

# ***Tuition and Fees***

Tuition and fees help cover the costs of providing educational programs for students. Definitions of charges, payment policy, refund policy and schedules are described here. Differences for undergraduate options and the graduate program are noted. Otherwise it is applicable to all students.

Freshman and sophomore nursing students register and pay fees at Rockhurst University, please refer to their website for a list of fees. Junior, senior and graduate students register and pay fees at Research College of Nursing. Accelerated option students register and pay fees at Rockhurst for prerequisites taken prior to enrolling in the one year of nursing. Subsequently, accelerated option students register and pay fees at Research College of Nursing.

## **Definitions**

**Tuition Deposit.** After a student has been accepted and intends to enroll, they must preregister for classes and submit a non-refundable tuition deposit to reserve space in selected classes.

**Undergraduate Tuition.** This is the cost of the actual courses taken. Full time tuition covers from 12 to 18 credit hours per semester. Part time students are charged tuition per credit hour (up to 11 hours). Full time students who enroll in more than 18 credit hours in any one semester are charged additional tuition per credit hour.

**Graduate Tuition.** Graduate students are charged per credit hour each semester.

**Application Fee.** Non-refundable fee charged to all students that covers application for admission processing.

**Undergraduate Activity Fee (Research & Rockhurst).** Provides social and recreational activities planned each year by the Student Government Association (Research) and the Social Activities Board (Rockhurst). These activities include dances, film series, lectures, etc. These fees also support various clubs and organizations. Freshmen and first semester sophomore nursing students are not charged the Research Activity Fee. Second semester sophomore students are charged the activity fee for both institutions. Junior and senior students are also charged an activity fee for both institutions.

**Assessment Testing Fee.** Provides software and related services on the Research campus for testing.

**Clinical Fees.** Nursing courses with a clinical component have an additional charge based on the number of credit hours allocated to clinical due to additional expense beyond what tuition covers.

**Computer Fee.** Provides computer and other technology resources on the Research campus.

**Library Fee.** Provides nursing and other health related resource materials for the Carl R. Ferris Library on the Research campus.

**Late Registration Fee.** Charged to all students who register for classes after scheduled registration sessions have ended.

**Housing Fees.** Charged to students who live on campus either at Rockhurst or Research. Rockhurst resident students must also participate in a board (meal) plan.

**NSNA Total School Enrollment Fee.** Provides membership to National Student Nurses' Association, Missouri Nursing Students' Association and Research Student Nurses' Association for one year.

**Undergraduate Graduation Fee.** Covers expenses associated with graduation including the Pinning Ceremony, Baccalaureate Mass, and Commencement.

**MSN Graduation Fee.** Covers expenses associated with completion of the degree including such things as the diploma, and Hooding and Graduation ceremony.

**Graduate Activity Fee.** The fee benefits all graduate students through the support of the programs as well as contributing to a pool of funds that will be available through application process to support conference travel and other professional development opportunities. For additional information, please see your program coordinator.

**Additional fees** include the certified background check and the family care safety registry fee. These fees are paid by the student to the outside agencies. For more information about these fees, visit the Assistant to the President's office.

## Payment Policy

Full tuition and fees, including housing, are due at the time of registration. Alternative payment plans are available and may be exercised by eligible students. In order to qualify for any plan the student must have no history of account delinquency. Please contact the financial aid office for any exceptions.

No one who has an unpaid balance from a prior semester will be registered for a subsequent session. Transcripts of records and Certification of Education will not be issued for anyone delinquent in financial obligation to Research College of Nursing or Rockhurst University.

## Delinquent Accounts

Overdue accounts will be sent to a collection agency. Collection costs and fees for unpaid balances forwarded to outside agencies for collection will be borne by the student. Transcripts of academic records will not be issued by the Registrar's Office at Research College of Nursing or Rockhurst University for any student or former student whose student account is delinquent or for any student or former student whose Federal Nursing Loan or HCA repayments are delinquent. Delinquent balances must be paid in full or repayment plans brought current prior to the issuance of academic transcripts.

## Refunds

### Traditional Undergraduate, Accelerated Option and Graduate Student Refund Schedule

Students withdrawing or dismissed after the first week are eligible for refunds in accordance with the schedule as indicated on the Research College of Nursing website, [www.researchcollege.edu](http://www.researchcollege.edu).

Students receiving federal financial aid will also have a refund calculated based on Department of Education requirements.

Students receiving financial aid which exceeds the cost of tuition, fees, room and board will be required to repay the appropriate fund as stipulated in federal regulations.

