



Nursing at Stephens

The Stephens College Nursing program prepares students for the challenges and rewards of the rapidly changing health care industry. An innovative partnership with our neighbor, Boone Hospital Center, provides early access to clinical experiences with an emphasis on career readiness.

What Sets Us Apart

- Stephens offers the only direct-entry program in the region. That means, unlike many other programs, students enroll as freshmen and begin taking nursing courses in their first year.
- The Stephens program is designed to be completed in just three years + two summers. Students earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- Our curriculum includes the full spectrum of health across age groups and level of need, including experiences in a premiere hospital and other regional health care settings.

The Stephens+Boone Partnership

The Stephens College Nursing program is exceptional for its partnership with Boone Hospital Center. Together, our two institutions have designed a future-focused nursing education program. Our partnership advantages include:

- Access to Boone Hospital Center's new state-of-the-art simulation lab. The "sim lab" provides a safe but realistic environment for developing early clinical and decision-making skills.
- Small classes taught by Stephens College nursing faculty.
- Early integration into the Boone Hospital family with opportunities to work alongside Boone nurses and the health care team.

About Boone Hospital Center

Boone Hospital Center, a 392-bed, full-service facility in Columbia, was named the top hospital in mid-Missouri by U.S. News & World Report from 2015-2019. Boone is located right next door to Stephens' campus.

Boone has attained Magnet® recognition as part of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet Recognition Program® since 2005. This program recognizes superior quality in nursing care as evidenced by performance outcomes.

Patient Care Technician

Students accepted to the Nursing major may be eligible for the Patient Care Technician (PCT) program through Boone Hospital Center. This five-week program provides paid training for early hands-on clinical experience.

Apply Now

Space is limited for this innovative direct-entry program.

Nursing Admissions Guidelines

Our program is competitive and contingent on academic qualifications and space availability. We believe in looking at the “whole you,” but we do have some general guidelines for admission to the program. Please note that admission to the program does not guarantee NCLEX-RN licensure eligibility. Licensing is determined by state boards of nursing.

Current U.S. High School Students

1. We strongly recommend three units of high school science including biology and chemistry.
2. We strongly recommend three units of high school mathematics including algebra.
3. Students will have completed either the College Entrance Examinations Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT). The successful applicant will have:
 - SAT: 1100 or higher (out of 1600) OR
 - ACT: 22 or higher (out of 36).
4. We require a statement of interest; this is your opportunity to share why you are interested in our nursing program.
5. A satisfactory criminal background check for professional practice will be required.

Students With Prior College Experience

If you have some prior college experience (at an institution other than Stephens), these guidelines are for you:

1. You must meet the high school admission criteria above OR
2. Provide 12 or more transferable college credits including college-level chemistry and mathematics (algebra or statistics).
3. We prefer a college GPA of 3.5.
4. We require a statement of interest; this is your opportunity to share why you are interested in our nursing program.
5. A satisfactory criminal background check for professional practice will be required.

Students Seeking Advanced Standing

If students meet the qualifications above, they may request to transfer into the program with advanced standing depending on space, prior coursework, and an interview with the program director. Please see the Nursing Student Handbook for required coursework.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Stephens College does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, national/ethnic origin, marital or veteran status, or disability in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loans, and other College-administered programs.



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