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## CRAIGMILES SCHOOL OF NURSING

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Today nurses are vital members of the healthcare system who contribute to the maintenance and promotion of our nation's health and welfare. Expanding responsibilities and challenges in the healthcare field have led to opportunities which have been unavailable to nurses in the past. The Craigmiles School of Nursing is committed to preparing students with the attitudes, knowledge, and skills needed to meet the present and emerging healthcare demands through a holistic approach.

**Certificate in Practical Nursing**  
**Associate of Science in Nursing Degree (ASN)**  
**Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree for RNs (RN to BSN)**

### **Statement of Mission and Purpose for the Craigmiles School of Nursing**

The mission of the Nursing Department is to provide an excellent education in the field of nursing in a distinctively Christian environment that integrates Christian faith and learning in preparing graduates for personal and career effectiveness.

### **Program Accreditations and Approvals**

The associate degree program in nursing at Hannibal-LaGrange University is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404-975-5000. [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

The associate degree program in nursing at Hannibal-LaGrange University has full Missouri State Board of Nursing approval.

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Hannibal-LaGrange University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791. <http://www.cneaccreditation.org/>

### **Memberships**

The School of Nursing has memberships in the National League for Nursing, the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, the Missouri League for Nursing, and the Missouri State Association of Licensed Practical Nurses.

### **Admission and Approval**

An applicant will be accepted into the PN, ASN, or BSN program only after that individual has been officially admitted to the University, has met all requirements for general or transfer admission, and has met all requirements specific to the nursing program (see Entry Requirements). Admission to the University does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing program. The decision for acceptance by the Nursing Admissions Coordinator and Director of the School of Nursing is based on evidence of the student's potential for successful completion of the program. Notification of the decision will be forwarded in writing to the applicant.

Hannibal-LaGrange University does not guarantee that each person admitted to its nursing programs will pass all elements of the program or that those who graduate will be able to pass

licensing examinations and/or secure employment as a healthcare provider. Attaining these goals depends on the student's diligence in these rigorous courses of study and on economic forces influencing the healthcare industry. These factors are not within the control of the School of Nursing.

### **Advanced Standing and Transfer Credit**

Credit for advanced standing may be earned by successfully passing CLEP, HESI, ACT-PEP, and departmental examinations. These credits will be interpreted as credits earned through Hannibal-LaGrange University because the content of these examinations has been determined to be similar in content to courses offered through HLGU. Advanced standing by examination is limited to a maximum of 30 credit hours. All credit for transfer must ultimately be approved by the Director of the School of Nursing. For further information on advanced standing or transfer credit, write or call the Nursing Admissions Coordinator (573-629-3141).

## **ASN PROGRAM**

### **Associate of Science in Nursing**

The Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) requires a minimum of 64 semester hours and completion of the program requirements. Program requirements include 41 semester hours of nursing coursework. After successfully completing the ASN program, graduates are immediately eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RNTM), which is required in order to practice as a registered nurse. To graduate from the ASN Program, students must satisfy all entry and curriculum requirements, an exit exam, and the Graduation Requirements listed in the [Academic Policies](#) section of the catalog.

The nursing program accepts students once a year and begins the class cycle in the fall. Qualified applicants are ranked based on ACT composite score, GPA of nursing support course requirements, and the Admission Assessment Exam. Once the class is filled, qualified applicants will be placed on a waiting list and will be admitted to the program if openings occur, up to the first day of classes. Students not accepted may reapply for the following year.

It is important that applicants be informed before entry into the program that a person who has a criminal history may not be eligible to apply for licensure to practice nursing. Consequently, successful completion of a nursing program does not guarantee eligibility to take the licensure examination.

Other grounds for refusal by the Missouri State Board of Nursing to issue a license or revoke a license are explained in the Missouri Nursing Practice Act, Missouri Chapter 335 – Nurse: Section 335.66. The fifteen items listed relate to moral turpitude, intemperate use of alcohol or drugs, and/or, as stated above, a criminal history. Questions regarding the relevance of this Section to a particular situation should be directed to the Director of the School of Nursing prior to or immediately upon enrollment.

