

***NORTHERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY***

***DEPARTMENT
OF
NURSING***

***Information Packet for the
Baccalaureate Nursing Program
LPN to BSN Track***

www.nmu.edu/nursing/

University & Nursing Program Information

For specific questions regarding the BSN nursing programs:

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For specific questions regarding the University:

Students enrolled in the nursing program are subject to the same privileges and regulations as all other Northern Michigan University students. Financial assistance through loans, scholarships, and employment is available to nursing students. Please review the current Northern Michigan University Bulletin for more information and direction.

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LPN-BSN Nursing Students

Once you are admitted to Northern Michigan University, you will indicate that you wish to pursue a BSN degree in nursing by declaring nursing as your major. Students declaring nursing as a major are assigned an advisor from the Department of Nursing and with their advisor plan the academic program to complete the required courses. When the student is nearing completion of the pre-requisites, and in consultation with her/his advisor, the student may apply for admission to the nursing sequence. The LPN to BSN application for admission must be obtained from the Nursing Department office or online and submitted according to the required deadlines.

The LPN to BSN track can be completed either full-time or part-time. Nursing courses are usually offered during Fall and Winter semesters. Non nursing courses may also be offered during Spring or Summer semesters. An adviser from the Department of Nursing will assist the student in developing an academic program plan to complete the required courses. (If a student chooses to follow the BSN Fast Track, the student must meet the admission requirements for that specific track.) If a student chooses the part-time option, it is imperative he/she understands entry into courses is dependent on seat availability. Admission to the University does not guarantee entry to the nursing program.

LPN to BSN Track Application*

**Requirements for students applying to the nursing program Fall 2009 or later*

Due Dates

During the last semester of completing prerequisite courses, students should apply for admission to the program. Applications for the LPN to BSN Track may be turned into the Department of Nursing office beginning with the first day of each semester (Fall & Winter) until the application deadline.

Application deadlines are as follows:

- ***February 1st for Fall admission***
- ***October 1st for Winter admission***

Note: If application deadline is a Saturday or Sunday, the application is due on the following Monday.

LPN to BSN track: Admission Requirements

An adviser from the Nursing Department will assist the student in developing an academic program plan to complete the required courses. If a student chooses to follow the BSN Fast track, the student must meet the admission requirements and the application deadline for that specific track. Applicants wishing to enter the LPN to BSN track must apply by the following **application deadlines**:

- ***February 1st for Fall admission***
- ***October 1st for Winter admission***

Note: If application deadline is a Saturday or Sunday, the application is due on the following Monday.

To be eligible to apply for admission to the LPN to BSN track, applicants must meet the following **admission requirements**:

- Be ***admitted to Northern Michigan University***
- Have completed or have reasonable expectations of completing prior to admission, the ***prerequisite courses with a minimum of a C- for each course***:
 - BI 201 Human Anatomy (3 credits) *BI 104 may be substituted*
 - BI 202 Human Physiology (5 credits)
 - CH 109 Intro Organic & Bio-Chemistry for the Health Sciences (4 credits)
 - *CH 107 / 108 or 111 / 112 may be substituted*
 - SO 101 Introductory Sociology (4 credits)
 - PY 100 General Psychology (4 credits)
 - BI 203a Med Microbiology (3 credits)
 - HN 301 A & B Nutrition for Health Professions (4 credits)
- Achieve a ***cumulative NMU grade point average of 2.75 or higher***.
Priority will be given to currently enrolled NMU students with at least 12 earned credits.

- Complete the entire **admission packet** (described in application process). with:
 - LPN to BSN application form
 - Student application Information Form: Core Performance Standards
 - Current transcript of grades and/or TCE
- **Attach a copy of their LPN license**
The license must be unencumbered (have no restriction/sanctions).

Students wishing to apply for advanced placement credit (NU 211, NU 212) must submit proof of passing the NCLEX-PN within the last 5 years or have worked as an LPN within the last 5 years.

