

program sheet outlining general education courses and major requirements are available from your admission counselor.

Maryville is approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

About Maryville University

Maryville University enrolls approximately 3,300 students, of which 1,650 are full-time traditional undergraduates and 550 live on campus in one of two residence halls or five on-campus apartments. We offer 50 academic programs — in case you change your mind later or want to pursue multiple interests!

Maryville University is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the best universities in the Midwest. Our campus is conveniently located in the rich learning environment of St. Louis, allowing for easy access to internships, field trips, guest speakers, cultural experiences and part-time job opportunities.

Plus we provide you with free access to all the on-campus support you need to be successful: an Academic Success Center offering free tutoring in any subject, a Writing Center for individualized assistance with papers, an Advising Center to help with your career exploration, and a Personal Counseling office to help guide you along your journey.

Because of Maryville's commitment to professional preparation, we also provide all you'll need to secure that job after graduation: resume writing assistance, mock interviews, an Etiquette Dinner to help you prepare for a professional dinner, job fairs on campus, and literally more internship opportunities than we can fill. Both faculty and staff work with you one-on-one throughout your academic career to help you prepare for your first job or graduate school. In fact, we're proud that 94% of our graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation.

THE MARYVILLE VALUE

The investment you make in a Maryville education will pay numerous dividends for the rest of your life. The engaged style of teaching that is the Maryville

hallmark creates an environment where you'll actually learn and not just put in time to get the credit. Most Maryville students also participate in activities off campus where they gain valuable, practical experience and knowledge relevant to their chosen field of study — and become much more marketable in the process. We don't leave you on your own to figure out how to do all this either; we have resources and support to help you get the most out of your education — academically and socially — as we help you develop into the person you aspire to become!

FRESHMAN ADMISSION

High school seniors are required to submit an application for admission, a high school transcript, a resume and official ACT or SAT scores which demonstrate a minimum 2.75 GPA and 22 ACT composite score. Documentation of health requirements, background checks and a urine drug screen must be acceptable prior to clinical coursework. Space in the nursing program is limited and students are encouraged to complete application files early.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

Transfer students must submit all college transcripts. Faculty and specialized transfer admissions counselors are available for personalized appointments to review transfer credits and degree planning. Depending upon space, advanced placement may be available in the BSN program for transfer students with college credit in nursing courses.

How to apply

An application for admission is available online or by contacting:

Maryville University Office of Admissions

650 Maryville University Drive

St. Louis, Missouri 63141-7299

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www.maryville.edu or admissions@maryville.edu



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SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Nursing

Nursing as a Career

Are you highly motivated and someone who likes a challenge? Are you interested in helping others and want a flexible career? Are you a strong student who excels in science? If so, Nursing may be a perfect major for you!

Nurses play many roles, participating on interdisciplinary health care teams, administering health care needs in a variety of settings and working in communities for health education and wellness promotion. Nurses work directly with people when they need assistance the most. Nurses advocate for patients, explain treatments and deliver health care in the places where people live and work.

And it's a great time to be a nurse! As the population ages, the demand for nurses will increase significantly: according to the Chronicle of Higher Education in July 2007, labor projections report an anticipated shortage of nearly one million nurses by 2020, with the gap between available nurses and need being larger than it has ever been. Adding to this trend, baby-boomer nurses are expected to retire in substantial numbers by 2010. The Department of Labor reports that "nurses are projected to create the second largest number of new jobs among all occupations." To learn more about the intense demand for nurses, visit www.discovernursing.com/job-opportunities. This means that with your BSN, you will be in very high demand!

Nursing is an incredibly flexible career. You can decide the type of shift you want: days or nights or weekends, work in a school and have summers off, work in homes, hospitals, community agencies, the military or education. The possibilities are endless. You never need to switch careers either; by switching to a different venue you can still practice nursing but it will feel like a whole new job in a different setting. Your skills are valued around the globe, as well.

BSN nurses may elect to provide direct patient care, handle administrative functions or return to graduate school. Master's and Doctoral prepared nurses are also in high demand as college faculty, nurse practitioners, health educators and supervisors.

Additional information about nursing as a career may be found at the National Student Nurses Association website: www.nсна.org



Why a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Maryville?

YOU'LL BE ADMITTED DIRECTLY TO NURSING AS A FRESHMAN

No need to risk it or hope or wait — if you're in, you're in right from the very beginning. Maryville students are admitted directly to the Nursing program and guaranteed a spot in the clinical portion of nursing as long as grades are maintained. There is never a need to reapply or worry about your space in the nursing program.