**No refunds, either for withdrawal from single classes or for entire withdrawal from the College, are made unless the student has withdrawn properly in writing through the appropriate office.** Notification of the individual teacher does not constitute an official withdrawal. Until the Financial Aid Office is informed by an official withdrawal notice the student is billed as though he/she were still attending classes.

Students may appeal the calculated refund if exceptional circumstances exist. The appeal will be reviewed by the Loan and Scholarship Committee and a decision will be sent to the student within two weeks.

## Return of Federal Funds

The return of federal funds formula provides for return of Title IV aid if the student received federal financial assistance and withdrew on or before completing 60% of the semester/term. Funds are returned as follows:

1. Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
2. Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan
3. Federal PLUS Loan
4. Federal Pell Grant
5. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
6. Other Title IV funds
7. Other federal, state, private, or institutional sources of aid
8. Student

If funds released to a student because of a credit balance on the student's account, **then the student may be required to repay some of the federal grants or loans released to the student.**

Students receiving federal financial aid who withdraw from anything less than 100 percent of their courses will have tuition refunded using the schedule below. All other students not receiving federal financial aid who withdraw from one or all of their courses (both officially and administratively), will also have tuition refunded according to the schedule below.

Students will receive the following refund if proper written withdrawal is made before the following weeks:

|  |           |                            |     |
|--|-----------|----------------------------|-----|
| <b>End of 1<sup>st</sup> week</b>  | 100%      | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> week</b> | 75% |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> week</b>   | 50%       | <b>4<sup>th</sup> week</b> | 25% |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> week</b> and thereafter balance due is payable in full | 0% refund |                            |     |

*The College's refund policies are subject to change to comply with applicable laws.*

## Tuition and Fee Schedules

Separate tuition and fee schedules are published for traditional option, accelerated option and graduate program.

The undergraduate tuition and fee schedule is published each year in the Spring for the following year. A tuition and fee schedule for the current academic year is available from the Office of Admission and Financial Aid located on the Rockhurst University campus or from the Financial Aid Office at Research College of Nursing. The schedule also appears on the Rockhurst University website <http://www.rockhurst.edu/registrar/tuition.asp>.

Tuition and Fee Schedules for the accelerated option and the graduate program are available in the Research College of Nursing Financial Aid Office.

Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.

## Tuition and Fees for 2013-2014

Following is a list of tuition charges and fees applicable to undergraduate nursing students, accelerated option students, graduate students and students who wish to live on the Research campus. For more information about other fees refer to the current issue of the Schedule of Courses and Registration Guide.

### Tuition and Fees for Undergraduate – Traditional Option

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Undergraduate tuition per semester (12-18 hrs. inclusive), charges are for both semesters | \$30,550.00 |
| Tuition for day classes per credit hour (1-11)  | \$1020.00   |
| Tuition for evening classes per credit hour(1-11)   | \$510.00    |
| Tuition per credit hour for undergraduate hours over 18                                   | \$1020.00   |
| <b>Research College of Nursing Fees per semester</b>                                      |             |
| Research Activity Fee (Jr. & Sr. only)  | \$75.00     |
| Library Fee   | \$50.00     |
| Computer Fee  | \$50.00     |
| Rockhurst Activity Fee  | \$50.00     |
| Assessment Testing Fee  | \$75.00     |
| <b>Course Fees (if taken)</b>   |             |
| Clinical Fee (per clinical credit hour)   | \$50.00     |
| <b>Special Fees</b>   |             |
| Late Registration Fee   | \$150.00    |
| Graduation Fee  | \$135.00    |
| Rockhurst University Parking Fee  | \$125.00    |
| NSNA Total School Enrollment Fee  | \$30.00     |
| Certified Background Check/Immunization/E Portfolio                                       | \$121.00    |
| Drug Testing  | \$32.00     |

Note: Not all fees are listed. For additional information refer to the Course Schedule & Registration Guide available at both Rockhurst University and Research College of Nursing.