## Objectives for the ASN Program

The end-of-program student learning objectives of the Hannibal-LaGrange University ASN program are to produce graduates who will:

1. practice safe, competent, and cost-efficient nursing care to diverse individuals, families, and communities.
2. provide caring and holistic nursing interventions in an attempt to help the person maximize self-care abilities throughout the lifespan while promoting, maintaining, and restoring health or providing end-of-life care.
3. communicate and collaborate effectively with individuals, families, communities, and other members of the health care team.
4. demonstrate critical thinking in clinical decision making through utilization of the nursing process and research from nursing and related disciplines.
5. utilize principles of management and leadership in diverse settings.
6. exhibit competence with current technology.
7. engage in the practice of professional nursing within the legal, ethical, and regulatory frameworks.
8. assume responsibility for lifelong learning and personal and professional growth.

## Entry Requirements

1. Minimum of 17 years of age.
2. Meet General Admission Requirements for admittance to Hannibal-LaGrange University. (See the Admissions section in this catalog.)
3. Complete an ASN application.
4. Provide evidence of acceptable scores on ACT (20 or higher) or SAT (940 or higher) or have more than 24 credit hours at or above a 2.75 CGPA.

**NOTE:** Contact the Nursing Admissions Coordinator for specific details.

5. Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale in Nursing Support Requirements.
6. Complete the following prerequisites with a grade of C- or higher:
  - a. One year of high school biology or one semester of college biology (lecture and lab; total of 4 hours).
  - b. One year of high school algebra or one semester of college-level algebra. (All incoming students must follow the HLGU [Mathematics Placement Policy](#) which may indicate the need for additional math courses prior to admission.)
  - c. Anatomy and Physiology (lecture and lab; total of 8 hours).
  - d. Microbiology (lecture and lab; total of 4 hours) – May also be taken during the summer term between the first and second years of the ASN program.

**NOTE:** The college-level courses will be required if the high school courses were not taken within the past five years.

**NOTE:** Prerequisite science courses will only be accepted if taken within the last 5 years prior to beginning NUR 114. The material from these courses is fundamental to students' success in nursing school.

7. Achieve acceptable scores on the Admission Assessment Exam (A2). Test scores are valid for 2 years after date of exam.
 

**NOTE:** Contact the Nursing Admissions Coordinator for specific details.
8. Applicants who are initially accepted into the program will be considered on conditional status until the following items have been uploaded to CastleBranch, the online platform for managing important requirements throughout nursing education and clinical experiences.
  - a. Proof of Vaccinations (copies)

- i. Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR)
- ii. Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (TDaP)
- iii. Hepatitis B
- iv. Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- v. TB Skin Test (2-step)
- vi. Influenza (to be completed in the Fall)
- b. CPR Certification (American Heart Association)
- c. LPN License (if applicable)
- d. The following signed documents (enclosed in welcome packet):
  - i. Functional Abilities Policy
  - ii. Student Criminal History Records Disclosure Consent
  - iii. Missouri State Board of Nursing Disclosure
  - iv. Immunization Requirements for Hannibal Regional Healthcare System
  - v. Hannibal Regional Healthcare System Confidentiality Statement
  - vi. Employee Disqualification List (EDL) Consent
- e. Criminal background check
- f. Drug and alcohol screening required by affiliation agreement between the HLGU Craigmiles School of Nursing and Hannibal Regional Hospital (performed by Hannibal Regional Hospital prior to first clinical experience)

**NOTE:** Applicants who have been a student in another nursing program must request a letter from the director or dean of that program that states the reason for their withdrawal from the program and their status in regard to reentry. Acceptance into the HLGU Nursing Program cannot be granted without a letter of recommendation from the other program.

### **Admission of Transfer Students**

1. Meet admission requirements for Transfer Students for admittance to Hannibal-LaGrange University. (Refer to Admissions section of catalog.)
2. Complete Entry Requirements to ASN program (stated above).  
Nursing courses are rarely accepted in transfer to fulfill graduation requirements. However, students may be able to obtain advanced standing for NUR 102, NUR 114, and/or NUR 214 by examination.

### **Admission of Licensed Practical Nurses**

LPNs may obtain advanced standing by examination if they have met the above Entry Requirements to the ASN program and if they have met the following requirements:

1. Graduate of a state-approved LPN program.
2. Submit an official transcript from their LPN program.
3. Employed in the field of nursing or have completed PN coursework within the last two years.
4. Provide evidence of an active, valid, unencumbered license to practice as an LPN.