- **Failure to file a complete application means the applicant will not be considered for admission into the nursing program.**

Transfer Credits

- Transfer students should include documentation of transferred courses with a copy of the **Transfer Credit Evaluation** (TCE) from the Registrar's office. (Obtaining a TCE from the Registrar's office requires admission to the university, several weeks for completion and a fee.)
- If the Registrar's office is unable to provide a TCE in a timely manner, it is the student's responsibility to provide documentation of the equivalencies of all required prerequisite courses and all other required courses.
 - Log on to: <http://www.nmu.edu/transfer/equivalencies.shtml> to find the lists of **Transfer Course Equivalencies**. Print off the individual pages that indicate the transfer credit for each of the required prerequisite courses being transferred. Use a highlighter to mark the courses.
 - If a colleges or course is not listed, contact an NMU transfer admissions counselor for assistance. Call 800-682-9797 or send an email to transfer@nmu.edu.
 - Note: Because courses change, the information on the website is subject to change without notice. It is recommended that students use information less than 2 months old.
 - If the TCE is not prepared prior to the application deadline, the student must submit transfer transcripts, the Transfer Course Equivalencies along with a letter explaining when the TCE will be submitted. It is the student's responsibility to submit the TCE when available. **The application will not be complete until the TCE is submitted.**

Reentry Students

- Previous nursing courses less than 5 years old, taken by re-entry and transfer students may be accepted to meet the degree requirements for the BSN degree. Nursing courses greater than 5 years old may not be considered current and may not be accepted toward the BSN degree requirements if the student has not kept current by working in the nursing field. Transfer students who wish to receive credit for nursing courses from other colleges and universities must submit the course syllabus for review. Decisions will be made by the Department of Nursing.
- Other Chemistry and/or microbiology courses may be substituted for the NMU chemistry and/or microbiology course requirements (Chemistry: 4 semester credits minimum, Microbiology: 2 semester credits minimum), at the discretion of the nursing faculty.

Application Process: Ranking of Applications

Students meeting the minimum requirements are ranked by the Admissions Committee according to their cumulative GPA. Students are notified by mail of their admission status:

Program Admission: Applicants who have met admission criteria and whose ranked GPA falls within the number of available seats are provisionally admitted to the program until verification of the successful completion of all prerequisite courses and maintenance of the required GPA is received.

Waiting list: Applicants who meet all requirements for admission, but whose GPA is ranked lower than the number of seats available, are placed on a waiting list that is ordered according to GPA. The waiting list is maintained only until the completion of the first week of the next academic semester. Applicants not admitted and who still desire admission to the program must reapply for the next semester.

Applications from applicants who do not meet minimum admission criteria or whose application is incomplete are not reviewed by the admission committee.

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Students will lose their Provisional Acceptance status if they:

- Do not complete all prerequisite course work with the required grades;
- Do not maintain the minimum required cumulative GPA: **2.75**
- Their LPN license has restrictions and/or sanctions.
- Withdraw from the University
- Do not complete any further requirements listed by the department by the designated deadline. (This includes submitting a complete TCE.) Students may receive instructions either through the provisional acceptance letter, e-mail or phone communication.

Those qualified applicants who were not admitted will be held on a reserve list until the first week of the semester. Applicants from this list will be admitted (in rank order) should any vacancies occur. Following the first week of the semester all lists will be invalidated, and ***those wishing to be considered for future classes must reapply.***

The number of students who can be admitted to the nursing sequence during any semester is limited. The School of Nursing reserves the right to choose which applicants are admitted to the nursing program.

Applications are not saved after the beginning of a semester. Students must re-apply for every semester they wish to be considered for admission.

Baccalaureate Nursing Program Curriculum Requirements

(for students admitted to the nursing program beginning with the Fall 2009 semester)

*Liberal Studies	30-40
Division I: Composition	6-8
EN 111 College Composition I	
EN 211 College Composition II	
Division II: Humanities	6-8
Division III: Natural Science	6-8
***CH 109 Intro Organic & Biochemistry (<i>CH 107-108 or CH 111/ 112 may be substituted</i>)	4
Elective	
Division IV: Social Sciences	6-8
SO 101 - Intro to Sociology	
Social Science Course	
Division V: Formal Studies	4
Division VI: Fine/Performing Arts	4

Other Required Courses

PY 100 Introduction to Psychology	3-4
**BI 201 Human Anatomy	3-4
BI 202 Human Physiology	4-5
BI 203a Medical Microbiology	3
**HN 301 A & B Nutrition/Health Profession.....	4
300-400 level course	
World Culture Course	
HP 200 Physical Well Being	1
HP Elective.....	1

