ELLEN FINLEY EARHART
NURSING PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program

QUALITY NURSING EDUCATION IN AN ONLINE ENVIRONMENT

PARK UNIVERSITY
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FROM THE CHAIR

Thank you for your interest in the Ellen Finley Earhart Nursing Program at Park University. Since 1987, Park’s nursing program has helped meet the educational goals of hundreds of nurses. Park provides learners with the technology and faculty expertise to meet your educational and professional goals. As a world leader in offering flexible course scheduling and online learning, Park understands the demands of the nurse who wants to complete a degree while meeting the demands of work and family. We pledge our support to help you succeed.

Please feel free to contact us with your questions. We appreciate your interest in Park University and look forward to hearing from you.

Gerry Walker, DHEd, MSN, RN
Nursing Program Chair and Associate Professor
MISSION
The mission of the Park University Ellen Finley Earhart Nursing Program is to provide program participants with the opportunity to study nursing in an academically sound program using innovative educational strategies which will prepare students to think critically and to communicate effectively in helping meet the health care needs of society.

VISION
The vision of the Park University Ellen Finley Earhart Nursing Program is to be nationally recognized for its academic excellence and sound curriculum design within which qualified students can pursue their professional goals.

Program Description
Building on the premise of life-long learning and professional career development, Park University’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Program allows registered nurses with an associate degree to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must:
1. Be graduates of an accredited Associate Degree in Nursing program.
2. Hold registered nurse licensure in the United States. New RN graduates will be admitted on provisional status.
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 from an accredited nursing pre-licensure program or an ACT score of 21 or greater for students with a GPA below 3.0 on a 4-point scale.
4. Submit official transcripts from all post-secondary coursework, including nursing programs.

NOTE: Should an applicant not have already completed a formal health assessment course, NU 238 (Nursing Health Assessment) will be required as a prerequisite to full admission.

Accepted students receive 60 hours of course credit for their pre-licensure nursing program transcript from an associate degree nursing program. Students may choose to attend either full-time or part-time, but have a maximum of five years to complete all degree requirements.

We recommend that all students take the Park University Writing Competency Test during their first term. This test must be passed prior to enrolling in EN 306A (Professional Writing in the Disciplines: Scientific and Technical Writing).

NU 300 (Pharmacological Applications) 3 credit hours are awarded upon successful completion of the Pharmacology Standardized Examination. The examination may be taken before beginning coursework or concurrently with NU 310 (Nursing Transitions for the BSN). There is a fee to take the exam. Please contact the Ellen Finley Earhart Nursing Program at (816) 584-6257 for more information.
EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Term 1: 6 credit hrs.
- MA 120 Basic Concepts of Statistics 3 cr.
- NU 310 Nursing Transitions for the BSN 3 cr.
- WCT Writing Competency Test

Term 2: 9 credit hrs.
- EN 306A Professional Writing in the Disciplines: Scientific and Technical Writing 3 cr.
- NU 320 Historical Nursing Practice 3 cr.
- +200 Elective 200 level or above 3 cr.

Term 3: 9 credit hrs.
- NU 350 Theoretical Foundations 3 cr.
- NU 355 Pathophysiology for Clinicians 3 cr.
- +200 Elective 200 level or above 3 cr.

Term 4: 8 credit hrs.
- NU 400 Global Nursing Perspectives 3 cr.
- NU 410 Community Health Nursing Practice 5 cr.
  16-week course

Term 5: 6 credit hrs.
- +200 Elective 200-level or above 3 cr.
- +200 Elective 200-level or above 3 cr.

Term 6: 8 credit hrs.
- BI 326 Ethics in Science 3 cr.
- NU 420 Leadership and the BSN Role 5 cr.
  16-week course

Term 7: 6 credit hrs.
- HC 451 Health Care and the Political Process 3 cr.
- +300 Elective 300-level or above LE/Humanities/Social Sciences 3 cr.

Term 8: 6 credit hrs.
- NU 450 Research in Nursing 3 cr.
- NU 455 Integrative Practice in Nursing 3 cr.
  Total: 61 cr.

Total Program Hours: 121 cr.