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**Tuition and Fees for Accelerated Option**

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>2013 Fall Term</u></b>     |                    |
| Tuition                          | \$9215.00          |
| Activity Fee                     | \$75.00            |
| Library                          | \$50.00            |
| Clinical Fee                     | \$400.00           |
| Computer                         | \$50.00            |
| Assessment Testing Fee           | \$100.00           |
| NSNA Total School Enrollment Fee | \$30.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$9920.00</b>   |
| <b><u>2014 Spring Term</u></b>   |                    |
| Tuition                          | \$11,155.00        |
| Activity Fee                     | \$75.00            |
| Library                          | \$50.00            |
| Clinical Fee                     | \$400.00           |
| Computer                         | \$50.00            |
| Assessment Testing Fee           | \$100.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$11,830.00</b> |
| <b><u>2014 Summer Term</u></b>   |                    |
| Tuition                          | \$7,275.00         |
| Activity Fee                     | \$75.00            |
| Library                          | \$50.00            |
| Clinical Fee                     | \$400.00           |
| Computer                         | \$50.00            |
| Assessment Testing Fee           | \$100.00           |
| Graduation Fee                   | \$135.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$8,085.00</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>               | <b>\$29,835.00</b> |

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**Tuition and Fees for Graduate Program**

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Tuition per credit hour<br>(AGNP, CNL, EPHL, FNP, NE Tracks) | \$445.00               |
| Tuition per credit hour (RN-MSN Track ONLY)                  | \$350.00               |
| Application Fee, non-refundable, through NursingCAS          | \$65.00                |
| Clinical Fee (per clinical credit hour)                      | \$25.00                |
| Library (Spring & Fall/Summer)                               | \$25.00/\$12.50        |
| Computer (Spring & Fall/Summer)                              | \$25.00/\$12.50        |
| Graduate Activity Fee  | \$5.00 per credit hour |
| Graduation Fee   | \$100.00               |

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**Housing Fees per Contract Period for Research Student Village Fall 2013 & Spring 2014**

| # Residents per bedroom | <u>Furnished</u> |           | <u>Unfurnished</u> |           |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
|                         | 2                | 1         | 2                  | 1         |
| Townhouse 2BR           | \$1507.00        | \$3014.00 | \$1233.00          | \$2466.00 |
| Apartment 1BR           |                  | \$3014.00 |                    | \$2466.00 |

**Housing Fees Per Contract Period for Research Student Village Summer 2014**

|               |           |           |          |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Townhouse 2BR | \$1125.00 | \$2250.00 | \$900.00 | \$1800.00 |
| Apartment 1BR |           | \$2250.00 |          | \$1800.00 |

## **Financial Aid**

Freshman and sophomore students of the Research/Rockhurst BSN Program who wish to apply for financial aid do so through Rockhurst University. Junior, senior, accelerated option and graduate nursing students apply for financial aid through Research College of Nursing.

Research College of Nursing and Rockhurst University subscribe to the principle that financial aid programs exist primarily to provide financial assistance to students who, without such aid, would be unable to attend the college of their choice. The free Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) is the preferred form used to evaluate need for all financial aid.

Both institutions are committed to the concept that a student should select a college on educational rather than financial grounds. The financial aid programs, therefore, exist to assist students who have chosen a college for its educational merit to overcome any demonstrated need which might prevent a student from attending their college of choice.

### **Application for Financial Aid**

Students who wish to apply for financial aid should:

1. Complete the admission procedure outlined in the chapter "Admission to the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs."
2. File a Financial Aid Form (preferably by March 1). The free Federal application (FAFSA) is the preferred form. No financial aid will be awarded until formal admission has been granted. Title IV code: 006392.
  - a) Both dependent and independent students must file a FAFSA.
  - b) Students can apply for all types of aid, including institutional, federal and state assistance by completing the FAFSA.

An undergraduate student who qualifies for financial aid typically receives any one or a combination of various types of aid—scholarship, grant, or loan. Financial aid awards are for one year only, so the student must reapply each year. The aid offered may vary from year to year due to changes in funding, statutory provisions, or student circumstances.

Undergraduate students completing a second degree and graduate students are eligible to participate in financial aid programs. The types of aid are limited due to federal regulations.

### **Hours Required to Receive Financial Aid**

Undergraduate students: Students that are full-time (12-18) credit hours are eligible for institutional aid, federal aid and outside sources. Students that are half-time (6-11) are only eligible for federal aid. Any student taking less than six hours is not eligible for any aid.

Graduate students: Students must be enrolled in at least 4.5 (half-time) credit hours to be eligible for federal aid in a major semester (fall and spring). Students must be enrolled in at least 2 (half-time) credit hours in the summer to be eligible to receive federal aid. Any student enrolled in fewer hours will not be eligible for federal aid.

