

Admission to the Undergraduate Programs

Admission to the undergraduate programs 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 for both the Traditional and Accelerated Option BSN programs. Admission will be offered to applicants who are, in the view of the College, best qualified.

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 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.

Admission to the Traditional BSN Program

Admission from High School

Application is made to the Director of Admission, Rockhurst University, 1100 Rockhurst Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64110-2561. Upon receipt of a completed application, the application fee, all official transcripts of credit and ACT or SAT scores, the applicant will be notified by the Rockhurst University Admission Office of his or her admission status.

Credit for Nontraditional Work

For advanced placement, dual credit, International Baccalaureate credit and College Level Examination credit see current Rockhurst University Catalog.

Admission from Another College (Without Nursing Credits)

Students who wish to transfer to Research College of Nursing should:

1. Have up-to-date official transcripts of credit sent to Research College of Nursing from each college attended and from the last high school attended.
2. Submit a completed application form to Research College of Nursing with the \$20.00 application fee enclosed. Transfer students apply directly to Research College of Nursing and addressed to the Director of Transfer and Graduate Admissions, 2525 East Meyer Blvd. Kansas City, MO. 64132.
3. Schedule an appointment with the Director of Transfer and Graduate Recruitment. Applications from transfer students are reviewed and admission decisions are made on a competitive basis since space in the nursing program is limited. Transfer applicants must present evidence of a cumulative grade point average of not less than 2.7 (A = 4.0) in courses taken at other institutions in order to be considered.

Admission with Nursing Credits

Students who wish to transfer from another college where nursing courses have been completed should follow the procedures as outlined in "Admission from Another College." In addition, the student should:

1. Present a letter of recommendation from the Dean or Director of the nursing program attended.
2. An interview with the Research College of Nursing Associate Dean for Academic Programs may be required.

Transfer applicants must present evidence of a grade point average of not less than 2.7 (A=4.0) in courses taken at other institutions. In collaboration with course coordinators, the Associate Dean of Academic Programs will determine if previously earned nursing course credits are equivalent to Research College of Nursing courses.

Admission from Rockhurst University (Internal Transfer)

Rockhurst students who wish to enroll in the nursing program should:

1. Submit an internal transfer application form. No application fee is required.
2. Schedule an appointment with the Director of Transfer and Graduate Recruitment.

Internal transfer applicants within Rockhurst University must present evidence of a cumulative grade point average of not less than 2.7 (A = 4.0) in courses taken to be eligible for admission to the nursing major. Space for the spring sophomore nursing courses is limited and admission is competitive.

Admission to the Accelerated BSN Option

Application is made to the Director of Transfer and Graduate Recruitment, Research College of Nursing, 2525 East Meyer Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri 64132. Application should be submitted by April 1st, a year prior to their year of anticipated enrollment. Decisions will be made in August for the next year's class.

Prospective students who have an earned baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing with a minimum grade point average of 2.8 from a regionally accredited college or university will be considered for admission. In addition to the minimum grade point average, prospective students must:

1. Schedule an advising appointment with the Director of Transfer and Graduate Recruitment.
2. Submit an application form and \$25.00 application fee.
3. Submit two letters of reference.
4. Have up-to-date official transcripts of credit sent from all previously attended colleges. Earn a minimum grade of B minus in each of the science pre-requisites (Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, and Microbiology). A minimum of two science courses with a grade of B minus or better must be completed before an admission decision will be made.
5. Complete an admission interview with faculty. Interviews begin in the summer one year prior to the start of the program.

Orientation Program for Accelerated BSN Students

Students who have been accepted into the accelerated program will be invited to attend information sessions at the College during the year preceding the start of classes in August. In addition, a required two day Orientation Program will be held the week prior to beginning the accelerated nursing courses.

International Student Admissions

International students seeking an undergraduate degree should follow the procedures for admission as described in the current Rockhurst University Catalog. In addition, Research College of Nursing requires

all international students (any student who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States), who are from countries in which English is not the only official language and primary and secondary instruction may not be in English, to complete the TOEFL, Test of Written English (TWE) and Test of Spoken English (TSE) prior to admission. The following scores are considered to be the minimum for admission without restrictions:

TOEFL: Paper-based: Total score of 550 with all sub-section scores in the 55-58 range or greater

Computer-based: Total score of 213 with all sub-section scores in the 22-24 range or greater

Internet-based: Score of 79 TWE: 4.5 (not required with computer-based test) TSE: 50