

GETTING STARTED and MORE...

Graceland School of Nursing helps prepare nursing students to become Registered Nurses through their education during completion of a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Then they take the NCLEX (state licensure exam to become a Registered Nurse) completed after graduation.

Graceland University School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>), and our baccalaureate degree programs in Nursing are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, <https://www.hlcommission.org/>. The School of Nursing's baccalaureate degrees in nursing also have full approval status with the Iowa and Missouri State Boards of Nursing.

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 for consideration to 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 careers before many other nursing programs graduate in May.

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

APPLY

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

Apply directly to Graceland—go to www.graceland.edu/BeANurse.

1. Read through all info in the Application Packet to verify eligibility
2. Just below the Application Packet is an Apply Now (gold bar), click to open and complete your Application
3. Submit all required documents

September 30th is the suggested due date and it is strongly recommended applicants apply BEFORE that date for paperwork to be received in a timely manner.

Late applications will be considered on a space-available basis when applying.

Non-Refundable Tuition Deposit—Accepted students will pay a \$200, non-refundable deposit. This deposit will apply toward their tuition.

---Due within 30 days of acceptance into the program.

---Deposits received after 30 days may be accepted pending space available in the program.

Apply to NursingCAS --- www.nursingcas.org

NursingCAS is a centralized application system. Applicants submit all documentation to be processed and checked. Then the applicant will pay the NursingCAS fee to select Graceland. At that point, Graceland will have access to your documents and information. Plan extra time to become acquainted with their website, and learn about their requirements and processes.

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 choose your title, centered)
Share why you want to become a nurse, state your goals, along with any health care exposure, if applicable. Volunteer opportunities in any areas may also be shared.

Please use Microsoft Word document 1 ½ to 2 pages double spaced. Attach it to email distancelearning@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 offers TEAS testing dates in August, September and January. Check the Application Packet for details—days and times. Applicants are not required to take the TEAS at Graceland. Other colleges may offer the TEAS Exam. See information in Application Packet.

Test of Essential Academic Skills -sponsored by ATI. This is a pre-entrance exam for applicants who want consideration for admission to 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 annually based on GPA, TEAS score, References, and Interview score.

When we receive all documentation, in the fall semester, the committee will look at CUM GPA's and Prerequisite Course GPA's.

We invite applicants considered for admission to an interview with a faculty member. Our selection process may begin in the fall semester and continue into the spring, until we fill all "seats".

Wait List

When we have accepted the nursing class, we maintain a Wait List of “interviewed” applicants. If there is an opening, then the selection committee will choose from those candidates. The Wait List does not carry over to the next year. Applicants not chosen are always welcome to re-apply for the next application year.

What to Expect

We have day-time classes that all the junior students attend 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 this accelerated nursing program. Later, some students may try to work, but we encourage them to have flexible work hours so there is adequate study time so as not to compromise grades.

If Relocating to Kansas City Area

The Graceland Independence Campus is a non-residential campus. Most classes we hold on our campus, 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, around the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Living close to the campus could prove beneficial to have a shorted drive time, especially in bad weather.

Clinical Rotations

Students begin clinical rotations in the fall semester. They will assigned to clinical sites at different hospitals in the Greater Kansas City area, throughout the program.

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 572.5 clinical hours in the nursing curriculum.

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 2020-2021 class.

Merit Award

The Merit Award is calculated based on the student's cumulative GPA from all college credit hours earned (from each transcript) when the applicant is accepted into the nursing program. The same award amount renews the following summer—at the 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

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 the Student Services section on the left side and scroll down on that page to **find 3rd Party Scholarships**. These are not associated with Graceland. Click the link to find the list and research each one. These may help the new student find additional funds toward tuition and fees. Remember: Scholarships do not require repayment.

Questions?

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