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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF NURSING PROGRAMS



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Mission

St. John's College is a Catholic institution of higher education dedicated to providing quality nursing and professional health degrees and programs consistent with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis' tradition that fosters the learner's spiritual, ethical and professional development.

Accreditation

St. John's College is accredited to grant baccalaureate and master's degrees in nursing by The Higher Learning Commission. The nursing program is accredited with the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Discrimination statement

St. John's College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities including, but not limited to, recruiting, admissions, academics, disciplinary processes and extracurricular activities.

Programs

Undergraduate options

- General BSN Program
- Accelerated BSN Program
- RN to BSN

Graduate options

- Family Nurse Practitioner (Hybrid)
- Nursing Administration and Leadership (Online)



GENERAL BSN PROGRAM

St. John's College in Springfield, IL offers a baccalaureate nursing degree (BSN) program for students who have completed 56 hours of pre-nursing courses at an accredited college or university with a grade point average of 2.75 or higher. All pre-nursing class requirements must be complete before entering St. John's College as the college offers only upper division nursing courses.



Sample Plan of Study

COURSE	SEM HRS
English Composition	6
Intro to Philosophy or Logic	3
Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	8
Chemistry with Lab	4
Nutrition	3
Microbiology with Lab	4
General Psychology	3
Intro to Sociology	3
Lifespan Growth and Development	3
Political Science (Government)	3
Intro to Statistics	3
Com/Hum. Electives*	6
General Electives*	7
<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	<i>56</i>

* Thirteen semester hours of electives must be completed. Six of these hours must be from the communications/humanities area of study. Seven semester hours may be from any area of study.

Upper Division Requirements

Junior year, first semester		Senior year, first semester	
COURSE	SEM HRS	COURSE	SEM HRS
Nsg 333 Health Assessment	4	Nsg 433 Diverse Populations II	6
Nsg 334 Nursing Informatics	2	Nsg 434 Ethical Issues in Nursing Practice	2
Nsg 336 Medical Surgical I	6	Nsg 436 Medical Surgical III	7
Nsg 338 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology I	3	Nsg 438 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology III	3
<i>Total semester hours</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total semester hours</i>	<i>18</i>
Junior year, second semester		Senior year, second semester	
COURSE	SEM HRS	COURSE	SEM HRS
Nsg 343 Diverse Populations I	5	Nsg 443 Community Health Nursing	5
Nsg 344 Nursing Inquiry	3	Nsg 444 Transition to Practice	2
Nsg 346 Medical Surgical II	6	Nsg 446 Professional Practice Immersion	8
Nsg 348 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology II	3	<i>Total semester hours</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Total semester hours</i>	<i>17</i>		



General Program Admission

Students who have completed 30 semester hours of lower division transferable college credit may apply for our general program. Application decisions begin November 15 of the year prior to enrolling. Students may choose to attend any accredited college or university to complete lower division pre-requisite courses. Pre-requisite guides for regionally accredited institutions are available at sjcs.edu.

Submission of minimum acceptance requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. While applications are accepted throughout the year, applicants are encouraged to apply early due to the competitiveness of acceptance.

For information on tuition and fees, please visit sjcs.edu.

Criteria for Provisional Acceptance

Applications for provisional acceptance are accepted while actively pursuing the required lower division credits. Consideration for provisional acceptance is based on the following requirements. (After 30 hours of designated lower division transferable college credit.):