YOU'RE IN NURSING COURSES FROM DAY ONE

You'll start the nursing curriculum during your first semester and begin developing skills and getting a feel for what the profession is really like. You'll take Health Promotion as a freshman with the classmates who will be your study partners and support system throughout the program. You won't waste any time in excelling in the Nursing program!

HANDS-ON NURSING LAB

Starting second semester, you'll have a course in the Nursing Lab, a state-of-the-art skills where you can apply your nursing skills. Using all the scopes and equipment in a simulated hospital setting. After your first year, you will have mastered the basic skills necessary to become a nurse's aide or nurse tech — providing you options for employment during summers or part-time during the year.

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Advanced courses utilize the new “Sim Man,” a sophisticated computer simulator which realistically responds to treatments and procedures. Sim Man may be programmed with health scenarios (e.g., congestive heart failure), allowing you to do a head-to-toe assessment as if he were an actual patient. And administer treatment, observe reactions and then debrief with classmates about the experience. By allowing you to perform procedures and observe responses long before you see your first patient, Sim Man is another way we help you become the best in the field!

It’s like that with all nursing skills — you practice in the lab before you perform in a hospital. We just don’t send you out there: we support you and provide you with tools such as the Virtual IV to allow you to become comfortable and be approved before you are sent on clinical rotations.

ABUNDANT CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES

St. Louis has a strong health industry, and you’ll benefit from the wide range of options for clinical sites. Maryville partners with all of the regional health facilities to provide you with varied and extensive exposure to the many facets of health care. No need to wait around at one rural hospital for a baby to be born — in St. Louis you can observe 20 births a day! We have specialized children’s hospitals, neonatal units, burn units and more — waiting for you to use as real life-learning laboratories.

COMMUNITY NURSING OPTIONS

And all your clinical experience won’t be in hospitals. We’ll prepare you for the rich world of community nursing with practicum options such as health departments, Nurses for Newborns, Visiting Nurse Association and schools. The curriculum will prepare you to provide preventative, curative and rehabilitative professional nursing care to individuals of all ages, families and the community.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

We want you to be successful and we do all we can to provide you assistance to master those tough courses. You’ll have opportunities to practice in the skills lab. You’ll be able to request free peer tutoring that is tailored for nursing students and supports nursing courses. You’ll have access to the Nursing Resource Center, staffed by a master’s prepared nurse 40 hours a week, to aid you. The Resource Center also becomes “the place” for many Nursing students to hang-out in between classes, so you’ll also find camaraderie, support and willing study assistance from your classmates. Can you say flashcards?!

NURSING COMPUTER LAB

In addition to the skills lab, there is a computer lab with 24 state-of-the-art computers dedicated to nursing students. These will provide you with numerous software programs that provide learning support for classes and supplement the materials taught in the classroom. The lab also hosts simulation for each specialty of the National Licensing Exam, so you’ll be able to prepare for that, as well.

ENGAGED LEARNING

Maryville’s nursing education is MUCH more than technical training. You’ll also take a full complement of liberal arts courses so you understand the economics of the health care world, appreciate the backgrounds of different cultures, can communicate and write clearly, and so you develop those critical thinking skills that are essential for good judgments.

Our program ties in the fine arts: Professor Alice Jensen’s psychosocial nursing class uses music, paintings and cultural stories to understand suicide; we engage you in history when students travel to St. Louis neighborhoods and the Missouri History Museum to understand the cholera epidemic of the 1800s. We also bring political science to life as nursing leadership courses head to the State Capitol in Jefferson City for Nursing Lobby Day.

“I chose Maryville because I liked the idea of being accepted into the nursing program from day one, instead of completing prerequisites and then applying for the nursing program separately. The program’s good reputation also influenced my decision.

By taking my first nursing skills lab in my freshman year, it gave me more practical insight into what nursing is really all about. Taking nursing skills lab opened my eyes to the important aspects of nursing. While taking the course I decided to apply for a job at a local hospital as a tech to gain experience.

**Kelli Steinke ‘08
Ballwin, Missouri**

SPECIALIZED ELECTIVES

There are so many dimensions to nursing that it’s hard to cover them all in the core curriculum. You’ll be able to choose which area most interests you and enroll in an elective class for more in-depth study. Whether critical care, nursing at the end of life, care for vulnerable population groups, genetics or identification of health care needs, the hardest part will be narrowing your choices!

