

Biomedical Sciences Major with Nursing Concentration (BMS)

This dual degree program enables students to receive a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biomedical Sciences with Nursing Concentration from Georgetown College, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from the University of Kentucky College of Nursing. All students complete their foundational coursework at Georgetown College in 5 semesters, with small classes and personalized instruction. From there, students have two options for completing their nursing degree at UK. The Traditional BSN path requires 5 additional semesters of classroom, laboratory, and supervised clinical instruction. The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) path requires 3 additional semesters plus one summer (16 months total) of online classes with in-person labs and clinicals.

Each academic year, UK reserves 5 seats in the Traditional BSN and 16 seats in the ABSN programs for Georgetown College students who successfully complete the admissions requirements. Additional students may be admitted when open seats are available in the respective program. Alternately, Georgetown students may attend other schools of nursing after graduation from Georgetown College, but no special arrangements have been made with other schools.

Upon completion of the Georgetown College portion of this dual degree program, students will demonstrate:

- an understanding of the scientific method, including construction of hypotheses, data collection and analysis, and the formulation of conclusions;
- an understanding of core concepts in biology and chemistry as needed for success in nursing and the health sciences

Required University of Kentucky Coursework: The Traditional BSN option requires 71 additional credits (5 semesters, no summers). The ABSN option requires 54-55 additional credits (3 semesters, plus one summer). Students should contact the UK College of Nursing for updates and details.

Entering the Program: Any student planning to pursue this major should contact the Georgetown College Program Coordinator as soon as possible, preferably in their freshman year.

Admission to the University of Kentucky: Students may begin their studies at UK for the Traditional or ABSN option in either fall or spring semesters. Students should check with UK for application deadlines. To be eligible, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher for work completed at Georgetown College and at least a 3.0 grade point average in specific Biology and Chemistry courses (BIO111, 305, 305L, 306, CHE111, 111L, 112, and 113). In addition, enrollment in nursing classes at UK requires completion of an approved Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program, a criminal background check, and other compliance requirements.

Biomedical Sciences with Nursing Concentration majors are required to take only ONE flagged writing class, ONE flagged cultural awareness class, and ONE three-hour course in the Fine Arts Area of Inquiry. Majors are exempt from the Wellness Essential Proficiency Requirement (KHS100).

Dual degree students may choose one of the following options to participate in a Georgetown College commencement ceremony:

- Participate in the ceremony during the student's final semester at GC
- Participate in the ceremony during the semester the student's incoming class graduates
- Participate in the ceremony during the semester the student completes both UK and GC degrees

Students must notify the Georgetown College Office of the Registrar of their preferred option two semesters before leaving GC.

Degree Type: Bachelor of Science (BS)

Program Contact: Professor Rick Kopp

No minor required.

Department: Biology

Type: B.S.

Core Courses 36 hours

Total 36

Core Courses

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
BIO111	Biological Principles	4
BIO212	Cellular and Molecular Biology	4
BIO305	Human Physiology I	3
BIO305L	Human Physiology I Lab: Electrophysiology	1
BIO306	Human Physiology II	3
BIO311	General Microbiology	4
CHE111	General Chemistry I	3
CHE111L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CHE112	General Chemistry II	3
CHE113	General Chemistry II Lab	1
KHS320	Nutrition	3
PSY111	General Psychology	3
	PSY211 or MAT111	3
	Total credits:	36