

## RADFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

The undergraduate program in nursing leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The major builds upon a broad core curriculum foundation in liberal arts, basic and applied sciences, and behavioral and social sciences. The program prepares professional nurses who can function in a variety of settings. The program is approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing and has full accreditation by CCNE. Graduates qualify to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination in the state of their choice after graduation. The school has an active Student Nurses' Association. Membership in the Epsilon Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing, is available to qualified students who demonstrate outstanding academic and leadership abilities. The Army ROTC has designated RU as a partner in Nursing Education. RU alumni are practicing nursing in a variety of health care positions throughout the world.

### ADMISSION APPLICATION

Two applications are required – one to the University and one to the School of Nursing.

1. Applicants must be admitted to Radford University prior to admission to the upper division major. The university application can be found at <http://www.radford.edu/admissions>. It can be submitted electronically. You may also request a Radford University application for admission to the university from:

Office of Admissions, P. O. Box 6903, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142, Toll Free 1-800-890-4265, 540-831-5128 TDD  
E-mail: [admissions@radford.edu](mailto:admissions@radford.edu)

2. School of Nursing Application: Submit School of Nursing application for Fall admission to the Radford Campus by **November 15** deadline or for Spring admission to the Roanoke Campus by **August 1** deadline. The School of Nursing application can be downloaded from the School of Nursing website: [www.radford.edu/nursing](http://www.radford.edu/nursing). You will need to print a copy of the application, complete and mail to the School of Nursing. The application cannot be submitted electronically. You may also pick up an application from the School of Nursing, Waldron Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Admission to the upper division on both campuses is limited and competitive.

The program in nursing is demanding both academically and physically. Students admitted to the upper division must meet the ethical and technical standards of professional nursing; health records, criminal background checks, and urine drug testing are required. Due to the rigorous program, upper division students are discouraged from working outside of school for more than 10 hours per week.

Each student is responsible for all of their own transportation at their own cost. Students will need their own car because there is no reliable public transportation. Students may carpool but some clinical rotations requires students to drive themselves.

### KAPLAN NURSING ADMISSION TEST (KNAT)

All applicants are required to complete the Kaplan Nursing Admission Test (KNAT) prior to seeking admission to the School of Nursing. Although a minimum score has not been established, the score on this exam, in addition to the GPA, and other application data, will help the Admissions Committee evaluate each applicant's ability to successfully complete the nursing program. **This test may be taken one time only.**

The KNAT is to be completed by the deadline date of submitting the School of Nursing application. You can submit your application to the School of Nursing prior to the application deadline date without having taken the KNAT test but please remember when you take the test, send the School of Nursing a copy of your scores. It is your responsibility to submit your scores.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Requirements for admission into the School of Nursing are based on requirements in place at the time of application to the BSN Program.

At the time of application deadline (November 15 or August 1) students may have no more than two (2) of the following science courses to

complete: Chemistry, Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology. Students transferring from a college or university in which Chemistry and Anatomy and Physiology are taught in two (2) semesters must complete the two semesters in order to receive credit at Radford University. Students must be within 6 hours of completing core curriculum requirements before admission to the upper division nursing major.

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.800 or above on a 4.000 scale to be considered for admission to the nursing major. Only applicants with a cumulative or combined GPA of 2.800 or above will be considered in the admission pool for upper division; however, the GPA required to be competitive for admission may be considerably higher than 2.800. Students offered admission to the nursing major must maintain the 2.800 GPA. If the GPA goes below the 2.800 students will not be allowed to start the nursing major.

Students who have earned 24 or more credit hours at Radford University, that GPA will be used for the admission process. Students who have less than 24 hours at Radford University, the GPA will be calculated on all course work from all college(s) attended. The Combined GPA will be used for the admission process. Students with a baccalaureate degree will meet the university core curriculum requirements and only the pre-requisite courses will be considered in calculating the GPA for admission consideration.

Students offered admission to the nursing major Fall Semester, must earn a grade of "C" or above on pre-requisite courses taken during the Spring Semester. If student earns a grade of "C-" or below or withdraws from pre-requisite courses during the Spring Semester, the offer of admission can be revoked by the School of Nursing. If offer of admission is revoked, the School of Nursing will notify student by e-mail or phone call. Students offered admission to the nursing major Spring Semester, must pass all pre-requisite courses with a grade of "C" or above at the end of the Fall semester. If student earns a grade of "C-" or below or withdraws from pre-requisite courses during the Fall Semester the offer of admission will be revoked by the School of Nursing. All pre-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or above before students can start the nursing major.

