



SCHOOL OF NURSING

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Dear Prospective Student,

I am delighted to hear you are interested in a nursing career. Opportunities for personal and professional growth in this field are limitless. From critical care settings in university medical centers to climate-controlled newborn nurseries; from life-flight rescue helicopters to hospice nursing in the patient's home – nurses are making a difference.

Graceland takes great pride in preparing well-qualified graduates to meet the challenge of today's health care needs. This is reflected in the 100% placement for our nursing graduates. A few of the things that make our program outstanding are:

- ❖ 100% pass rate on NCLEX for 2006 & 2007 graduating classes
- ❖ Accelerated program available to all students
- ❖ Clinical rotations in widely acclaimed health agencies
- ❖ Excellent financial aid services
- ❖ Innovative curriculum
- ❖ Caring climate that fosters individual growth
- ❖ Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- ❖ Approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing
- ❖ Accredited by the Missouri Board of Nursing

We invite you to find out more about our nursing program by reading the information that is enclosed. To arrange a visit or to obtain additional information, contact Laurie Hale at (800) 833-0524 ext. 4150 outside the Kansas City area or 833-0524 ext. 4150 in the Kansas City area. She will be happy to answer your questions or assist you in arranging a visit.

We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Andrea Garner, MSN, RN
Acting Associate Dean, BSN-RN Program
Graceland University

Enclosure

P.S. There has never been a more exciting time to be a member of the nursing profession.

Admission Process

- Application, transcripts, references and essay are due November 30th. The selection process begins in the spring and the nursing program begins in July.
- Complete online application at www.graceland.edu/nursing, select Admissions, select Apply Online on the right side. Students should apply before the sophomore year to be considered for the following summer session, if all required courses will be completed before nursing begins.
- Go to the website for the Application Packet, HESI Exam Info and FAQ's. www.graceland.edu/nursing click Traditional BSN to RN program, then look to right side for links.
- Submit official transcripts of all colleges/universities attended and high school (not necessary for students with a previous bachelor or associate degree).

Admission Requirements

- Minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average is required. Admission is competitive. A higher cum GPA is suggested and the Prerequisite GPA is also important.
- Completion of a minimum of 66 credit hours for the traditional track and 69 credit hours for the Accelerated Option track.
- A satisfactory score on the pre-admission online proctored exam. The HESI Admission Exam will be offered at Graceland in December and January. Check the website for more information.

Nursing Prerequisite Courses---must earn a minimum grade of "C". Performance in science courses is viewed very seriously by the admission committee.

These courses should be completed in December to be considered for acceptance to the following summer start date of the program.

- Algebra /College level Math (Algebra preferred)
- Chemistry w/lab (prefer components of Inorganic, Organic & Biochemistry)
- Anatomy & Physiology w/lab (can be taken together or separately)
- Microbiology w/lab

These courses must be completed prior to summer enrollment in the nursing program.

- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology
- Developmental Psychology (human lifespan)
- Nutrition
- Introduction to Statistics
- Advanced Comp: Technical Report Writing is offered the spring semester but will be waived if student has previous bachelor degree or if student has earned grade of A or B in English 101 and 102.

**GRACELAND UNIVERSITY
PROJECTED BSN-RN NURSING CURRICULUM**

Graceland University provides a unique opportunity for students by offering a choice of our Regular track or our Accelerated Option track *(AO). The curriculum for the traditional two year program is listed on the left. The column on the right shows the accelerated program curriculum which allows students to complete the degree a semester early. Both tracks begin together in July but AO students add a course (spring semester) and take a summer session after the junior year for their program

*AO Program requirements: GPA of 3.0; completion of 69 college credit hours. Enrollment is limited.

	<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Accelerated Schedule</u>
1st Summer: Junior	Nursing for the 21 st Century Health Assessment	Nursing for the 21 st Century Health Assessment
1st Fall Semester: Junior	Pathophysiology Pharmacology Therapeutic Interventions Adult Health Care I	Pathophysiology Pharmacology Therapeutic Interventions Adult Health Care I
January Winter Term: Junior	Winter Term (one required)	Optional Winter Term
1st Spring Semester: Junior	Intro to Evidence Based Nursing Adult Health Care II Psychosocial Aspects Client Care	Intro to Evidence Based Nursing Adult Health Care II Psychosocial Aspects Client Care Senior Seminar
2nd Summer: Senior		Maternity and Women's Health Leadership Roles in Nursing
Fall Semester: Senior	Care of the Critically Ill Child and Family Health Community Health Nursing	Care of the Critically Ill Child and Family Health Community Health Nursing
January Winter Term: Senior	Winter Term (one required)	Senior Clinical Practicum Graduation
2nd Spring Semester: Senior	Maternity and Women's Health Senior Clinical Practicum Leadership Roles in Nursing Senior Seminar	

For more information contact Laurie Hale (816) 833-0424 ext. 4150 or lhale@graceland.edu

Graceland University School of Nursing

Check-off list

- ❖ Online application, transcripts, references, essay and HESI sign-up due November 30th
- ❖ Classes begin the following SUMMER (close to July 1st)
- ❖ Graceland Nursing is a full time daytime program to be completed in two years (if Regular track) or 18 months (if the Accelerated track--3.0 cum GPA; 69 hours required; limited openings)