There are also special off-campus learning opportunities available to nursing students. In summer 2007, a History of Health Care elective course took 20 Maryville nursing students and faculty to London where they visited the Florence Nightingale Museum and saw the first operating

room. Several nursing students have also studied abroad for a semester in England.

“My experience in the nursing program at Maryville has not only given me a great education, it has given me some of the most extraordinary experiences of my life. I studied hospital-based nursing in England at Queens Medical Center in Nottingham and community health nursing in Harlaxton, a small village north of London. Through the nursing program, I had clinical rotations at some of the most advanced medical centers in the St. Louis area, gained an incredible amount of knowledge and have been given the opportunity to further my career in both educational and extracurricular activities.

**Diane Frankenberg, BSN ‘05
Current MSN student
Villa Ridge, Missouri**

THERE’S MORE TO LIFE THAN JUST THE CLASSROOM

The Student Nurses Association is an active organization that brings in professionals, including guest speakers and anesthetists, and is also active in community service. They have created bulletin boards at the Ranken Jordan Rehabilitation Hospital and sponsored a team in the Komen Race for the Cure. Maryville also hosts a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the national honor society for nursing.

Sometimes you just want to put the books away and Maryville provides you with more social opportunities than you’ll have time to enjoy! We have 40 student organizations (and we’ll even work with you to start your own), NCAA Division III athletics and an active recreation and intramurals program to help you release all that post-studying energy, a special leadership development program tailored to help freshmen prepare for future leadership positions and extensive community service programs that offer opportunities to give back to the community. That doesn’t even count all the ways you can take advantage of the great entertainment and athletic events in a city that’s been called “The Best Sports City in America!”

OUTCOMES

There is no better career than nursing, where jobs are plentiful and those with credentials are in high demand. 100% of our graduates from 2007 received job offers, many while still in school. Our first-time Board Pass Rate for 2006-2007 was 93.5%, one of the highest of all private institutions in the state.

Just as we don’t leave you on your own to navigate clinicals, we don’t leave your career to chance either. Nursing students take a capstone course, the Senior Practicum, where you’ll work with an assigned preceptor for 120 hours in a specialized area. This will give you great

experience and prepare you for your new role as a nurse. You’ll also receive preparation for the Licensure Exam.

The School of Health Professions and Office of Career Education host a Health Professions Career Fair on campus every fall, and Maryville is often visited by job recruiters seeking new graduates.

Maryville graduates work in a variety of settings, from neonatal intensive care, burn centers, medical surgical nursing, OR, ER and ICU. 2007 graduates are employed at St. John’s Hospital, Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital, Southeast Hospital (Cape Girardeau, MO), St. Luke’s Hospital, Cedars Sinai Hospital (California), Missouri Baptist Medical Center, as well as hospice, public health departments, parish nursing and school nursing.

Tracy Faulkner, RN and nurse recruiter at Missouri Baptist Hospital notes, “We love having Maryville nursing students work at Missouri Baptist because they are far more committed than most nursing students, and really have their sights set on more than just earning their degree. Maryville’s program is very selective and seems to draw more mature students who are quite capable in the critical care areas. I know the faculty is extremely knowledgeable, flexible and supportive of their students, and their Student Nurses Association is one of the largest and most active. The nurses we hire from Maryville are well-prepared and dynamic professionals.”

FACULTY

Maryville’s nursing faculty are among the most creative and most caring educators around. They are active in professional practice, as well as dedicated teachers who implement innovative techniques to facilitate genuine learning. Professor Nancy Cibulka brings her passion for HIV positive women into her nurse practitioner classes and has conducted research to help decrease transmission from mother to baby. She’s also a part-time practicing nurse so she stays current in the field.

Maryville’s student-to-faculty ratio of 12:1 allows you to have personal attention in classes and to learn in an environment where your faculty and your advisor will know not just your name, but your hopes and aspirations — and care enough to help you achieve them. And not just in nursing, but in all your classes. Even the general education classes are small enough for you to engage and have learning experiences that are relevant to your goals.

Several of these faculty have been chosen as Fellows to Maryville’s Center for Teaching and Learning — so they are voluntarily reflecting on their teaching methods and working in a two-year program to even further the effectiveness of how they engage students and their teaching methods. How many other schools can offer you that?

THE CURRICULUM

Degree requirements and specific course listings may be found in the University Catalog at www.maryville.edu/catalog. A Catalog or a detailed