Students who enter Radford University as full-time freshmen with a declared pre-nursing major who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.500 on a minimum of 24 semester hours credit at Radford University, who have achieved a KNAT overall score of 65 or greater and have no prior history (either while a student at Radford University or prior to enrollment) of violations involving honor code, conduct, criminal charges or convictions, alcohol or substance violations, will receive a priority admit status at the end of the second semester of enrollment, contingent upon maintaining a 3.500 GPA, completing coursework according to the School of Nursing Guidelines [listed in the catalog] and having no infractions of the Radford University Honor Code. Priority Admit Status will be revoked in the event of a violation of the Radford University Honor System, alcohol or substance abuse infractions, criminal charges or convictions or if the GPA goes below 3.500. In addition, the Radford University Admission Committee reserves the right to revoke a priority admission status of a student any time additional information is provided that would indicate a violation of the above mentioned selection criteria.

Applications can be denied because of previous felony or misdemeanor charges or convictions. If admitted to the nursing major, students are required to do a Criminal Background Check and drug screening. If the Criminal Background Check and/or drug screen shows issues of concern, the School of Nursing will take appropriate action which could include dismissal. The information will be shared with the clinical agencies that the School of Nursing uses for clinical placements. The clinical agencies will determine whether the student can come to their agency for clinical. If the clinical agency refuses to allow a student in clinical, he or she will be dismissed by the School of Nursing.

Students currently enrolled, or have been enrolled, in a nursing program at a university or community college, who have withdrawn from any two nursing courses, earned a grade of "C-" or below in any two nursing courses, or have a combination of one nursing course grade of "C-" or below and one withdrawal from a nursing course at any nursing program will not be granted admission to the Radford University School of Nursing. The only exception to this policy is withdrawal from a nursing program for documented extenuating circumstances (i.e. medical withdrawal).

## SAMPLE CURRICULUM

### Freshman Year

Semester 1		Semester 2	
CORE 101	3	CORE 102	3
BIOL 105 (**)	4	* CHEM 120	4
PSYC 121	3	Humanities	3
Visual & Performing Arts	3	Mathematical Sciences	3
* SOCY 110	3	Global Perspectives	3

### Sophomore Year

Semester 1		Semester 2	
CORE 201	3	CORE 202	3
* PSYC 230	3	* BIOL 334 (**)	4
* BIOL 322 (**)	6	* STAT 130 or 200	3
* NUTR 214	3	* NURS 321	3
		Humanities, Visual & Performing Arts or Foreign Languages	3

### Junior Year

Level I		Level II	
NURS 340	3	NURS 362	3
NURS 345	6	NURS 364	6
NURS 352	5	NURS 366	5
NURS 368	3		

### Senior Year

Level III		Level IV	
NURS 443	5	NURS 451	5
NURS 444	5	NURS 453	3
NURS 448	5	NURS 454	4
		NURS 457	2

(\*\*) BIOL 105 is the Pre-requisite to take upper level BIOL 322 and BIOL 334 at Radford University – must have a “C” or better

(\*\*) You must have a 2.75 overall GPA to enroll in BIOL 322 and it is the Pre-requisite to take NURS 321 Pathophysiology

(\*\*) You must have a 2.75 overall GPA to enroll in BIOL 334

\* Nursing Pre-requisite courses

**Core Curriculum Requirements for Upper Division: Please consult the current Radford University Undergraduate Catalog for clarification of courses in the sample curriculum. Undergraduate catalog is available on the Internet: <http://www.radford.edu/Catalog/index.html>**

## NURSING MAJOR

### Required

#### Pre-Requisite Course to the nursing major

\*NURS 321 Pathophysiology

#### Level I

NURS 340 Health Assessment  
NURS 345 Foundations of Nursing Practice  
NURS 352 Mental Health Nursing  
NURS 368 Pharmacology

#### Level II

NURS 362 Nursing Research  
NURS 364 Nursing of the Adult I  
NURS 366 Nursing of the Childbearing Family

#### Level III

NURS 443 Nursing of Children  
NURS 444 Gerontological Nursing  
NURS 448 Nursing of the Adult II

#### Level IV

NURS 451 Community Health Nursing  
NURS 453 Leadership in Nursing  
NURS 454 Clinical Nursing Practice  
NURS 457 Transition to Licensure

## THE UNIVERSITY

Radford University is committed to individualized instruction within medium size classes, maintenance of high academic standards and excellence in teaching and advising students. Radford faculty are also engaged in scholarly and professional activities.

## FINANCIAL AID

Scholarship and loan funds are available through the Radford University Financial Aid Office.  
Office of Financial Aid  
P. O. Box 6905  
Radford University  
Radford, VA 24142  
E-mail: [finaid@radford.edu](mailto:finaid@radford.edu)

## WALDRON COLLEGE ADVISING CENTER

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