

PREPARING FOR NURSING TRAINING

More and more nursing education programs require applicants to earn a bachelor's degree prior to admission into a professional nursing program and they offer an entry-level MSN (master's of science in nursing) degrees that can follow directly from your LU degree.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Certain coursework (below)

Good GPA

General GRE test scores

Recommendations

Hands-on experience

A competitive applicant for nursing programs will have taken the recommended coursework (see below), have a GPA of 3.0, have a GRE score above the 50th percentile and writing score of 4.0, have good references, and have some experience (shadowing, observation, volunteer, CNA, EMT, etc . . .). Students can apply through NursingCAS online application service.

There is some variation in the pre-requisite coursework needed at the undergraduate level. Below is a listing of the undergraduate coursework required by most programs as well as some additional coursework that may be required by some programs.

Pre-Requisites for most programs:

Sociology/Cultural anthropology- Anth 110

Introductory biology- Biol 130 & 150

Statistics- Biol 170 or Math 107

Introductory chemistry- Chem 115 & 116

Introductory psychology- Psyc 100

Developmental psychology†- Psyc 260 or 265

Human anatomy- Biol 310

Human physiology- Biol 370

Microbiology- Biol 226

Additional courses for some programs:

Medical anthropology- Anth 342

Biomedical ethics- Phil 120

Usually a biology or psychology major works well for preparing for nursing school.

†Other courses that may fulfill this requirement are psychopathology, cognitive psychology, or psychology of gender. Also, a gender studies course.

PROGRAM COST and LENGTH

The length of professional master's nursing programs is typically 1-2 years and the costs per year for programs in 2015 ranged from:

Public: \$20,000-\$30,000

Private: \$30,000-\$45,000

LICENSING

To practice as a nurse in the US, you must earn a degree and pass a licensure exam.

PROGRAMS attended by LU ALUMS

Rush University, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Case Western Reserve University, Vanderbilt University

RUSH Articulation Agreement with Lawrence

Lawrence has an articulation agreement with Rush University to enroll qualified students in their Direct entry MSN (master's of science in nursing) for non-nurses program. We are guaranteed admission for up to 2 students each fall and 2 students each spring.

Below are the criteria needed to qualify for admission:

- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- All prerequisite courses* must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- 3.0 GPA in prerequisite courses*
- Recommendation from the Lawrence Health Career Advisor (currently, Professor N. Wall)
- Completed and submitted application by the application deadline for the term of entry
- An acceptable personal interview with Rush faculty
- GRE is waived for students with a GPA over 3.00.

RUSH Pre-requisites:

Introductory biology- Biol 130 & 150
Introductory chemistry through Chem 116
Statistics- Biol 170 or Math 107
Microbiology- Biol 226
Human anatomy- Biol 310
Human physiology- Biol 370

A social science course†
A course in philosophy, history, art history, theater, or English literature.

Additional courses to consider:

Medical anthropology- Anth 342
Biomedical ethics- Phil 120

†Courses that may fulfill this requirement are cultural anthropology, developmental psychology, psychopathology, cognitive psychology, or psychology of gender or another gender studies course.