1. Completed application accompanied by a \$60 non-refundable application fee.
2. Submission of a legal document showing proof of name at time of application (state-issued photo ID).
3. Applicants are required to complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) with a minimum score of proficient.
4. Official transcripts at the end of each semester from all regionally accredited college(s) attended showing:
 - a. A minimum of 30 semester hours of designated lower division transferable college credit with a cumulative GPA of 2.75/4.0.
 - b. A minimum grade of C in all required courses completed. All science courses are required to be completed within the last five years prior to enrollment in St. John's College. Anatomy and physiology must be taken at the same institution.
 - c. No designated lower division course may be repeated more than once.
 - d. Official transcripts must come from the granting institution directly to St. John's College. Hand-carried transcripts are not acceptable.
5. Personal interview as requested by the college.
6. Two professional references.
7. Personal essay.
8. Good academic standing at the last institution attended.
9. Proof of graduation from a high school approved by the State Board of Education via an official transcript or possession of a high school equivalency certificate verified by an official GED score report. Official transcripts should include ACT or SAT.
10. All applicants with English as a second language are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and achieve a score of 560 on the paper version, 220 on the computer-based version or 83 on the internet-based (iBT) version.

ACCELERATED BSN PROGRAM

The Accelerated Pre-licensure BSN program is for students who have earned a baccalaureate degree in another field of study. Applicants must also complete the required lower-division pre-nursing requirements if these required courses were not completed with their previous studies.

Accelerated students begin with our general pre-licensure BSN students and take an additional class each semester of the first year. After successfully completing the first year of study, accelerated program students begin a summer session of study and continue in the fall completing their studies in December.



Sample Plan of Study

COURSE	SEM HRS
English Composition	6
Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	8
Chemistry with Lab	4
Nutrition	3
Microbiology with Lab	4
Lifespan Growth and Development	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences	9
Intro to Statistics	3
Com/Hum. Electives*	9
General Electives*	7
<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	<i>56</i>

* Sixteen semester hours of electives must be completed. Nine of these hours must be from the communications/humanities area of study. Seven semester hours may be from any area of study.

Upper Division Requirements

Junior year, first semester		Senior year, first semester	
COURSE	SEM HRS	COURSE	SEM HRS
Nsg 333 Health Assessment	4	Nsg 434 Ethical Issues in Nursing Practice	2
Nsg 334 Nursing Informatics	2	Nsg 436 Medical Surgical III	7
Nsg 336 Medical Surgical I	6	Nsg 438 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology III	3
Nsg 338 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology I	3	<i>Total semester hours</i>	<i>12</i>
Nsg 344 Nursing Inquiry	3		
<i>Total semester hours</i>	<i>18</i>		
Junior year, second semester		Senior year, second semester	
COURSE	SEM HRS	COURSE	SEM HRS
Nsg 343 Diverse Populations I	5	Nsg 443 Community Health Nursing	5
Nsg 346 Medical Surgical II	6	Nsg 444 Transition to Practice	2
Nsg 348 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology II	3	Nsg 446 Professional Practice Immersion	8
Nsg 433 Diverse Populations II	6	<i>Total semester hours</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Total semester hours</i>	<i>20</i>		



*Take a path that leads to
a future full of varied
experiences and
opportunities, challenges
and personal rewards –
CHOOSE NURSING.*

Accelerated Program Admission

Students with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university may apply for the accelerated program. Application decisions begin November 15 of the year prior to enrolling. While applications are accepted throughout the year, applicants are encouraged to apply early due to the competitiveness of the program.

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please visit sjcs.edu.***

Criteria for Provisional Acceptance

Applicants must have a previously completed baccalaureate degree in another field of study. All applicants must have at least 30 credit hours of lower division pre-nursing requirements complete to be considered for admission. Consideration for provisional acceptance is based on the following required documents:

1. Completed application accompanied by a \$60 non-refundable application fee.
2. Submission of a legal document showing proof of name at time of application (state-issued photo ID).
3. Applicants are required to complete the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) with a minimum score of proficient.
4. Official transcripts at the end of each term from all regionally accredited college(s) attended showing:
 - a. A minimum of 30 semester hours of designated lower division transferable college credit with a cumulative GPA of 2.75/4.0.
 - b. A minimum grade of C in all required courses. All science courses are recommended to be completed within the last five years prior to enrollment in St. John's College. Anatomy and physiology I & II must be taken at the same institution.
 - c. No designated lower division course may be repeated more than once.
 - d. Official transcripts must come from the granting institution directly to St. John's College. Hand-carried transcripts are not acceptable.
5. Personal interview as requested by the college.
6. Two professional references.
7. Personal essay.
8. Good academic standing in the last institution attended.
9. All applicants with English as a second language are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and achieve a score of 560 on the paper version, 220 on the computer-based version or 83 on the internet-based (iBT) version.

