

***NORTHERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY***

***DEPARTMENT
OF
NURSING***

***Information Packet for the
Baccalaureate Nursing Program
Generic Track***

www.nmu.edu/nursing/

Getting Information about the University or the Nursing Programs

For specific questions regarding the nursing programs:

BSN Program
LPN to BSN Program
RN to BSN Program
MSN Program

2301 New Science Facility
(906) 227-2834

LPN Program

3515 West Science Building
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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.

For information regarding applications and admission procedures to the University; transfer credits; or to obtain an UNDERGRADUATE BULLETIN:

Admissions Office
Room 2212 Hedgcock
(906) 227-2650 or (800) 682-9797
<http://www.nmu.edu/admissions/>

For information concerning loans, scholarships, and employment:

Financial Aid
Room 2107 Hedgcock
(906) 227-2327 or (800) 682-9797
<http://www.nmu.edu/finaid/>

For information regarding housing:

Housing Office
2101 Hedgcock
(906) 227-2620 or (800) 682-9797
<http://www.nmu.edu/housing/>

For information regarding student services:

Office of the Dean of Students
2001 Hedgcock
(906) 227-1700 or (800) 682-9797
<http://dso.nmu.edu/>

High School Preparation

Nurses, in their practices, are required to make many critical and life saving decisions and to perform many important and precise technical functions. In order to carry out these functions a nurse must have a solid academic foundation at the high school level. Therefore, the faculty of the Department of Nursing strongly recommend the following academic preparation in high school:

English	4 years
Social Studies	4 years
Mathematics	3-4 years (2 years Algebra)
Science:	
Biology	1 year
Physics	1 year
Chemistry	1 year

Students without the necessary high school preparation in Algebra and Chemistry may need to take additional preparatory courses in these subjects in order to be successful in the required courses in nursing.

Pre-BSN Nursing Students

Once you are admitted to Northern Michigan University and have indicated that you wish to pursue a degree in nursing by declaring nursing as your major, you are considered a pre-nursing student. The first three semesters are used to complete the prerequisite courses necessary for admission to the nursing major. Students declaring nursing as a major are assigned an adviser from the Department of Nursing and with their adviser plan the academic program to complete the required courses. During the first three semesters, the student spends her/his time completing the prerequisite courses necessary for admission to the nursing major. When the student is nearing completion of the prerequisites, and in consultation with her/his adviser, the student may apply for admission to the nursing sequence. The correct Application for Admission must be obtained from the Nursing Department Office or from the department website (www.nmu.edu/nursing/) and submitted according to the required deadlines.

Admission to the University does not guarantee entry to the Nursing program.

Generic BSN Track Application

Due Dates

During the last semester of completing prerequisite courses, students should apply for admission to the program. Applications for the Generic 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 the application deadline is a Saturday or Sunday, the application is due on the following Monday.

Generic BSN Track*: Admission requirement

**Requirements for students admitted to nursing major F09 or after*

The first three semesters are considered "pre-nursing" while students complete the prerequisite courses necessary for admission to the nursing major. This normally takes three semesters of full-time study. During the third semester, students wishing to enter the Generic BSN track must apply by the following **application deadlines**:

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

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

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

- Be **admitted to Northern Michigan University**
- Have completed or have a reasonable expectation of completing the prerequisite courses with a minimum of a C-for each course prior to admission. Students who have successfully completed all prerequisites and who meet all other admission requirements have priority status for consideration of admission.
 - BI 201 Human Anatomy (3 credits)
 - BI 202 Human Physiology (5 credits)
 - CH 109 Introductory Organic and Biochemistry for the Health Sciences
CH 107/108 or CH 111 / 112 may be substituted
 - SO 101 Introductory Sociology (4 credits)
 - PY 100 General Psychology (4 credits)
 - BI 203A Medical 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 students who have earned 12 or more credits at NMU during the past calendar year.

- Complete the entire **admission packet** (described in application process) with:
 - Generic BSN track application form
 - Student application information form: Core Performance Standards
- Current transcript of grades and/or TCE

Transfer Credits and Reentry Students

- 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 college 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 web-site 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 is considered incomplete 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 will not be considered current and will not be accepted toward the BSN degree requirements. 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 Nursing Department.
- 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 according to their cumulative GPA by the Admissions Committee. Students are notified by mail of their admission status.

Admission to Program: 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.

Applicants will lose their provisional acceptance status if they:

- Do not complete all prerequisite course work with satisfactory grades;
- Do not submit final grades from all prerequisite courses.
- Do not maintain the minimum required cumulative GPA:
 - **2.75** Generic BSN track
 - **3.00** BSN Fast Track
- Withdraw from the University

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

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

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 Introductory Organic and Biochemistry for the Health Sciences	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 for Health Professions	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)	2

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

- 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
- Other Microbiology courses may be substituted for the NMU microbiology requirements at the discretion of the nursing faculty: Minimum of 2 semester credits of Microbiology
- Nutrition: HN 301 A & B. Nutrition courses transferring in from other colleges may transfer as HN210 which is equivalent to HN301A. In that case, students will need to take HN301B.

