

BAKER COLLEGE
Program Information
Nursing (Post-Licensure)
Bachelor of Science

Campus: *Online.*

Program Description

The goal of the Baker College Baccalaureate Post-licensure Nursing program is to provide an opportunity for licensed registered nurses to continue their professional growth by the acquisition of knowledge and skills needed to function in healthcare settings that are responsive to individual and community needs as professional nurses. These individuals will develop into leaders of research, practice, education and administration within the healthcare environment.

Approval Information: The nursing programs within the Baker College System have been approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing.

Accreditation Status: The Baccalaureate Post-licensure Nursing program at Baker College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE); One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC, (202) 887-6791.

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Credentials

To enter the program, an unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the United States (US), District of Columbia or US territories is required for all applicants OR an unencumbered license as a RN in Canada. Note: Canadian RNs must complete the clinical components of this program under the supervision of a baccalaureate nurse licensed in Canada. Successful completion of the Baker College baccalaureate nursing program does not qualify the Canadian graduate to take the US NCLEX examination. All students are expected to maintain licensure throughout their academic career. Applicants must include a photocopy of active US or Canadian RN license or a printed page from the licensing state's nursing Web site or Canadian equivalent verifying licensure status and expiration date.

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Criminal History/Background Check

A criminal background may be required by the clinical site selected by the student. If required students are responsible for all costs associated with the background check.

Essential Functions/Technical Requirements

The Essential Functions/Technical Requirements specific to this program include:

- * the ability to maintain the functions and skills normally associated with a licensed and

- * practicing Registered Nurse.
- * the ability to maintain BCLS certification
- * the ability to meet immunization standards for identified practicum sites.

Application Requirements for Professional Track

Student transcripts will be evaluated for equivalency for Baker College requirements for general education, and nursing core. A maximum of two nursing courses, 300 or 400 levels, will be accepted in transfer if the course(s) meets program equivalency.

Registered Nurses will be granted 46 quarter hour credits for licensure and experience.

Program Requirements

Clinical Requirements

Students in the Baker College Bachelor of Nursing program are licensed registered nurses. Three (3) courses in the Baker College baccalaureate curriculum involve clinical experiences. These are the Community Health Practicum, Leadership Practicum, and Nursing Seminar, the final course in the program. Students identify clinical sites/activities and qualified preceptors which meet the course objectives and are approved by the course faculty. Students perform clinical activities involving client or staff teaching, program changes, system alterations, etc., involving up to 8 hours per week. Students are expected to have transportation to clinical sites. Students may need to submit a completed Health Information forms documenting immunization history and current, including Tuberculosis (TB) status and Hepatitis B if requested, by the chosen clinical site. As practicing health care professionals students are expected to remain current with BCLS prior to beginning clinical requirements.

Grades and GPA

Students must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale to graduate with a BSN degree from Baker College. A minimum grade of 2.7 (B-) is required for health science courses (SCI, HSC, NUR). A minimum of 2.0 (C) is required for general education course.

Clinical Experience Accident, Injury or Exposure

Any student involved in an accident or incurs an injury or exposure while participating in a clinical experience will report the incident to the course faculty. At the time of the incident students are expected to report the situation to their preceptor and follow recommended protocols/practices of the facility regarding the accident, injury or exposure. The student is responsible for all fees or costs involved in obtaining medical care if needed.

Other Program Requirements

Professional Liability Insurance

Students are required to obtain professional liability insurance while enrolled in practicum courses. A suggested provider of nurse liability insurance includes, but is not limited to, Nurse Service Organization (NSO), www.nso.com. Proof of professional liability insurance is a requirement for enrollment in practicum courses. Since it is common for nurse liability insurance to be sold for a one year period minimum, students are advised to organize their course schedule to register for the practicum courses within a 12 month period.

Student Participation in Committees

Student participation in committees is required by program standards. Two baccalaureate nursing students participate as voting members of the Curriculum Committee. Any student interested in appointment to the Curriculum Committee is requested to contact the program coordinator/director via their course faculty. Meetings will occur via e-mail meeting or Web-X at a time convenient to members. Minutes will be generated and distributed for all meetings to members.

Building Portfolios

Students are advised to keep electronic copies of their work for inclusion in their portfolio, an assignment for the last course of this program. It is suggested that students save the documents in a format that will not be lost as faculty do not keep copies of students work once they are returned to students. Failure to produce examples of how program objectives are met will adversely impact your grade for the portfolio assignment and your grade in the course. Students are encouraged to use the portfolio component of Blackboard to save and share their documents.

Professionalism

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner both in the classroom and at their clinical sites. A dress code and honor code has been established and is printed in the Baker College Undergraduate Student Handbook. It is the student's responsibility to know the policies of the College and clinical sites selected.

Re-entry into the Program

Students who receive less than the minimum grade requirement (see Program Requirements) for two NUR courses will be dismissed from the program. A student may be eligible for re-entry at the discretion of the program director.

Transfer Students

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