For a complete list of required courses for the BSN Completion Program, visit www.park.edu/bsn.
**Program Cost**

**Tuition and Fees for 2013–14**  
*Effective January 1, 2013. Subject to change without notice.*

Tuition (per credit hour)  
Nursing course .................................. $575  
(Students accepted to the BSN Online Degree Completion Program for either a Fall 2013 or Spring 2014 start will be granted a scholarship which will reduce nursing courses to $400/per credit hour for the entirety of the program.)

Tuition (per credit hour)  
Non-Nursing course ............................... $355

Application for Admission ....................... $25  
(Waived for Park University graduates)

Diploma & Other Fees ............................. $75

Pharmacology Standardized Exam ............. $30

Written Competency Test (WCT) ............... $25

**Getting Started**

**Step 1 – Online Application to Park University**

Park University’s online application is located at www.park.edu/apply. Park University offers this online application to make the application process as easy and convenient as possible. **If you are a Park University graduate or if you have previously applied to Park University, there is a reapplication form designed for you: (form will be on Nursing website).** Once you have submitted the reapplication form go to Step 2.

Once you have completed your application and are ready to submit, you need to pay your $25 application fee online via credit card. No application will be processed until the application fee is paid. All fees are non-refundable.

The online application for admission consists of six processing pages:

1. Personal Information  
2. Campus Location Major  
3. Nursing  
4. Education  
5. Application Information  
6. Agreement and Conditions
Enter the following key responses on the relevant pages:

1. **Personal Information**
   **Student Classification**
   Degree Type: Degree Seeking
   Level of Study: Undergraduate
   Student Type: Transfer

2. **Campus Location Major**
   Selection: Nursing-BSN Completion–Online
   Year: 2013
   Session: Select term you wish to start
   Primary Major: BS Completion-Nursing-BSN
   Minor: None

3. **Nursing**
   Nursing school code: efenp

4. **Education**
   If applicable, document where you completed your practical nursing training on the Nursing processing page, not the Education page. Do not document your PN school on the Education processing page-College/University section.

5. **Application Information**
   Be sure to click “save and continue.”

6. **Agreement and Conditions**
   Be sure to click “save and continue,” then click “submit application.” Pay $25 application fee.

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**The BSN Completion Program at Park features:**

- No residency requirement.
- Multiple starting dates during the academic year.
- Access to a vast online library and high-quality educational resources.
- Faculty with advanced degrees, teaching experience and clinical practice in diverse nursing specialties.

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**Step 2 – Student Financial Services**

Many students find themselves in need of financial assistance to help cover the costs of tuition and fees. We are dedicated to help prospective and current Park University students obtain that assistance through the financial aid process.

Financial aid is available for undergraduate and graduate students, whether attending the flagship campus in Parkville or one of our campuses located throughout the United States.

**Application Deadlines**

Our office must receive all necessary paperwork at least one month prior to the start of the semester in which you plan to enroll. See Park’s academic calendar for specific dates.

Park’s Office of Student Financial Services provides timely service to all applicants. Students and families can expedite the process by understanding and completing all necessary paperwork in a timely fashion.
Apply for Financial Assistance
http://www.park.edu/finaid

1. RFA
   Submit the online Request for Financial Aid

2. FAFSA
   Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Do not send your tax information unless it is requested. Park’s school code is 002498.

Apply for Loans
1. Complete your Master Promissory Note.
   All first-time borrowers must complete an MPN.
   Complete it at Direct Loans.

2. Entrance interview
   All first-time student loan borrowers at Park must complete entrance counseling. Remember, Park University is located in Missouri when completing entrance counseling.

Refunds
1. Get a Direct Deposit Financial Aid Refund
   Submit an authorization form to have your financial aid refund deposited onto a Stored Value Card or into a bank account.

★ Step 3 – Transcripts
Applicants are required to submit:
- Official Associate Degree Nursing transcript
- Official transcript(s) from all college(s) or other post-secondary schools you have attended

Official transcripts include an original seal and/or an original signature by a registrar or school official. Transcripts marked with “Issued to Student” or “Student Copy” will NOT be accepted. All transcripts should be mailed directly to:

Park University
Registrar’s Office
8700 NW River Park Drive
Parkville, MO 64152

★ Step 4 – Notification of Application Status
As soon as all required admissions materials are received and reviewed, we will contact you regarding your admission decision.

Enrollment counselors will guide you through the admissions process. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your admission status, please contact Enrollment Services:

Enrollment Services
Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. CST
Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST
Toll-free: (877) 505-1059
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