Nursing Major	66
NU 201 Holistic Health Assessment (T)	2
NU 202 Holistic Health Assessment (L)	1
****NU 211 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice (T)	4
****NU 212 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice (C).....	3
NU 221 Pharmacology I (T).....	2
NU 231 Pathophysiology (T)	3
NU 301 Nursing Care of Adults I (T)	4
NU 302 Nursing Care of Adults I (C)	6
NU 311 Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice.....	2
NU 321 Nursing Care of Women and Perinatal Family (T)	3
NU 322 Nursing Care of Women and Perinatal Family (C)	2
NU 331 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (T)	4
NU 332 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (C)	2
NU 341 Pharmacology II (T).....	2
NU 401 Psychiatric Mental Health (T)	4
NU 402 Psychiatric Mental Health C)	3
NU 411 Nursing Care of Populations (T)	4

NU 412 Nursing Care of Populations (C)	3
NU 421 Issues Seminar (T)	2
NU 431 Nursing Care of Adults II (T)	2
NU 432 Nursing Care of Adults II (C)	3
NU 441 Leadership and Management in Nursing (T)	2
NU 452 Transition into Professional Nursing Practice (C)	<u>3</u>

Total Credits Required for Degree 129

Key: T=Theory, C=Clinic, L=Laboratory

* Liberal Studies Requirements (Liberal studies courses may be used for General Electives)

- A minimum of 3 Liberal Studies credits must be 300/400 level
- A minimum of 3 Liberal Studies credits must meet the World Cultures requirement

**Transferring Credits

- BI 104 may be substituted for BI 201 for LPN to BSN students.
- Other Chemistry courses may be substituted for the NMU chemistry requirements at the discretion of the nursing faculty:
Minimum of 4 semester credits of Chemistry
- Nutrition: HN 301 A&B. Nutrition transferring from other colleges may transfer as HN210 which is equivalent to HN301A. In this case, the student will only need to take HN301B.

***Nursing Prerequisites & Liberal Studies Requirements

- CH 109 Introductory Organic & Bio Chemistry satisfies 4 credits of the Division III: Natural Science requirement.
- SO 101 satisfies 4 credits of the Division IV: Social Science requirement.

****Advanced Placement Credit for LPN Courses: NU 211 and NU 212

- Credit automatically awarded to LPN applicants who have passed the LPN Licensure Exam within the last 5 years or have practiced as an LPN within the last 5 years.

LPN to BSN Track Curriculum Plans

LPN students may choose to apply to any of the following curriculum tracks/plans (if all of the track requirements are met):

- **Generic BSN track:** A new class of 40 students is admitted both Fall and Winter semesters. Completed in 5 semesters
- **BSN Fast Track:** A new class (10 students) is admitted in the Fall semester. Students must have completed all non-nursing courses. Completed in less than 2 years. Includes summer school.

Advanced Placement Credit for LPN Courses: NU 211 and NU 212

LPN to BSN students have the same curriculum requirements as the generic BSN track. However students may receive Advanced Placement Credit for 2 nursing courses. Credit by advanced placement is designed to recognize a person's previous educational and health experience with appropriate academic credit. Students qualify, **without testing**, for automatic Advanced Placement Credit for NU211 (4 credits), NU212 (3 credits) for a total of seven credits, if they meet either of the following requirements:

- Graduated from an LPN program and licensed within 5 years of admission into the BSN program
- Worked as an LPN within 5 years of admission into the BSN program (documentation must be provided)

Applicants who do not meet either of these requirements will be required to successfully complete the courses.

LPN to BSN Course Plan

Semester I	Credits	Semester II	Credits
NU 201 Holistic Health Assessment (T)	2	NU 301 Nursing Care of Adults I (T)	4
NU 202 Holistic Health Assessment (L)	1	NU 302 Nursing Care of Adults I (C)	6
NU 231 Pathophysiology (T)	3	NU 311 Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice (T)	2
Liberal Studies or Elective credits	3		
Total	9	Total	12
Semester III		Semester IV	
NU 321 Nursing Care of Women & the Perinatal Family (T) Corequisite: Childbearing Nursing Review Test	3	NU 401 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (T) Corequisite: Mental Health Nursing Review Test	4
NU 322 Nursing Care of Women & the Perinatal Family (C)	2	NU 402 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (C)	3
NU 331 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (T) Corequisite: Pediatric Nursing Review Test	4	NU 411 Nursing Care of Populations (T) Corequisite: Community Health Review Test	4
NU 332 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (C)	2	NU 412 Nursing Care of Populations (C)	3
NU 341 Pharmacology II (T) Corequisite: Pharmacology Review Test	2		
Total	13	Total	14
Semester V			
NU 421 Nursing Issues Seminar (T)	2		
NU 431 Nursing Care of Adults II (T) Corequisite: Medical/Surgical Review Test	2		
NU 432 Nursing Care of Adults II (C)	3		
NU 441 Leadership & Management in Nursing (T)	2		
NU 452 Transition into Professional Nursing Practice (C)	3		
Hesi Review Course (NU 006)	0		
Hesi Exit Exam (NU 011)	0		
Total	12		