RN TO BSN ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAM



St. John's College online RN-BSN program is for nurses who hold an unencumbered RN license and have graduated from an accredited diploma or associate in nursing program.

Our expert faculty works with each RN student to increase clinical reasoning skills, use the best evidence-based practice methods and provide a solid foundation for graduate school.

Sample Plan of Study

Year one, first semester

COURSE	SEM HRS
Session A	
Nsg 317 Introduction to Informatics in Nursing Practice	3
Session B	
Nsg 321 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan to Promote Clinical Judgement	3
<i>Total semester hours</i>	6

Year one, second semester

COURSE	SEM HRS
Session A	
Nsg 325 Pathophysiology: Pharmacology to Advance Clinical Reasoning	3
Session B	
Nsg 323 Issues and Ethics in Contemporary Nursing Practice	3
<i>Total semester hours</i>	6

Year one, summer semester

COURSE	SEM HRS
Session A	
Nsg 437 Community Health Nursing for the Public Health*	5
<i>Total semester hours</i>	5

Year two, first semester

COURSE	SEM HRS
Session A	
Nsg 319 Introduction to Nursing Research	3
Session B	
Nsg 435 Introduction to Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
<i>Total semester hours</i>	6

Year two, second semester

COURSE	SEM HRS
Session A	
Nsg 352 Nursing Sensitive Quality and Safety in Health Care	3
Session B	
Nsg 439 Leadership in Contemporary Nursing Practice/ Capstone*	5
<i>Total semester hours</i>	8

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* Course with a clinical component.



Upon formal acceptance to the college and satisfactory completion of 15 hours of RN-BSN curriculum, the RN will be granted credit for the following:

Credit awarded for prior learning:

COURSE	SEM HRS
Medical-Surgical Nursing	19
Childbearing/Childrearing	5
Psychiatric Nursing	5
Pathophysiology/Pharmacology	1
Health Assessment	1
Professional Practice	2
<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	<i>33</i>

The last 30 credit hours of the RN-BSN program must be taken at St. John's College.

Lower Division Requirements

COURSE	SEM HRS
English Composition	6
Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	8
Chemistry with Lab	4
Microbiology with Lab	4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	12
Intro to Statistics	3
Com/Hum. Electives*	9
General Electives*	11
<i>Total Semester Hours</i>	<i>57</i>

* Twenty semester hours of electives must be completed. Nine of these hours must be from the communications/humanities area of study. Eleven semester hours may be from any area of study.

Admission Requirements

1. Completed application accompanied by a \$60 non-refundable application fee.
2. Graduation from an accredited diploma or associate degree nursing program (must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in lower division general education courses.)
3. RN with an unencumbered license.
4. Good academic standing at the last institution attended.
5. Completion of 57 semester hours of pre-nursing curriculum with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
6. Official transcripts from all regionally accredited college(s) attended showing:
 - a. A minimum of C in all required lower division general education courses.
 - b. No designated lower division course may be repeated more than once. Official transcripts must come from the granting institution directly to St. John's College. Hand-carried transcripts are not acceptable.
7. Provide two professional references.
8. Submission of a legal document showing proof of name at time of application (state-issued photo ID).
9. All applicants with English as a second language are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and achieve a score of 560 on the paper version, 220 on the computer-based version or 83 on the internet-based (iBT) version.



Our Values

- Critical Reasoning
- Caring
- Communication
- Professionalism



MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

St. John's College graduate program offers a master's of science in nursing for BSN graduates who wish to pursue advanced practice nursing in either a nursing administration and leadership or family nurse practitioner role.



