

***NORTHERN MICHIGAN  
UNIVERSITY***

***DEPARTMENT  
OF  
NURSING***

***Information Packet for the  
Baccalaureate Nursing Program  
BSN Fast Track***

[www.nmu.edu/nursing/](http://www.nmu.edu/nursing/)

# University & Nursing Program Information

## **For specific questions regarding the BSN nursing programs:**

2301 New Science Facility  
(906) 227-2833 or 227-2834

## **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.

### **Admissions Office**

Applications, Transfer Credits  
Undergraduate Bulletin

Room 2212 Hedgcock  
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<http://www.nmu.edu/admissions/>

### **Financial Aid Office**

Room 2107 Hedgcock  
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### **Housing Office**

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<http://www.nmu.edu/housing/>

### **Office of the Dean of Students Student Services**

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

## **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.

Students declaring nursing as a major are assigned an advisor from the Department of Nursing and with their advisor plan the academic program. 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 correct application for admission must be obtained from the Nursing Department Office and submitted according to the required deadlines.

The BSN Fast Track is designed for students who have completed all of the non-nursing courses. The track includes summer classes and is completed within two calendar years.

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

## BSN Fast Track Application

### Due Dates

Applications for the BSN Fast Track may be turned into the Department of Nursing Office beginning with the first day of the Winter semester until the application deadline. The **application deadline** is:

- **February 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall admission**

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

### BSN Fast Track\*: Admission requirements

\*Requirements for students admitted to nursing program Fall 2009 or after  
See appendix 2 for tracking grid

To be eligible for admission to the BSN Fast Track, applicants must **meet all of the following minimum admission requirements**:

- Be **admitted to Northern Michigan University**
- Complete the entire **admission packet** by the due date: February 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall admission
  - **BSN Fast Track Application form**  
The application for the correct program must be complete.
  - **Student Application Information Form:** Core Performance Standards  
The form must be completed and signed.
  - **Current transcripts (unofficial accepted) of all courses taken at any college or university (include current semester)**  
All prerequisite classes will be highlighted on the transcripts and TCE (TCE's are not completed for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree students)  
CH109 OR CH107/108 or CH111/112, PY100, SO101, HN301 A&B, BI 203a.
- 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)
  - BI 203a Medical Microbiology
  - CH 109 Introductory Organic & Bio Chemistry for the Health Sciences  
(4 credits) *CH 107/108 or CH111/112 may be substituted*
  - SO 101 Introductory Sociology (4 credits)
  - PY 100 General Psychology (4 credits)
  - HN 301 A&B Nutrition for Health Professions
  - Fast track applicants who have completed all prerequisites and who have indicated they would like their application reviewed for admission to the generic BSN program if they are not admitted to the fast track program have priority over those fast track applicants to the BSN program who do not have all prerequisites completed.

- Have completed or be in the process of completing all of the non-nursing graduation requirements prior to admission (See Appendix 3).
- Achieve a ***cumulative NMU grade point average of 3.0 or higher.***  
Priority will be given to currently enrolled NMU students with at least 12 earned credits.

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

***Students not accepted into the BSN Fast Track program may choose to be considered for the generic BSN Track.***

## NON-NURSING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS PREREQUISITES FOR BSN FAST TRACK

for students in the nursing major f09 or after

Course	Semester Credits	Semester	Year	Grade	Institution	Requirements met (office use only)
<b>Liberal Studies (40 credits)</b>						
* Liberal Studies Course taken at 300/400 level	(3)					
* Liberal Studies Course meeting the World Culture requirement	(4)					
<b>Division I Composition I (6-8)</b>						
EN 111: College Composition	(3)					
EN 211: College Composition II	(3)					
<b>Division II: Humanities (6-8)</b>						
Electives:	(3)					
Electives:	(3)					
<b>Division III: Natural Sciences (6-8)</b>						
* CH 109: Intro Organic & Biochemistry	(3)					
<b>Division IV: Social Sciences (6-8)</b>						
SO 101: Intro to Sociology	(3)					
Elective:	(3)					
<b>Division V: Formal Studies (3-4)</b>						
Electives:	(3)					
<b>Division VI: Fine/Performing Arts (3-4)</b>						
Electives:	(3)					
<b>Physical Education (2)</b>						
HP 200 Physical Well Being	(1)					
HP Elective	(1)					
<b>Other Required Courses (26)</b>						
PY 100 General Psychology	(4)					
BI 201: Human Anatomy	(3)					
BI 202: Human Physiology	(5)					
BI 203a: Medical Microbiology	(3)					
HN 301 A & B: Nutrition for Health Professions	(4)					
General Electives	(5)					

## **Transfer Credits**

- Transfer students should include documentation of transferred courses with a copy of the **Transfer Credit Evaluation (TCE)** from the Registrar's Office. (TCE's are not completed for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree students). 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](mailto: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 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, 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. Transfer students who are deficient more than two hours in Biology must make up the deficiency with courses that make up the human biology minor.