**NOTE:** Students who meet these requirements are eligible for six credits of Anatomy & Physiology, two credits of Human Growth & Lifespan Development, two credits of Clinical Calculations, and six credits of Nursing Fundamentals in accordance with Prior Learning Assessment policies. Transcribing Fees will apply.

**NOTE:** Students may also be able to obtain advanced standing for NUR 214 by examination.

### **Expenses**

Cost sheets are available from the Nursing Admissions Coordinator.

## Financial Aid

A variety of financial assistance is available. It is important to remember, however, that the purpose of financial aid is to assist; it should not be considered as a source that will pay for all educational expenses. Contact the Office of Financial Aid (573-629-3279) to discuss financial needs.

## Curriculum Requirements

There is always the possibility that there will be revisions in the curriculum and standards because of the continuing curriculum evaluation. Please check with the School of Nursing office for the current requirements.

## ASN Students Taking BSN Courses

ASN students are allowed to register for 300-level BSN courses if the following conditions have been met:

1. CGPA of 2.5 or higher.
2. Current grades must be in good standing; students currently or previously on probation will *not* be allowed to take BSN courses.
3. All ASN support courses, with the exception of Microbiology, must be completed prior to taking any BSN support or nursing courses.
4. Student has not previously withdrawn from more than one BSN online course.
5. Students currently enrolled in the ASN program may request in writing enrollment in select 400-level BSN courses from the Director, Craigmiles School of Nursing. Students must be in good academic standing within the ASN program and have completed a majority of RN to BSN support courses.

## Requirements for ASN Degree

1. Earn a grade of C- or higher in all Support Course Requirements and earn a grade of B- or higher in all Nursing Core Requirements.
2. Earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher in major courses (includes any support course requirements).
3. As a condition for graduation and for taking the NCLEX-RN™, students must successfully complete a comprehensive exit exam. Contact the HLGU Nursing School for details. Students bear responsibility for all the costs for the exam, remediation, and retesting.

## Required Courses for Associate of Science in Nursing Degree

I. Nursing Support Requirements	Credits: 26-31 Hcurs
HLG 011 Freshman Seminar.....Credits: 1 <i>See course description for HLG 011 Freshman Seminar.</i>	
HLG 010 Chapel.....Credits: 0 <i>See Chapel Attendance Requirements in the HLGU Student Handbook.</i>	
<b>Bible (Choose from the following).....Credits: 3</b>	
BIB 113 Old Testament Survey.....Credits: 3	
BIB 123 New Testament Survey.....Credits: 3 <i>Students may take BIB 132 &amp; BIB 133 (Land of the Bible I &amp; II) as a substitute for either BIB 113 or BIB 123.</i>	
ENG 104 English Composition I.....Credits: 3 <i>Academic advisors will use the composition course placement policy to ensure enrollment in the appropriate course. (See <a href="#">Composition Placement Policy</a> in Academic Section.)</i>	
ENG 106 English Composition II.....Credits: 3	
Human Anatomy & Physiology with Lab.....Credits: 6-8 <i>Recommended course sequence is BIO 254LL Essentials of Human A &amp; P I and BIO 264LL Essentials of Human A &amp; P II. LPN license fulfills this requirement.</i>	
BIO 344 Microbiology.....Credits: 3-4	
Human Growth & Lifespan Development.....Credits: 2-3 <i>Recommended course is PSY 333 Lifespan Developmental Psychology.</i>	
Behavioral Science.....Credits: 6 <i>(Courses must come from two different academic areas. Recommended courses include: PSY 113 General Psychology and SOC 113 Introduction to Sociology)</i>	
II. Nursing Core Requirements	Credits: 41 Hours
NUR 102 Clinical Calculations.....Credits: 2 <i>(Students passing a medical calculations challenge exam may challenge this course. See the <a href="#">Institutional Examinations</a> in the Admissions chapter for associated fees and other details.)</i>	
NUR 114 Nursing Fundamentals.....Credits: 6	
NUR 214 Adult/Child I & Mental Health.....Credits: 8	
NUR 234 Adult/Child II & The Childbearing Family.....Credits: 10	
NUR 236 Adult/Child III & Clinical Leadership.....Credits: 10	
NUR 240 Pharmacology I.....Credits: 2	
NUR 241 Pharmacology II.....Credits: 1	
NUR 272 Nursing Seminar.....Credits: 2	
Total Hours Required for Graduation	Credits: 64 Hours*

\* This degree requires coursework that surpasses the minimum semester hours necessary for graduation.

