



## BEACON INFORMATION

### Baccalaureate Education Accelerates Career Opportunities in Nursing

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#### *BEACON*

The College of Nursing and Health's BEACON program is a four semester program of study leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) and graduate credit that can be applied toward a Master of Science in Nursing. Wright State University-Miami Valley College of Nursing and Health is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and is also approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing. Courses may be offered face-to-face or online. Most courses are hybrid and have a strong online component with varying activities, including online lectures, discussion boards, and testing. The semester BEACON curriculum contains five graduate nursing courses. Students will have both an undergraduate GPA and a graduate GPA. Students **MUST** maintain a cumulative WSU undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher and a cumulative WSU graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher while enrolled in BEACON. These two GPAs are **not** averaged together. Grades from coursework that you completed at other universities are not factored into your WSU GPAs.

#### *Graduate Courses*

When students are accepted to BEACON, they are admitted to the University as undergraduate students. In order to take the graduate courses in the BEACON curriculum, the School of Graduate Studies grants the students senior permission. Your WSU undergraduate GPA must be 3.0 or higher in order to be eligible to take the graduate courses included in the BEACON program. If your WSU undergraduate GPA is not at least 3.0, you cannot progress in the BEACON program.

#### *Clinical Experiences*

Clinical experiences are located in a variety of agencies throughout the Greater Miami Valley Region. Students may need to travel as much as an hour from the WSU campus for clinical experiences.

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#### *Admission Criteria*

The most qualified applicants are selected from the eligible applicant pool based on the following criteria: cumulative grade point average (GPA), prerequisite course work GPA, interview, essay, and ability to perform functions required in the practice of nursing. Admission to the BEACON program is competitive. The number of students admitted is limited by constraints of the affiliating clinical facilities and program resources. Students who drop out of sequence in BEACON nursing courses must be readmitted to the program in order to continue taking courses.

#### *Eligibility*

To be eligible to apply to the BEACON nursing program, applicants must meet the following two criteria:

1. An earned Bachelor's degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least **3.0**, and
2. Completion of all prerequisite courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Required pre-requisite coursework includes: Organic Chemistry, Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Statistics, English composition, Sociology or Anthropology, Lifespan Growth and Development, Nutrition, and Pharmacology.

#### *International Students*

International students must submit all official transcripts to Wright State University International Office for review before any action will be taken on the BEACON application. For further information call (937) 775-5745.

## *Financial Aid and Scholarships*

Students are responsible for making arrangements to finance their education. Financial aid may be available for nursing students in BEACON. For more information about financial aid, please contact the Office of Financial Aid (<http://www.wright.edu/financialaid/>) regarding available options.

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## *Acceptance to BEACON*

The deadline for applications is January 15. Acceptance letters are generally sent out late-Spring semester. Once admitted, documentation of the following items must be submitted to the CoNH receptionist and must be on file in the College of Nursing & Health before the *first day of clinical*.

### *Health Requirements*

After acceptance to BEACON, information and the required health forms will be sent to students. Students must submit all health information to meet clinical agency requirements to provide care for patients.

### *Criminal Background Check*

All students enrolled in BEACON must have a criminal background record check completed prior to the beginning of clinical experiences. Once admitted to the BEACON program, students will receive specific information regarding the type of screening to be completed.

### *Liability Insurance*

Students are required to carry liability insurance coverage with at least the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 per year. It takes approximately two weeks for the insurance policy to be processed, so do not wait until the last minute to apply.

### *CPR Certification*

A photocopy of your CPR card must be submitted prior to the first day of clinical. Information regarding specific courses that are acceptable will be provided to students.

### *STNA Training*

All BEACON students must provide documentation of satisfactory completion of an STNA course no later than the *first day of classes*. Please submit documentation to the Director of BEACON.

## *Working While in BEACON*

BEACON is a rigorous fast-paced nursing education experience. Students are enrolled in 17 to 18 credit hours per semester and are highly discouraged from working. Students should expect to be engaged in course studies *at least* three to four hours per credit outside of class. BEACON is a full-time job!

If interested in BEACON, please contact us at 937-775-3132 or e-mail us at [nursing\\_beacon@wright.edu](mailto:nursing_beacon@wright.edu).