Course Requirements

Core Courses

	SEM HRS
Informatics and Evidence-Based Practice	3
Theoretical Foundations and Nursing Research	3
Healthcare Organization and Management	3
Epidemiology and Population Health	3
Ethical and Legal Dimensions of Advanced Practice Nursing	3

Nursing Administration and Leadership Track

Leadership in Nursing	3
Program Planning and Outcomes Evaluation	3
Financial Issues for Nurse Leaders	3
Healthcare Human Resource Management	3
Organizations and System Leadership	3
Systems Approach to Quality and Safety in Healthcare	3
Nursing Leader Practicum	2(2P)
Masters Capstone Project, Nurse Leader	3(3P)

Total semester hours 38
(Includes 300 practicum hours)

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	SEM HRS
Informatics and Evidence-Based Practice	3
Theoretical Foundations and Nursing Research	3
Healthcare Organization and Management	3
Epidemiology and Population Health	3
Ethical and Legal Dimensions of Advanced Practice Nursing	3

Family Nurse Practitioner Track

Advanced Health Assessment	4(2T/1L/1P)
Advanced Pathophysiology	4
Advanced Pharmacology and Prescriptive Authority	4
Practicum I: Pediatric Health	5(3T/2P)
Practicum II: Women's Health	2(1T/1P)
Practicum III: Adult/Gerontology Health	7(3T/4P)
Practicum IV: Population Focus of Choice	3(3P)
Masters Capstone NP Project	1(1P)

Total semester hours 45
(Includes 60 lab/660 practicum hours)



The master's program of study consists of five core courses of online learning with student requested face-to-face meetings. After completion of core courses (15 credit hours), the RN student continues to a specialty track of family nurse practitioner or nursing administration and leadership.

Nursing Administration and Leadership

The online nursing administration and leadership track with practicum experience is for nurses who wish to increase their business and communication skills and relationship building in a health care environment. The hybrid family nurse practitioner track is for nurses who wish to become an advanced practice nurse (APN) who can treat health conditions with a focus on disease prevention and health management. Students wishing to earn a doctor of nursing practice (DNP) may apply to our dual admission program with University of St. Francis. Contact the college or visit sjcs.edu for details.

Family Nurse Practitioner

The family nurse practitioner track has a combination of face-to-face and online learning. The nursing administration and leadership track is completely online with student requested face-to-face meetings.

Criteria for Provisional Acceptance

Consideration for provisional acceptance is based on the following requirements:

1. Completed application accompanied by a \$60 non-refundable application fee.
2. Submission of a legal document showing proof of name and Illinois residence at time of application (state-issued photo ID).
3. Submission of official transcripts from all regionally accredited college(s) attended showing:
 - a. Cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 in upper division BSN courses.
 - b. Good academic standing in the last institution attended.
 - c. Proof of completion of bachelor's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited and State Board of Education-approved college. Official transcripts must come from the granting institution directly to St. John's College. Hand-carried transcripts are not acceptable.
4. Completion of a nursing baccalaureate degree within the last five years, or if BSN received more than five years ago, the applicant must have practiced as an RN within the last two years.
5. Active and unencumbered registered nurse license in the State of Illinois.
6. Two professional letters of reference.
7. Personal essay (approximately 250 words describing professional career aspirations in advanced practice nursing).
8. Professional resume.
9. Ability to use computer technologies including accessing, retrieving, receiving and communicating information.
10. Submit official transcripts showing proof of completion of a graduate statistics course within the last five years with a grade of B or higher.

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Upon notice of formal admission and to receive permission to enroll in classes, the student must:

1. Complete a pre-entrance health examination and provide proof of up-to-date immunizations.
2. Complete a criminal background check with no disqualifying conditions.
3. Undergo a drug screening.
4. Undergo a personal interview as requested by the college.
5. Provide proof of CPR certification (within last year).
6. Provide proof of medical insurance.
7. Provide proof of malpractice insurance.

Applicants are expected to exemplify good character enabling them to actively seek the moral, intellectual and professional growth described in the mission statement of the college.



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