## **NURSING**

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Special Topics and Advanced Topics courses are offered on occasion to meet special needs of students. These variable credit-hour courses are offered at all levels (191, 291, 391, 491).

<b>NUR 102</b>	<b>Clinical Calculations</b> Provides instruction in calculating proper dosage of medications. Reviews basic arithmetic principles, then builds on these to help students acquire the ability to convert between medical, apothecary, and household systems of measurements. Instruction in dosage calculation using the dimensional analysis method. Offered fall and spring terms.	<b>2 hours</b>
<b>NUR 114</b>	<b>Nursing Fundamentals</b> Introduces basic concepts and skills fundamental to nursing. Focuses on caring and holistic nursing interventions, utilizing the nursing process to maximize self-care abilities throughout the lifespan. Clinical, lab, testing, and professional fees. Involves approximately 6 lecture/lab hours per week and 60 patient contact hours per semester. Prerequisites: Admission to ASN Program, BIO 254 and BIO 264. Corequisite: NUR 102. Offered fall semester.	<b>6 hours</b>
<b>NUR 214</b>	<b>Adult/Child I &amp; Mental Health Nursing</b> Builds upon basic nursing concepts and broadens the knowledge base. Emphasizes theory and clinical practice in the adult medical-surgical, pediatric, and mental health settings with a focus on health promotion, protection, maintenance, and restoration. Clinical, lab, testing, and professional fees. Involves approximately 6 lecture/lab per week and 150 patient contact hours per semester. Prerequisites: Admission to ASN Program, BIO 254, BIO 264, NUR 102, and NUR 114. Offered spring semester.	<b>8 hours</b>

<b>NUR 221</b>	<b>Clinical Practicum</b> Designed for those students who wish to refine psychomotor nursing skills and become more adept in the clinical setting, as well as for those students who were unable to fulfill clinical objectives within the allotted semester because of minor deficits in clinical ability or attendance. Prerequisites: Admission to ASN Program and NUR 214. Offered May term, as needed.	<b>1-2 hours</b>
<b>NUR 234</b>	<b>Adult/Child II &amp; the Childbearing Family</b> Focuses on the care of patients of all ages, including the childbearing family, with commonly seen alterations that interfere with the ability to provide self-care throughout the lifespan. Clinical, lab, testing, and professional fees. Involves approximately 6 lecture/lab hours per week and 210 patient contact hours per semester. Prerequisites: BIO 344; NUR 214. Corequisite: NUR 240. Offered fall semester.	<b>10 hours</b>
<b>NUR 236</b>	<b>Adult/Child III &amp; Clinical Leadership</b> Focuses on the care of patients with increasingly complex multi-system health problems that interfere with the ability of the client to provide self-care throughout the lifespan while promoting, maintaining, and restoring health or providing end-of-life care. A 60-hour clinical practicum provides an opportunity to refine clinical practice, enhance critical decision making and communication skills, building upon the knowledge, skills, and experiences acquired in their nursing education. Involves approximately 6 lecture/lab hours per week and 210 patient contact hours per semester. Prerequisites: NUR 234 and NUR 240. Corequisite: NUR 241. Offered spring semester.	<b>10 hours</b>
<b>NUR 240</b>	<b>Pharmacology I</b> Focuses on pharmacological principles, including therapeutic use, drug dosage, and mode of action, adverse reactions, contraindications, and nursing implications. The first course in a two-part series. Involves 2 lecture hours per week. Prerequisites: BIO 344 and NUR 214. Offered fall semester.	<b>2 hours</b>
<b>NUR 241</b>	<b>Pharmacology II</b> Focuses on pharmacological principles, including therapeutic use, drug dosage, and mode of action, adverse reactions, contraindications, and nursing implications. The second course in a two-part series. Involves 1 lecture hour per week. Prerequisites: NUR 234 and NUR 240. Offered spring semester.	<b>1 hour</b>

**NUR 272      Nursing Seminar****2 hours**

Provides the knowledge and skills necessary to seamlessly transition from the student role to a professional nurse. Involves 2 lecture hours and 3 hours of computer lab per week. Prerequisites: NUR 234 and NUR 240. Corequisite: NUR 236 and NUR 241. Offered spring semester.