

I would like to share an important update regarding Rockhurst's commitment to growth and innovation in our healthcare programs across the University.

After thoughtful consideration, we have decided to conclude our exclusive arrangement with Research College of Nursing for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing in order to enable us to pursue our own future program. This also will allow our students, in the short term, to have more experiential options through the establishment of other pre-nursing partnerships with institutions across the Kansas City region. This decision does not impact current Rockhurst students enrolled in the program as of fall 2018. They will continue in the Rockhurst/Research College of Nursing joint BSN through their graduation.

Over the next few years, we will be investing \$22 million dollars into our own facilities and programming in the health and allied health sciences. In addition, we are actively pursuing new opportunities for the future of nursing at Rockhurst, which could include exciting options such as accelerated BSN tracks, dual undergraduate and graduate degrees, and more.

At this time, this means that Rockhurst University is accepting applications for [pre-nursing](#) for the fall of 2019, and will no longer offer new direct entry admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing through Research College of Nursing. Students who have already applied to Rockhurst for the fall of 2019 with an interest in nursing will be reviewed for pre-nursing and overall admission to the University.

In addition to pre-nursing, Rockhurst University also offers bachelor degrees and pre-professional tracks in the following high demand fields:

- [Biomedical Physics](#) ([Biomedical Engineering](#) or [Physics of Medicine](#))
- [Clinical Laboratory Science](#)
- [Communication Science & Disorders/Speech Pathology](#) (with pre-admission to the master's program)
- [Health Science](#)
- [Pre-Dentistry](#)
- [Pre-Medicine](#) (with an early med school acceptance scholars program)
- [Pre-Occupational Therapy](#) (with pre-admission to the doctoral program)
- [Pre-Physical Therapy](#) (with pre-admission to the doctoral program)
- [Pre-Pharmacy](#)

If you, or your students, have any questions about this change from direct entry to pre-nursing, please contact me anytime.

Thanks!

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