

**All steps must be completed prior to the following deadlines:**

**ASN & BSN Entry**  
Fall Entry - March 1st

**ASN, BSN Entry, and BSN Accelerated**  
Spring Entry - September 1st

**Mail application and materials to:**

Cox College  
1423 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65802

The timeline listed below is a recommendation to help you move through the process with ease. We recommend keeping in contact with your Admission Counselor throughout the process.

## 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE

- Complete & submit the Cox College application online at [www.coxcollege.edu](http://www.coxcollege.edu).
- Request ALL official transcripts be sent directly from the institution to Cox College
  - Official high school transcript or GED.
  - Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities in which you have taken college level courses.
  - It can take up to 3 weeks for us to receive your transcripts once you have requested them.
- Complete your FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) – Cox College school code: 013877
  - Visit [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov) for more info on financial aid.
  - Contact our Financial Aid department at 417/269-3401 for assistance.
- Take entrance exam if needed\*  
\*You will need to take the TEAS exam if you do not meet the Cox College admission requirements

### First Time Undergraduate Student

- Official high school transcript or official GED certificate
- Composite ACT of 18 or SAT combined score of 860 or higher
- High school cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher or proof of having successfully passed the GED

### Transfer Student

- Must have passed 12 college hours of 100 level courses or above with a grade of “C” or higher
- Have a college cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher

## 2 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE

- Once you meet the program requirements to apply, you need to complete the specific program application
  - Located in the Student Portal – Student Resources Tab

## 1 MONTH PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE

- Take HESI A2 exam. To be scheduled AFTER submitting the program application.
  - To schedule: [testingservices@coxcollege.edu](mailto:testingservices@coxcollege.edu)

### What are the Success Rates for the Programs?

We take pride in our students and our success rates show that pride.  
ASN: NCLEX first time pass rates: 93% (past three years average).  
BSN: NCLEX first time pass rates: 86.5% (past three years average).

## Requirements to Apply to the Program

1. Complete the application requirements listed on the front page and be admitted to Cox College.
2. Completed course requirements to apply:
  - a. Completion of Intermediate Algebra (or higher) or prove math proficiency.  
Proficiency met with a 22 or higher on Math portion of ACT, or 70% or higher on Math portion of TEAS.
  - b. Completion of the following courses: **Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Chemistry.**
3. GPA Requirements:
  - a. A minimum of **3.0 cumulative GPA is required to apply.**
  - b. A minimum of **2.5 cumulative GPA for science courses completed.**
4. Applicants may be interviewed based on the recommendation of the faculty and the ASN Nursing Department Chair.

ASN General Education Requirements		Credit Hours	ASN Nursing Courses		Credit Hours
_____	BIOL 208 Microbiology*	4	<b>First Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	BIOL 205 Human Anatomy*	4	NURS 105 Clinical Applications I		7
_____	BIOL 206 Human Physiology*	4	NURS 205 Critical Thinking		2
_____	BIOL 382 Pathophysiology*	3	<b>Second Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	CHEM 103 Fundamentals of Chemistry*	4	NURS 106 Clinical Applications II		7
_____	ENG 150 English Composition	3	NURS 215 Pharmacological Basis of Nursing Practice		3
_____	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology	3	<b>Third Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology	3	NURS 206 Clinical Applications III		7
_____	MATH 150 Intermediate Algebra**	3	NURS 309 Fundamentals in Gerontology		2
*Denotes Science course			<b>Fourth Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
**See college catalog for math proficiency			NURS 303 Professional Nursing Concepts		3
<b>Total General Education: 31 credit hours</b>			NURS 208 Clinical Applications IV		7
<b>Total Nursing Courses: 39 credit hours</b>			NURS 220 NCLEX Preparation		1
<b>TOTAL: 70 credit hours</b>					

## Benefits of the ASN Program

- The ASN Program is a quicker plan of study to become a nurse. The courses are completed in 2 years/4 semesters allowing you to work as an RN while continuing to work toward a BSN if desired. Many health care institutions offer tuition assistance for employees wishing to further their education so there is the potential you would have financial assistance to gain your BSN.
- Daytime and night/weekend options available. Great for students who need more flexibility due to obligations like family, jobs, etc. Semester plan of study is average of 9-11 credit hours per semester, allowing more time to work and spend with your family.
- Three step approach to learning: lecture, skills training, and hands-on clinical practice within CoxHealth.
- State-of-the-art simulation center located on campus that offers “real-life” situations where students can practice in a controlled environment.
- Small class size: 50 students are admitted each semester.

## Program Application Requirements

1. Complete the application requirements listed on the front page and be admitted to Cox College
2. Completed Course Requirements to apply:
  - a. Completion of Intermediate Algebra (or higher) or prove math proficiency. Proficiency met with a 22 or higher on Math portion of ACT or 70% or higher on Math portion of TEAS.
  - b. A minimum of 37 credit hours must be completed.  
*All courses marked with a + must be completed prior to starting the program.*
3. GPA Requirements:
  - a. A minimum of **3.0 cumulative GPA is required to apply.**
  - b. A minimum of **2.5 cumulative GPA for science courses:** Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology, Chemistry, Pathophysiology.
4. Applicants may be interviewed based on the recommendation of the faculty and the BSN Nursing Department Chair.

