

### ADMISSION TO THE SECOND DEGREE OPTION

To be admitted to Eastern Kentucky University, the EKU application form, required fee, and all official transcripts from institution(s) attended must be submitted to the EKU Office of Admissions. International students must have an evaluation completed by JSILNY or WES and submitted with the application to document degree completion (contact the EKU Office of Admissions for more details). International students must also submit official TOEFL scores with the department application materials. Admission to the University does **NOT** guarantee admission to the Second Degree Option. To apply for fall admission to the Second Degree Option, a separate departmental application must be submitted to the Office of The Department of Baccalaureate & Graduate Nursing no later than **March 1**. The minimal requirements for admission to this option include evidence of completion of a Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing discipline from an accredited college or university, submission of transcripts from all colleges or universities attended (these are separate from the transcripts which must be submitted to the EKU Office of Admissions), JSILY or WES evaluation and TOEFL scores (if required), submission of an essay which includes statement of personal and professional career goals, a resume, and three professional letters of reference. Admission is competitive and is based on a review of all required materials and the entire academic history, including a review of the essay/statement of personal and professional career goals, grades on science pre-requisite course, the resume, and the three professional letters of reference.

If an applicant to the Second Degree Option has been enrolled in another nursing program, the applicant must submit transcripts from the program, must submit the *Applicant From Another Nursing Program Form*, and must submit the *Nursing School Director Reference Form*. If the applicant has had a deficiency in a previous nursing course(s), application must be made through the Admission/Readmission Committee and the applicant must compete with other applicants applying for readmission to the program (please refer to that section of the policy for more specific information).

To be eligible to enter the option, the student must have been officially admitted to the option and must have completed all pre-requisite course work in Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Nutrition, and Statistics with a grade equivalent of 2.0 (C) or greater. All admissions are made with the provision that documentation of completion of pre-requisite courses must be available from the Registrar when grades are recorded at the end of the current semester before enrollment in the option (end of the summer term for fall enrollment). Otherwise, the student may lose his/her place in the class. **As review of science pre-requisite grades is part of the competitive admissions process, applicants are strongly encouraged to have science pre-requisite courses completed when the application is submitted.**

In addition to the academic criteria required for admission, the student must meet the standards written into the State of Kentucky Nurse Practice Act (KNPA), which requires each student be of good moral and ethical character, good mental and physical health and be academically qualified to fulfill the role and responsibilities of a person licensed to practice as a professional nurse. Applicants for nursing programs should review licensure information posted on the Kentucky Board of Nurse's website, including information for candidates with a history of prior criminal conviction. **In addition, students must meet clinical agency placement requirements**

All admissions are also made with the provision that all required documentation will be submitted and will indicate the student meets clinical agency placement requirements. Students who are admitted must submit copies of all required documentation (Please see the *Required Documentation for Clinical* section of this handbook) to Rowlett 223 no later than **August 1** if the student is to enroll in the Second Degree Option course work in the following fall term. A student **may not** begin the nursing program without having all documentation on file. **Any exception must be approved by the Department Chair.** This documentation must be kept up to date each semester of enrollment in clinical nursing courses.

### PROGRESSION IN THE SECOND DEGREE OPTION

To be eligible for progression, students must achieve a grade equivalent of 2.0 (C) or higher in all nursing and supporting courses. Students who are unsuccessful in a nursing course must apply for readmission through the Admission/Readmission Committee. **If a student enrolled in the Second Degree Option is unsuccessful in a nursing course and applies for readmission, the student will be considered for the Traditional Option Only.** Please refer to that section of the policy for more specific information on progression and readmission. The HESI Mid-Curricular Examination will be given at the end of NSC 396, and students who score below standard must enroll in NSC 378 (please refer to the *Academic Standards* section).