

# Admission to Research College of Nursing

Admission to Research College of Nursing is based on the applicant's academic record, evidence of scholastic ability, and interest in the goals of the College. Admission decisions are made on a competitive basis. Admission will be offered to applicants who are, in the view of the College, best qualified.

The Bachelor of Science degree is offered through a partnership with Rockhurst University. Prospective students for the undergraduate program should also review the Rockhurst University Catalog for additional information not covered in this catalog. Both publications should serve as a guide to students seeking undergraduate admission.

The Master of Science degree is offered solely by Research College of Nursing. This catalog provides guidance for students seeking admission to the graduate program.

## Organization

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is organized and available to qualified students in two undergraduate options: Traditional BSN and Accelerated BSN. These options are designed to meet the needs of different populations, long term trends in health care delivery systems and, more specifically, the nursing profession.

The Traditional BSN is designed for students who have completed high school or its equivalent and meet all the admission requirements. Many of these students are recent graduates of high school, however, there are increasing numbers of students who transfer from community colleges and other institutions and adults who are entering college for the first time or who are changing careers.

The Accelerated BSN is designed for students who have an undergraduate degree in a field other than nursing. Accelerated students also must satisfactorily complete liberal arts and science prerequisites, nursing prerequisites, and complete 15 credit hours of residency at Rockhurst University. The required clinical nursing credit hours are completed in one 12 month calendar year.

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program offers three tracks: the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track; the Executive Nurse Practice: Health Care Leadership (ENP) track; and the Nurse Educator (NEd) track.

The FNP track prepares nurses for an advanced practice role as a health care provider in a variety of primary care settings. The program of study requires each student to complete 45 credit hours. Students are then eligible to sit for the Family Nurse Practitioner certification exam.

The Executive Nurse Practice: Health Care Leadership track prepares nurses for leadership and management roles in diverse health care delivery systems. The program of study requires each student to complete 35 credit hours. Students are then eligible to sit for the Nursing Administration certification exam.

The Nurse Educator track prepares nurse educators with knowledge and strategies for teaching in both clinical and academic settings. The program of study requires each student to complete 36 credit hours.

Students who successfully complete an undergraduate baccalaureate nursing program and meet the admission criteria for the graduate program may be admitted directly into any of the three tracks.

Two post master's certificate programs are also offered for individuals who are prepared with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master's degree in nursing or a health related field. The post master's certificates provide academic credit focusing on particular content and skills. The Executive Nurse certificate program consists of 15 credit hours and the post master's Nurse Educator certificate consists of 11 credit hours.