***Nursing Prerequisites & Liberal Studies Requirements

- Chemistry
- CH 107/108 or Ch111/112 may be substituted for CH 109. Each course satisfies 4 credits of the Division III: Natural Science requirement.
- SO 101 satisfies 4 credits of the Division IV: Social Science requirement.
- PY100 L,S, or H satisfies 4 credits of Div III, Natural Science; PY 100 G satisfies 4 credits of Div IV Social Science

BSN Program Tracks

The Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Program (BSN) has different tracks. Not all students are eligible to be in all tracks. It is the student's responsibility to read the track descriptions and consult with their nursing adviser regarding the requirements for each track. Tracks are offered as department resources permit and are subject to change. The current list of tracks and their scheduled admissions are:

- **Traditional BSN Track:** A new class of 40 students is admitted both Fall and Winter semesters
- **BSN Fast Track:** A new class (10 students) is admitted in the Fall semester. Students must have completed all non-nursing courses.

Generic BSN track

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FIRST YEAR (PRENURSING)

Semester I	Credits	Semester II	Credits
CH 109 Introductory Organic and Biochemistry for the Health Sciences	4	BI 202 Human Physiology	5
BI 201 Human Anatomy	3	EN 111	4
PY 100 Psychology or SO 101 Sociology	4	PY 100 Psychology or SO 101 Sociology	4
Liberal Studies	4	Liberal Studies	4
General Elective	2		
Total	17	Total	17

SECOND YEAR

Semester III <i>Apply for entrance to program</i>	Credits	Semester IV <i>Acceptance into program</i>	Credits
BI 203A Medical Microbiology	3	NU 201 Holistic Health Assessment (T)	2
HN 301A & B Nutrition for Health Professions	4	NU 202 Holistic Health Assessment (L)	1
Liberal Studies	8	NU 211 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice(T) Corequisite: Fundamentals Review Test	4
General Elective	2	NU 212 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice (C)	3
		NU 221 Pharmacology I (T)	2
		NU 231 Pathophysiology (T)	3
		HP or HP 200	1
Total	17	Total	16

THIRD YEAR

Semester V	Credits	Semester VI	Credits
NU 301 Nursing Care of Adults I (T)	4	NU 321 Nursing Care of Women & the Perinatal Family (T) Corequisite: Childbearing Nursing Review Test	3
NU 302 Nursing Care of Adults I (C)	6	NU 322 Nursing Care of Women & the Perinatal Family (C)	2
NU 311 Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice (T)	2	NU 331 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (T) Corequisite: Pediatric Nursing Review Test	4
Liberal Studies	4	NU 332 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (C)	2
		NU 341 Pharmacology II (T) Corequisite: Pharmacology Review Test	2
		Liberal Studies	4
Total	16	Total	17

FOURTH YEAR

Semester VII	Credits	Semester VIII	Credits
NU 401 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (T) Corequisite: Mental Health Nursing Review Test	4	NU 421 Nursing Issues Seminar (T)	2
NU 402 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (C)	3	NU 431 Nursing Care of Adults II (T) Corequisite: Medical/Surgical Review Test	2
NU 411 Nursing Care of Populations (T) Corequisite: Community Health Review Test	4	NU 432 Nursing Care of Adults II (C)	3
NU 412 Nursing Care of Populations (C)	3	NU 441 Leadership & Management in Nursing (T)	2
HP or HP 200	1	NU 452 Transition into Professional Nursing Practice (C)	3
General Elective	2	HESI Review Course (NU 006) HESI Exit Exam (NU 011)	0
Total	17	Total	12

***Please do not plan liberal studies courses during semester VIII.**

Questions often asked concerning entrance to the NMU BSN Department of Nursing

1. **Must all pre-nursing courses be completed before admission to the nursing sequence?**

Yes. The pre-nursing program was designed to meet specific needs in the nursing curriculum.

2. **Does a bachelor's degree in another field enhance an applicant's chances of being accepted?**

No.

3. **How many entry points are there per year into the department of Nursing?**

Two. Fall and Winter Semester.

4. **Are letters of recommendation required?**

Not at this time.

5. **Does work experience in a health-care facility better an applicant's chances of being selected?**

No. It is more important that you get a good college preparation program in high school. Frequently students take nurse aid type courses in high school at the expense of getting chemistry, algebra, and other critical science and math courses. Work experience may help you better decide about your nursing career, however, proper academic preparation in math and science will result in greater success in college.

6. **When will notification of acceptance or rejection be made?**

Normally not later than the beginning of the pre-registration period (mid semester).

7. **Who makes up the Admissions Committee?**

Faculty and the Director.

8. **Can a student accelerate and graduate in less than five semesters?**

Not at this time. Students must be accepted into the Fast Track to complete the program in less time.

9. **Will I have to attend school during the summer?**

The traditional track curriculum does not incorporate summer school sessions in the program of study, however the Fast Track does. Many students choose to take some non-nursing courses during the summer so that they have a lighter course load in the regular academic year.

10. **What courses from other institutions will transfer?**

All non-nursing courses in which a passing grade was received and which are collegiate level are usually acceptable for transfer credit. Please contact the Office of Admissions for further information. Transfer of nursing courses requires specific approval from the Nursing Department.

Pertinent Policies & Guidelines Which Apply to Students Once they are Accepted into the Nursing Program

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 a 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.

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)** each semester
- 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.

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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