### **Scholarships and Grants**

A number of scholarships and grants are available for qualified nursing students who need assistance to finance their college education. Some scholarships do not have a financial need prerequisite for consideration. All students applying for financial aid are considered for aid for which they qualify. Students do not need to apply for specific scholarships and grants except for the HCA Midwest Division Scholarship/Loan Program.

Following are scholarships available to nursing students through **Research College of Nursing**.

#### **Harmon Presidential Scholar Scholarship.**

The Research College of Nursing Governing Board, in an effort to attract highly qualified students to the nursing program, offers a full scholarship. The Harmon Presidential Scholar scholarship provides tuition for all four years of the nursing program. Qualified applicants are invited to participate in a competitive interview program. The winner is selected based on interview ratings. Applicants who are seniors in high school and who have outstanding academic records based on class standing and test scores are reviewed for selection. The scholarship award is for four years and the recipient must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 (A=4.0) after freshmen year and 3.5 for each succeeding year of the nursing program. In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must file a completed application for admission PRIOR to January 15.

**HCA Midwest Division Scholarship/Loan Program.**

This program offers a combination of scholarship and loan funding to qualified junior and senior nursing students as well as accelerated option students. Traditional Rockhurst students must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA as well as a 3.0 science GPA while transfer students must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA and a 3.5 science GPA. Qualified Accelerated Option students must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA or a 3.5 science GPA. Students who meet the GPA requirement are invited to interview with a panel of healthcare professionals from the area HCA Hospitals. Students who receive the funding agree to a work commitment following graduation. Traditional students agree to 3 years and accelerated option students agree to 2 years.

**Research College of Nursing Grant.**

Awarded based on need.

The following scholarships are available to junior and senior nursing students with a grade point average of at least 2.5 (A=4.0) and are awarded based on financial need through **The Research Foundation**.

The Foundation also awards scholarships to nursing students once a year. Students must submit applications to their office during the application period. The Foundation office will inform students when this period begins and provide applications.

**Alumni Award Scholarship.**

Each year the Research Nursing Alumni Association gives scholarships to senior nursing students in the name of the recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award. The scholarships are based on the criteria of excellence in clinical nursing skills and patient care.

**Cheryl A. Burchett Memorial Scholarship.**

Established in 2001 by her family and friends in memory of Cheri Burchett, former Team I Leader and faculty member, a scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student annually.

**Dr. Kay Sullivan Scholarship.**

Established in 1999 by her family in honor of Kay Sullivan, former Coordinator of the Accelerated BSN Option, a scholarship is awarded to an outstanding accelerated option student each year.

**Mary Lutz Memorial Scholarship.**

Provided in memory of Mary Lutz, M.N., R.N., a member of the faculty 1990-1996.

**Sally S. Robinson Scholarship.**

Provided in memory of Sally Robinson, M.P.H.N., R.N., a member of the faculty 1982-1992.

**Research Belton Scholarship.**

Provided by the Research Belton Hospital Foundation.

**Research Scholarship for MSN in Nursing Education.**

Scholarship program is funded by the Research Foundation. Compensation for each year will be up to \$2,500 for a period not to exceed 5 years for a total amount of \$5,000. The period of one-year may be defined as beginning in the fall, continuing through spring and summer. For each \$2,500 utilized, the individual is required to commit one-year of employment as a faculty member in the Greater Kansas City community following the completion of the MSN. Applications are available on line at [www.theresearchfoundationkc.org](http://www.theresearchfoundationkc.org).

Following is a list of scholarships and grants available through **Rockhurst University**. These are available for freshman and sophomore nursing students. These scholarships are funded through Research College of Nursing for upper division nursing students provided criteria are met.

**Achievement Scholarship.**

Renewable scholarships awarded to highly qualified entering freshmen students. Students are selected based on their academic credentials including grades, class rank, and standardized test scores. Recipients must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (A=4.0) at the end of each academic year in order to renew the Achievement Scholarship. In order to be considered for this award, students must file a completed application for admission PRIOR to May 1.

**Alumni Grant.**

Dependent children of Rockhurst or Research graduates are eligible to receive \$500 Alumni Grants assuming they are enrolled as full-time undergraduate students.

**Chancellor's Scholarship.**

Renewable scholarships are awarded to highly qualified entering freshmen students. Students are selected based upon their academic credentials including grades, class rank, standardized test scores and extracurricular activities. Recipients must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 (A=4.0) at the end of each academic year in order to renew the Chancellor's Scholarship. In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must file a completed application for admission PRIOR to May 1.