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

## **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.

**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)

<b>*Liberal Studies</b> .....	30-40
<b>Division I: Composition</b> .....	6-8
EN 111 College Composition I	
EN 211 College Composition II	
<b>Division II: Humanities</b> .....	6-8
<b>Division III: Natural Science</b> .....	6-8
CH 109 Intro Organic & Biochemistry (4 credits) New students who are eligible for CH 109 are those who 1) have had high school chemistry and 2) pass the math test at the MA100 level. If either is missing, then the student is to take CH105. CH107 can be taken instead of 105.	
Elective	
<b>Division IV: Social Sciences</b> .....	6-8
SO 101 - Intro to Sociology	
Social Science Course	
<b>Division V: Formal Studies</b> .....	4
<b>Division VI: Fine/Performing Arts</b> .....	4
 <b>Other Required Courses</b>	
*PY 100 Introduction to Psychology .....	3-4
BI 201 Human Anatomy .....	3-4
BI 202 Human Physiology .....	4-5
BI 203a Medical Microbiology (new course 3 credits) .....	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
 <b>Nursing Major</b> .....	<b>66</b>
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) .....	3

**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

\*\*\*Nursing Prerequisites & Liberal Studies Requirements

- Enrollment in CH 109 - New students who are eligible for CH 109 are those who 1) have had high school chemistry and 2) pass the math test at the MA100 level. If either is missing, the student is to take CH105, then CH109. CH107 can be taken instead of 105.
- 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 advisor 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:

- **Generic 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.

## **BSN Fast Track**

### \*Curriculum Plan for Students Admitted Fall 2009

***\*To be eligible for the BSN Fast Track, all non-nursing course requirements for the BSN degree must have already been completed (nursing prerequisites, required courses, liberal studies and general electives).***

<b>SEMESTER I (FALL)</b>		<b>SEMESTER II (WINTER)</b>	
NU201 Holistic Health Assessment (Theory)	2	NU301 Nursing Care of Adults (Theory) Corequisite: Medical/Surgical Review Test	4
NU202 Holistic Health Assessment (Lab)	1	NU302 Nursing Care of Adults (Clinic)	6
NU211 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice (Theory) Corequisite: Fundamentals Review Test	4	NE 301 Psych Mental Health (T) Corequisite: Mental Health Nursing Review Test	3
NU212 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice (Clinic)	3	NE302 Psych Mental Health (C)	3
NU221 Pharmacology	2		
NU231 Pathophysiology	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>SEMESTER III (SUMMER)</b>		<b>SEMESTER IV (FALL)</b>	
NU321 Nursing Care of Women and the Perinatal Family (Theory) Corequisite: Childbearing Nursing Review Test	3	NE 420 Community Health Nursing (T) Corequisite: Community Health Review Test	4
NU322 Nursing Care of Women and the Perinatal Family (Clinic)	2	NE421 Community Health Nursing (C)	4
NU331 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (Theory) Corequisite: Pediatric Nursing Review Test	4	NE422 Nursing Issues (T)	2
NU332 Nursing Care of children/Adolescents (Clinic)	2	NU311 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>SEMESTER V (WINTER)</b>			
NE 431 Management Concepts in Nursing (T)	2		
NE 432 Management Concepts in Nursing (C)	4		
NU 431 Nursing Care of Adults II (T)	2		
NU 341 Pharmacology II Corequisite: Pharmacology Review Test	2		
HESI Exit Exam HESI Review Course			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>		

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**Please keep this form for your records.**

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

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

Yes. The courses must be completed to facilitate completion of the Fast Track courses.

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

No.

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

One. Fall 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. 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 Fast Track student transfer to the Traditional BSN Track?**

Students wishing to transfer to the Traditional BSN Track should consult with their advisor. Transfer may be possible if space is available.

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

The Fast Track has some theory and clinical experiences scheduled in the summer.

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](http://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.

## **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.

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

## **Fall 2009 and after**

HESI testing is 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.

## ***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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