_____ Will you have a MINIMUM CUM GPA of 2.5 (preferably higher) on your fall transcript?

_____ Will you have a MINIMUM of 66 college hours when you START the program?
(general education courses plus nursing prerequisite courses)

_____ Will you have completed these courses with a grade of C or better by the end of fall semester?

- ___ College Algebra (preferred) or college level math course (not preparatory course)
- ___ Chemistry with lab (preferred with components of organic, inorganic and biochemistry)
- ___ Anatomy and Physiology with lab(s)-courses can be separate or together
- ___ Microbiology with lab

_____ Will you have completed these courses by the end of the spring semester with C grade or higher?

- ___ Intro to Psychology
- ___ Intro to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology
- ___ Nutrition
- ___ Developmental Psychology (human lifespan)
- ___ Intro to Statistics

___ Advanced Comp--can be taken at Graceland along with nursing courses
(if student has previous bachelor degree OR if student has taken two college English composition courses with grades of A or B in both, then course will be waived.)

_____ Have you applied online to Graceland University? www.graceland.edu/nursing
(click on Admissions; look to the right for Apply Online; click on BSN-RN Traditional Program)

_____ Did you prepare your essay or statement of interests and goals and submit it by email?

_____ *Have you sent two reference letters---one from employer and one from instructor?
(If you don't have an employer AND instructor, you can have two employers OR two instructors.)

_____ Have you ordered all transcripts including most recent work completed?
NOTE: if you have an Associate or Bachelor degree, your high school transcript is not needed.

_____ *Have you signed up to take the required HESI proctored exam yet? It is given in December and January, unless special arrangements are made—submit registration form to reserve your spot.

_____ Do you have a study guide to help you prepare for the HESI exam? Go to www.amazon.com

If a student already has a Bachelor degree, Graceland recognizes completion of their general education requirements. The registrar's office will look to verify all the prerequisite courses (above) have been met.

*access this info at www.graceland.edu/nursing Click on Traditional BSN-RN; open Application Packet; HESI Exam Information and FAQ's

Questions??? Contact Laurie Hale (816) 833-0524 ext 4150 or lhale@graceland.edu

NURSING ESSAY

- Include statement of your interest and goals including your relevant work and/or volunteer experience.
- 1 to 1 ½ pages double spaced in Word document with student's name in top right corner
- Email as an attachment with "Nursing Essay" typed in the subject line to lhale@graceland.edu or mail to:

Graceland University
Attn: Laurie Hale
1401 W. Truman Road
Independence, MO 64050-3434

Graceland University

INDEPENDENCE CAMPUS REFERENCE FORM

- I. **To the Applicant:** Please have your referees use this form for submitting your references. Two (2) references are required, including (1) an instructor, and (2) an employer/supervisor.

PLEASE REMIND YOUR REFEREES TO SUBMIT YOUR REFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Complete this portion of the form and then furnish it to your referee for completion and forwarding to:
Graceland Independence Campus, 1401 W. Truman Rd., Independence, Missouri 64050-3434.

PLEASE PRINT

Applicant Name: _____

Name of Referee: _____

Referee Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

II. **RELEASE OF ACCESS TO THIS LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

The applicant must complete and sign the following statement before submitting this form to the Referee. This request is in compliance with Federal Law P.L. 93-380 (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974).

- I waive my right to access to this letter of recommendation.
 I do not waive my right to access to this letter of recommendation.

Signature of applicant _____

III. **REFERENCE SUMMARY SHEET TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REFEREE**

How well do you know the applicant?

- Very well Fairly well Minimally Unknown

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Identify the capacities which you have been associated with the applicant.

- Instructor Lecture Laboratory
 Seminar Employer/Supervisor Academic advising

Other _____

(continue on reverse side)

(continued from front side)

Please rate the applicant's achievement and potential by entering an "X" in the appropriate spaces below.

	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Not Able To Respond
Decision-making ability					
Organization skills					
Communication skills:					
Written					
Oral					
Adaptability to stress					
Positive attitude					
Integrity					
Interpersonal sensitivity					
Leadership ability					
Ability to be committed to:					
A goal					
Persons					

In addition to the ratings, please give your evaluation of and your personal reaction to the applicant. You may want to indicate your perceptions of the applicant's strengths and limitations.

Please indicate: (1.) My recommendation is:
 Exceptional Above Average Average Below Average
 (2.) Not recommended

Name _____ Date _____
(Please print)

Institution _____ Position _____

Signature _____

**Graceland Independence Campus
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COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

TO: COLLEGE REGISTRAR

Please send my college transcript to:

Graceland University
Attn: GIC
1401 West Truman Road
Independence, MO 64050-3434

Name _____ Maiden or Prev. Name _____
(Please Print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Dates attended your institution _____ SSN _____

Signature _____

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

(Required if applicant does not have an associate or baccalaureate degree in any field)

TO: HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Please send my high school transcript to:

Graceland University
Attn: GIC
1401 West Truman Road
Independence, MO 64050-3434

Name _____ Maiden or Prev. Name _____
(Please Print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

H.S. Graduation Date _____ SSN _____

Signature _____