**Dean's Scholarship.**

Renewable scholarships are awarded to highly qualified entering freshmen students. Students are selected based upon their academic credentials including grades, class rank, standardized test scores and extracurricular activities. Recipients must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (A=4.0) at the end of each academic year in order to renew the Dean's Scholarship. In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must file a completed application for admission PRIOR to May 1.

**Director's Scholarship.**

Renewable scholarships are awarded to highly qualified entering freshmen students. Students are selected based upon their academic credentials including grades, class rank, standardized test scores and extracurricular activities. Recipients must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (A=4.0) at the end of each academic year in order to renew the Director's Scholarship. In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must file a completed application for admission PRIOR to May 1.

**Finucane Service Award.**

Renewable awards valued at \$1500 per academic year are awarded to entering freshmen students who have, in addition to a sound academic record, demonstrated outstanding service in their communities. The award is renewable based on service participation documentation by the Center of Service Learning, and maintenance of a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (A=4.0) at the end of each academic year.

**Family Award.**

Should more than one family member be simultaneously enroll as full-time undergraduate students at Rockhurst and/or Research, each person may be given a Family Award of \$1,000.

**Rockhurst Need-Based Grant.**

These need-based grants funded by the University are awarded to students demonstrating financial need. (NOTE: For upper division students this becomes the Research College of Nursing Grant.)

**Trustee's Scholarship.**

Renewable scholarships valued at full tuition are awarded to highly qualified entering freshman students. Students are selected based upon a competitive interview program. Students are selected to participate in the interview program based upon their academic credentials from high school including grades, class rank, standardized test scores and extracurricular activities. Recipients must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 (A=4.0) after the freshman year, and 3.5 (A=4.0) at the end of each subsequent academic year in order to renew the Trustee's Scholarship. In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must file a completed application for admission PRIOR to January 15 and meet the criteria for the Chancellor's Scholarship.

**Athletic Awards.**

NCAA, Division II – awards of variable amount. Awarded by the Rockhurst Athletic Department based on athletic ability and sport. Nursing students receiving athletic awards continue to receive them from Rockhurst University as long as they continue to meet the requirements set forth.

Following is a list of scholarships and grants available through **Rockhurst University**. These are for transfer students. These scholarships are funded through Research College of Nursing for upper division nursing students provided criteria are met.

**Distinguished Scholar.**

Scholarships valued at \$12,000 per academic year awarded to transferring students who bring in and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.6 to 4.0.

**Founders Scholarship**

Scholarships valued at \$11,000 per academic year awarded to transferring students who bring in and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.3 to 3.59.

**Jesuit Opportunity Scholarship**

Scholarships valued at \$9,000 per academic year awarded to transferring students who bring in and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 to 3.29.

**Endeavor Scholarship**

\$5,000 awarded to transferring students who have a cumulative GPA 2.75-2.99.

**Phi Theta Kappa**

Scholarship awarded at \$20,000 to transferring students who have proof of membership. This supersedes any other scholarship you receive from Rockhurst or Research.

**Greater Kansas City Community College Scholarship**

**Scholarships valued at \$2,000** per academic year awarded to transferring full-time students from the regional community college systems. Students must have at least 12 credit hours and a 3.0 cumulative GPA. (Donnelly, JCCC, KCKCC, MCC)

**Family Award**

Should more than one family member be simultaneously enroll as full-time undergraduate students at Rockhurst and/or Research, each person may be given a Family Award of \$1,000.

**Government Aid**

Students without a prior degree are eligible to receive all the following sources of financial aid. Students with a prior degree are limited to the Stafford, Perkins, Federal Nursing Loan and GRAD PLUS programs.

**Federal Pell Grant.**

This federal grant is administered by the Department of Education to undergraduate students demonstrating a high level of financial need. The amount of these grants varies and is determined by the Department of Education.

**Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (FSEOG).**

These federal grants are awarded through Research to students demonstrating a high financial need. The amount of these grants varies and awards are limited.

**Charles Gallagher Grant (Missouri Student Grant).**

These need-based grants are awarded to undergraduate students who are Missouri residents demonstrating financial need. Eligibility is determined by the state based upon data from the student's need analysis form. Applications must be mailed no later than April 1 for consideration.

**Brite Flight Scholarship.**

Sponsored through the State of Missouri, this scholarship is awarded to Missouri residents who attend a Missouri college/university of their choice and have scored in the top 3% on either the ACT or SAT exam. The scholarship is automatically matched by Rockhurst University and by Research College of Nursing for those indicating nursing as a major. The scholarship is renewable for all four years of the program if the student maintains a 3.3 grade point average.

