constituent of the National Student Nurses' Association. The purpose of the organization is to provide baccalaureate students an opportunity to connect with the nursing profession through service and professional development activities. The organization is open to all nursing majors and clinical nursing majors.

Minority Student Nurses' Association

The College of Nursing is a constituent of the Black Student Nurses' Association. The purpose of this organization is to provide black nursing

students in the prelicensure baccalaureate program the opportunity to serve as a support group for African-American students, collaborate with other African-American groups to compile archives relevant to African-American nurses, and to promote participation in interdisciplinary activities.