General Education Requirements		Credit Hours	BSN Entry Nursing Courses		Credit Hours
_____	BIOL 208 Microbiology*+	4	<b>First Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	BIOL 205 Human Anatomy*+	4	NRSI 280 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing I and Adult Medical Surgical I Practicum		4
_____	BIOL 206 Human Physiology*+	4	NRSI 202 Foundations Skills of Nursing		3
_____	BIOL 382 Pathophysiology*+	3	NRSI 215 Pharmacological Basis of Nursing Practice		3
_____	CHEM 103 Fundamentals of Chemistry*+	4	NRSI 206 Health Assessment		3
_____	ENG 150 English Composition+	3	<b>Second Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	ENG 207 Expository Writing+	3	NRSI 212 Mental Health/Illness Nursing Concepts		3
_____	GOVT 101 Government & Politics in the U.S.	3	NRSI 325 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing II and Adult Medical Surgical Nursing II Practicum		4
_____	HUMN 150 Humanities Elective	3	NRSI 390 Nursing Elective		3
_____	MATH 227 Introduction to Statistics	3	NRSI 300 Informatics		2
_____	PHIL 201 Introduction to Philosophy	3	<b>Third Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology+	3	NRSI 335 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing III and Adult Medical Surgical Nursing III Practicum		3
_____	PSYC 230 Life Span Development+	3	NRSI 400 Theories and Research in Nursing		3
_____	SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology	3	NRSI 309 Fundamentals of Gerontology		2
_____	SOCI 304 Global Awareness & Cultural Diversity	3	<b>Fourth Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
_____	MATH 150 Intermediate Algebra**+	3	NRSI 404 Community and Public Health Nursing		3
_____	NRSI 205 Critical Thinking+	2	NRSI 304 Childbearing Families		3
*Denotes Science course			NRSI 305 Childrearing Families		3
**See college catalog for proficiency requirements			NRSI 345 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing IV Simulation		4
+ Must be complete prior to the start of the nursing program.			<b>Fifth Semester – Nursing Program</b>		
<b>Total General Education: 52 credit hours</b>			NRSI 402 Management and Leadership in Nursing		3
<b>Total Nursing Courses: 68 credit hours</b>			NRSI 410 Nursing Capstone		7
<b>TOTAL: 120 credit hours</b>			NRSI 303 Professional Nursing Concepts		3

## Benefits of the BSN Program

- The BSN program encompasses all of the course work taught in the ASN program, plus a more in-depth treatment of the physical and social sciences, nursing research, public and community health, nursing management, and the humanities.
- State-of-the-art simulation center located on campus that offers “real-life” situations where students can practice in a controlled environment.
- Three step approach to learning: lecture, skills training, and hands-on clinical practice within CoxHealth.
- Program length: Once accepted into the nursing program, the program will take five semesters/ two and one-half years to complete.
- Small class size: 50 students are admitted each semester.

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING ACCELERATED TRACK



## Program Application Requirements

1. Complete the application requirements listed on the front page and be admitted to Cox College.
2. **Must have completed a baccalaureate degree by the application deadline.**
3. Completed Course Requirements to apply:
  - a. All listed general education courses **must be completed** by start of the nursing program.
4. GPA Requirements:
  - a. Must have a minimum **combined GPA of 3.0 or higher** for the required general education courses, and
  - b. A combined **Science GPA of 2.5 or higher** for completed science courses to apply.
5. Applicants may be interviewed based on the recommendation of the faculty and the BSN Nursing Department Chair.

General Education Requirements	Credit Hours
____ BIOL 208 Microbiology*	4
____ BIOL 205 Human Anatomy*	4
____ BIOL 206 Human Physiology*	4
____ BIOL 382 Pathophysiology*	3
____ CHEM 103 Fundamentals of Chemistry*	4
____ MATH 227 Introduction to Statistics	3
____ PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
____ PSYC 230 Life Span Development	3
____ SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology	3

\*Denotes Science course

**Credit for Prior Degree: 26 credit hours**  
**Total General Education: 31 credit hours**  
**Total Nursing Courses: 63 credit hours**

**TOTAL: 120 credit hours**

Nursing Courses	Credit Hours
<b>First Semester (Spring) – Nursing Program</b>	
NRSA 280 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing I and Adult Medical Surgical I Practicum	4
NRSA 202 Foundations Skills of Nursing	3
NRSA 215 Pharmacological Basis of Nursing Practice	3
NRSA 206 Health Assessment	3
NRSA 400 Theories and Research in Nursing	3
<b>Second Semester (Summer) – Nursing Program</b>	
NRSA 212 Mental Health/Illness Nursing Concepts	3
NRSA 325 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing II and Adult Medical Surgical Nursing II Practicum	4
NRSA 303 Professional Nursing Concepts	3
NRSA 300 Informatics	2
<b>Third Semester (Fall) – Nursing Program</b>	
NRSA 335 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing III and Adult Medical Surgical Nursing III Practicum	4
NRSA 304 Childbearing Families	3
NRSA 305 Childrearing Families	3
NRSA 404 Community and Public Health Nursing	3
<b>Fourth Semester (Spring) – Nursing Program</b>	
NRSA 345 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing IV Simulation	4
NRSA 309 Fundamentals of Gerontology	2
NRSA 402 Management and Leadership in Nursing	3
NRSA 410 Nursing Capstone	7

## Benefits of the BSN Program

- Once accepted into the nursing program, the program will take 16 months to complete
- Small class size: Approximately 32 students are admitted each semester

## How do you become a Registered Nurse?

To work as a registered nurse (RN) you must first obtain an Associate of Science OR Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Graduates will be prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After passing this examination, you will be able to begin your career as an RN.

## What are the job placement rates for Cox College students?

Registered Nurses are in high demand and so are Cox College students. Of the students surveyed at time of graduation, 96.5% of our nursing students had already accepted a job offer.