**Federal Stafford Student Loan Programs.**

These low interest loans are available to students who demonstrate financial need. Students may qualify for either a subsidized Stafford Loan (interest does not accrue until after graduation) or an unsubsidized Stafford Loan (interest begins accruing immediately). Interest rates on these loans are variable based on the 91-day Treasury Bill, but not higher than 8.25 percent (at time of printing). Loan amounts vary dependent upon year of enrollment in college, the level of demonstrated financial need, and previous loan history. Graduate and undergraduate students are eligible for these programs.



### **Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), Grad PLUS**

These loans are not based on demonstrated financial need. Parents may borrow up to the cost of attending college less any other financial assistance their son or daughter is receiving. Credit history is taken into account by the lender when determining eligibility for a PLUS Loan. Grad students may borrow up to the cost of attending college less any other financial assistance they are receiving. Credit history is taken into account by the lender when determining eligibility.

### **Federal Nursing Loan.**

These federal loan funds are awarded to upper division nursing students based on demonstrated need. Repayment begins following a nine month; interest free grace period after a student ceases to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis (six (6) credit hours). Repayment is based on a simple interest rate (5 percent at time of printing) on the unpaid balance with up to ten years to repay the loan in full.

Further details on these programs may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

### **Reasonable Academic Progress for Continued Receipt of Financial Aid**

Students receiving financial aid must make reasonable academic progress toward graduation according to federal and state regulations in order to receive financial aid. Rockhurst University and Research College of Nursing also adhere to the same expectation for students receiving financial aid from institutional sources.

In order to receive financial aid for the next academic year all full-time (12 credits or more) undergraduate students must progress at a rate that would lead to graduation within five years. Students must therefore earn credits each year and demonstrate the cumulative grade point average listed below at the end of each academic year regardless of whether the student received financial aid during these periods. Entering transfer students are expected to earn at least 18 credits during their first year and achieve the grade point average for the class level at which they enter Rockhurst or Research (determined by the number of transfer credits applicable toward the student's degree program).

| <b>At End of Academic Year</b> | <b>Credits Earned</b> | <b>Minimum Cum. GPA</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1                              | 32                    | 2.00                    |
| 2                              | 64                    | 2.00                    |
| 3                              | 96                    | 2.00                    |
| 4                              | 128                   | 2.00                    |
|                                |                       |                         |

**Students must complete at least 30 hours per year in order to advance to the next student level and earn additional loan eligibility. In order to complete the 128 hours required for an undergraduate degree in four years, a student should take a minimum of 16 hours per semester, 32 annually.**

Each student's progress will be reviewed at the end of each semester to determine satisfactory academic progress. Students not meeting the standard for a particular term will be placed on financial aid warning, receive a one-semester financial aid award, and are notified in writing by the Financial Aid Office. Financial aid warnings consist of the summer term and the semester following placement of warning. Students have a one-semester grace period to make up academic deficiencies. Students on financial aid warning who fail to meet the standard by the end of the next semester will be placed on financial aid suspension until all academic requirements are met. No institutional, state or federal financial assistance eligibility can be certified until academic deficiencies are satisfied.

Once financial aid eligibility has been terminated due to lack of satisfactory academic progress, the student must make up all deficiencies in cumulative grades and/or credit hours earned for his or her academic level before financial aid eligibility will be reinstated. Only Research or Rockhurst courses can be used to make up deficiencies in cumulative grade point average, but courses that are pre-approved for transfer credit can make up deficiencies in hours.

Students may appeal the withdrawal of financial aid to the Loan and Scholarship Committee. This written appeal must be submitted no more than one week after being informed of the withdrawal of financial aid and should explain any mitigating circumstances which apply to the particular situation.

The Loan and Scholarship Committee reviews the appeal and responds to the student within two weeks from receipt of the appeal.

### **Entrance and Exit Interviews**

As required by federal regulations, Research College of Nursing requires that both entrance and exit interviews are completed by students receiving financial aid in the form of loans. Students can complete these interviews at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). Students are informed of all relevant information regarding their loans such as interest rates, amount of indebtedness, length of repayment period and the amount of expected monthly payment.

Federal regulations require the College to maintain signed documentation of the interviews. The Financial Aid Office will provide documents to sign for verification of these interviews.

### **Maintenance of Financial Aid Records**

Research College of Nursing maintains all individual financial aid records in accordance with applicable Federal laws.