GETTING STARTED and MORE…

Graceland School of Nursing helps the student prepare to become a Registered Nurse while completing the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. The NCLEX (state licensure exam) is taken after graduation.

Graceland University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, specifically North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The School of Nursing is approved by both Iowa and Missouri State Boards of Nursing and is CCNE accredited.

**Graceland offers an 18 MONTH fast track program to complete the BSN degree.** Students do NOT need to have a previous bachelor degree in another area to be considered for our program. The 18 Month program is fast-paced and rigorous. Graceland nursing students graduate after 18 months in December. This allows them to start their nursing career before other graduates in May, when other nursing programs have graduation.

We have one start date a year—in mid-June.

**APPLY**

There are TWO ways to apply to Graceland BSN to RN program—**choose one option**

**Apply to NursingCAS ---** [www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org)

Advantage--- all documents are shared if applying to other nursing programs.

NursingCAS is a centralized application system. Students submit all documentation and it’s processed and checked. Then the student will pay the NursingCAS fee to select Graceland. At that point, Graceland will have access to your documents and information. Plan extra time to get acquainted with their website to learn about their requirements and process.

**Apply directly to Graceland**—go to [www.graceland.edu/BeANurse](http://www.graceland.edu/BeANurse).

Advantage—No application fee

1. Read through all info in the Application Packet to verify eligibility
2. Top right is the Apply Button, click to open and complete Application
3. Submit required documents

September 30th is the due date and it is strongly recommended that students apply BEFORE that date so that all paperwork is received in a timely manner.

Late applications are considered on a space-available basis (applying directly to Graceland).

Nursing CAS has specific due dates and does not offer the same flexibility.

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Transcripts

Send official high school and all college transcripts to:
Graceland University * 1401 W Truman Road * Independence, MO 64050-3434

OR an official electronic transcript can be emailed to distancelearning@graceland.edu

Nursing Essay

Your name on top right corner, Why I Choose Nursing (or your title of choice, centered)
Share why you want to be a nurse and goals, along with any health care exposure, if applicable. Volunteer opportunities in any areas can also be shared.

Please use Microsoft Word document 1 ½ to 2 pages double spaced. Attach it to email lhale@graceland.edu and type “Nursing Essay” in the subject line.

References

Preferably one instructor and one employer OR two in one category, if needed.
Go to Application Packet (www.graceland.edu/BeANurse) Read Reference Instructions followed by the Reference Form process.

TEAS Exam

Graceland is offering testing dates in August, September and October. Check the Application Packet for details, along with days and times. Applicants are not required to take TEAS at Graceland. See helpful TEAS information in Application Packet.

Test of Essential Academic Skills sponsored by ATI. This is a pre-entrance exam for students who want to be considered for the Graceland nursing program. The TEAS Exam compares all applicants more equally. The scores are an important factor in the selection process.

Selection Process

We select 51 students to our program each year based on GPA, TEAS score, References, and Interview score.

When all documentation is received in the fall semester, the selection committee will determine who will be invited to interview.

Selections may begin in the fall semester and continue into the spring semester, until all “seats” are filled.

Wait List

When the nursing class has been accepted, we maintain a Wait List of “interviewed” applicants. If there is an opening, the selection committee will choose from those candidates.
The Wait List is not carried over to the next year. Those prospective students are welcome to re-apply for the upcoming application year and be considered with that group of applicants.

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What to Expect

We have day-time classes that all the junior students take together. Students should plan on a full time commitment. We encourage students not to work during the first two semesters of nursing school. This gives them a chance to adjust to the challenges of a nursing program. Later, some students may try to work but we encourage them to have flexible work hours so their grades are not compromised.

If Relocating to Kansas City Area

The Graceland Independence Campus is a non-residential campus. The classes are taught in our building, which is close to the Historic Independence Square and Harry S. Truman home. There are older homes with apartments, and various apartment buildings in a wide price range, within the city. Since the courses are taught in our building, it might be beneficial to find housing in Independence, so it can be a short drive in bad weather.

Clinical Rotations

Students begin clinical rotations in the fall semester. They are assigned to clinical sites at different hospitals in the Greater Kansas City area, throughout the program. Being able to care for patients in different areas, and different hospitals throughout the program, is great exposure. Not only are students learning to provide patient care, but they also become familiar with several hospitals. This helps them consider where they want to seek employment when they graduate.

There are 675 clinical hours in the nursing curriculum.

NCLEX pass rate

2014 - 95%
2015 - 87%
2016 - 95%

Tuition and Fees

Go to www.graceland.edu/BeANurse Look on the left side for Tuition and Fees.

The rate shown is for our current junior students for the 2017-2018 class.

Merit Award

The Merit Award is based on the student cumulative GPA from all college hours on each transcript. This is calculated at the time of their acceptance to the nursing program. The same award amount is renewed the following summer—beginning of the senior year.

3.5 to 4.0 GPA $14,500
3.0 to 3.49 GPA $12,500
2.99 and below GPA $10,500

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Disbursements percentage of the Merit Award (scholarship):

Junior year
  Summer 10%
  Fall    45%
  Spring  45%
Senior year—renewable award
  Summer 10%
  Fall    45% graduation in December

Third party Scholarship Options to investigate
Go to the www.graceland.edu/BeANurse web page.
Look for Student Services on the left side and scroll down on that page.
Researching these links shown, may help students find additional funds toward tuition and fees.

Questions?
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