Notes: Key: T-Theory, C=Clinic, L=Laboratory
Liberal Studies, HP requirements and General Electives must be included to meet degree requirements.

*BI 203a, NU 231, NU 221, and HN 301 are prerequisites for NU 301 & NU 302.

Please keep this form for your records.

Pertinent Policies & Guidelines

Criminal Background Checks

Student placement in a clinical site/agency assumes that the applicant possesses good moral character and the ability to successfully pass the rigors of a background investigation and criminal history check. ***Students are required to complete criminal background checks . Students are responsible for all costs associated with a criminal background check.*** See website: www.certifiedbackground.com.

Lack of consent for a Criminal Background Check may disallow a student from being placed in that clinical site/agency, and therefore, may prohibit the student from progressing in the nursing program. Students identified with a history of a felony or a misdemeanor involving abuse, neglect, assault, battery, criminal sexual conduct, fraud or theft may be as ineligible for a clinic placement.

License Information

Students **must** report any action involving their license during the admission process, as well as during the student's progression in the program. This may include a revoked license, a suspended license or sanctions of any kind. The student is required to report all changes in their license status to the nursing department and their advisor.

The requisite for the LPN to BSN program is an active current license without restrictions or sanctions. A license that is restricted in any manner or sanctioned via probation, temporary suspension, suspended/revoked or has restrictions of any kind is **not** considered an active license to practice and would **not** meet program requirements for entry or progression.

GRADUATION & PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Testing & Review*

****RN to BSN Students are exempt from all Health Education Systems Inc. (HESI) Exams.***

In addition to the courses listed as graduation requirements outlined in the NMU Undergraduate Bulletin, students must complete each of the following prior to graduation:

- The required semester review testing package ***Health Education Systems Inc.*** (HESI)
- A standardized comprehensive nursing Exit Exam
- ***A pre-RN Review course***

Semester Review Testing Package (HESI)

All BSN nursing majors are required to take one or more assessment tests each semester. The assessment tests are related to the content area the student is studying that semester. The student will be charged a fee (fee is the responsibility of the student and is subject to change by the department). The fee will be added to the tuition bill, and will cover the cost of participating in the review testing package.

The purpose of this review-testing package is to assist students in their progression through the BSN nursing program and in successful completion of their RN licensing exam (NCLEX-RN) after graduation. Many nursing programs are using this method to ensure success of nursing graduates on the NCLEX-RN. HESI tests will be incorporated into each theory class, and count towards the final grade.

Fall 2009 and after

HESI testing occurs within individual courses. The score on the HESI examination counts toward the final grade for the course.

The Exit Exam

The (NE 012) Exit Exam should be successfully completed prior to graduation. The comprehensive exam will test the student's knowledge of psychiatric-mental health, maternal-child, and adult medical-surgical nursing. The exam is administered at the beginning of the final semester of the nursing program. Students must register for the exam. All students receiving less than 73% will repeat this test once. There is a fee for retaking the exam. The benefits of this test are:

- Individual assessment of performance with specific identification of areas of strength and weakness.
- Availability of faculty to discuss results of the exam and to assist in developing a plan to deal with weaknesses.

Pre-RN Review Course

Students must register for and attend a 3 day pre-RN review course that will be scheduled at the end of program. This review course is offered at no additional cost to the student. The Pre-RN review course further prepares students to be successful in the RN licensure exam after graduation.

- ***Note: RN-BSN students are not required to take HESI tests.***

Nondiscrimination Policy

Northern Michigan University does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, familial status, handicap/disability, sexual orientation or veteran status in employment or the provision of services, and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities.

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