

NURSING

North Dakota State University offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The professional program is offered at the NDSU Fargo site and NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health in Bismarck. Graduates are eligible to apply for the national licensing examination (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse (RN). The program is fully accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the North Dakota Board of Nursing.

The Program

The mission of the School of Nursing is to advance nursing knowledge and develop dynamic nurse leaders who improve the health of all people, emphasizing underserved, rural, and diverse populations. The nursing curriculum prepares professional nurses by providing a sound educational base for practice, graduate study, professional development, and professional and civic responsibility. The nursing program serves as a resource for society through consultation, collaboration, advocacy and scholarship.

Career Opportunities

Rapid changes in health care and technology require the nursing profession to continually expand its role. Employment forecasts predict an increasing demand for professional nurses. Career opportunities for a nurse with a BSN include positions in hospitals, schools, community agencies, the military, insurance companies, nursing homes, clinics, businesses and research settings. Graduates are prepared to work in a variety of settings that demand critical thinking, autonomy, collaboration and accountability. A four-year BSN degree offers an array of career options and opportunities for career advancement.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Numerous active student organizations are available at NDSU, including Student Nurses Association chapters in Bismarck and Fargo. Nursing students are strongly encouraged to participate in campus activities because they provide opportunities for teamwork, leadership, service and enjoyment.

Scholarships

Information on scholarships for students admitted to the major is available from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships and the School of Nursing. Information on first year or transfer student scholarship is available from the Office of Admission.

The Faculty and Facilities

The NDSU BSN program is offered at two locations: the NDSU Fargo site and NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health in Bismarck. At the NDSU Fargo site, you'll find faculty offices and state-of-the art, hands-on nursing education labs in the six-story Aldevron Tower. Additional classrooms are found in Sudro Hall, connected to Aldevron Tower. In Bismarck, the School of Nursing is conveniently located across the street from Sanford Health. The School houses faculty offices, classrooms and fully equipped skills and health assessment labs as well as an advanced simulation center to enhance student learning. The Fargo-Moorhead and Bismarck communities provide a rich source of health care facilities, which are utilized by the nursing program. The faculty members are experts in specialized clinical practice areas and assist students with learning in the classroom, laboratory and clinical settings.

Advising

The School of Nursing is part of the College of Health Professions. Pre-nursing advising is available for all students prior to acceptance into the professional program. Each nursing student admitted to the professional program is assigned a nursing faculty advisor who is available for

academic guidance, assistance, and career planning. Students are strongly encouraged to seek the assistance of their advisor early in their plan of study and maintain contact on a regular basis.

Transfer

The pre-professional courses may be completed at NDSU or at another regionally accredited college or university. Transfer students are encouraged to contact a pre-nursing advisor early to discuss course selection and transferability. The pre-licensure professional program, which takes three years to complete, must be taken in sequence and cannot be accelerated due to clinical placements. The LPN-BSN and RN-BSN program, which will take two years to complete, must be taken in sequence and cannot be accelerated.

Admission to the Pre-Licensure Program

Direct Admission

Direct admission is offered to high school seniors who have demonstrated exemplary academic performance. Direct admission is available at both the Bismarck and Fargo site. The selection process begins in spring for the following fall semester. If admitted through direct admission, students will need to maintain established progression criteria during their first year of pre-requisite coursework. Students not admitted through direct admission, or who do not maintain progression requirements, can apply through the standard admission process. Additional information as well as the admission application can be found at:

www.ndsu.edu/nursing/degrees/pre_licensure_bsn_track/direct_admin/.

Standard Admission

The School of Nursing in Bismarck accepts applications and admits students for both fall and spring semesters. On the Fargo campus, applications are accepted once per year for students starting the program in both fall and spring. To be eligible for application, students must meet the following requirements: 1) a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75* on all college level work, and 2) completion of the prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher. The application deadlines and online application are posted on the School of Nursing website (www.ndsu.edu/nursing/pre_licensure_bsn_track). Admission is competitive and involves a holistic review process. The holistic review considers a student's life experiences, personal qualities, and attributes as well as traditional measures such as GPA. Students are encouraged to consult with the pre-nursing advisor at their preferred site prior to the application deadline. *Because of limitations on class size, the typical student admitted to the nursing program has a selective GPA higher than 2.75.

Selected Prerequisite Courses

The selected GPA is calculated based on grades in the following prerequisite courses. (Applicants may have prerequisite courses in progress at the time of application.)

- COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- ENGL 120 College Composition II
- PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 110 Intro to Sociology *or* ANTH 111 Intro to Anthropology

A minimum of 8 credits in the science category (preference will be given to those students who have completed 11 credits or more.)

- BIOL 220/220L Human Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab
- BIOL 221/ 221L Human Anatomy and Physiology II/Lab
- BIOC 260 Elements of Biochemistry
- CHEM 117/117L Chemistry Concepts and Applications/Lab
- MICR 202/202L Introductory Microbiology/Lab

Note:

- Students should consult their faculty advisor for electives that may enhance their program of study to meet graduation requirements.
- Computer proficiency is expected before beginning the nursing major.
- Disclaimer: The recommended curriculum is subject to change based on nursing program development. Students must consult with their nursing advisor to facilitate progression in the program.

Nursing Plan of Study Pre-Licensure Fall Start Professional Program

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

Freshman			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110 College Composition I	4	ENGL 120 College Composition II	3
CHEM 117 Chemical Concepts and Applications	3	BIOC 260 Elements of Biochemistry	4
CHEM 117L Chemical Concepts and Applications Laboratory	1	COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology	3	PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology	3
or ANTH 111 Introduction to Anthropology		MICR 202 Introductory Microbiology	2
CHP 190 Critical Thinking and Academic Success	2	MICR 202L Introductory Microbiology Laboratory	1
Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning	3		
	16		16
Sophomore			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIOL 220 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3	BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 220L Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	1	BIOL 221L Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	1
NURS 210 Orientation to Research and Evidence-Based Practice	2	HNES 250 Nutrition Science	3
NURS 250 Health Promotion	2	NURS 251 Skills and Concepts for Nursing	2
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology	3	NURS 252 Gerontologic Nursing	2
Gen Ed Cultural Diversity	3	NURS 360 Health Assessment	4
	14		15
Junior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 325 Writing in the Health Professions	3	NURS 352 Family Nursing I	4
NURS 341 Foundations of Clinical Nursing	3	NURS 362 Family Nursing II	4
NURS 342 Adult Health Nursing I	5	NURS 382 Clinical Applications	1
NURS 300 Pharmacology for Nursing	4	CHP 400 Interprofessional Health Care Practice	3
	15	Gen Ed Global Perspectives	3
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Senior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
NURS 402 Mental Health Nursing	4	NURS 404 Adult Health III	4
NURS 403 Adult Health Nursing II	5	NURS 406 Community and Public Health Nursing	4
NURS 410 Research and Redesign	2	NURS 450 Nursing Synthesis/Practicum	4
NURS 460 Management, Leadership and Career Development	3	Gen Ed Humanities & Fine Arts	3
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	17		15
Total Credits: 123			

View NDSU equivalencies of transfer courses at: www.ndsu.edu/transfer/equivalencies

For Further Information

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DEPT LOCATION: Aldevron Tower 540

DEPT WEBSITE: www.ndsu.edu/nursing/

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Nursing at Sanford Health (Bismarck) | Mary Smith, Pre-Nursing Advisor & Student Services Coordinator | 512 N 7th St | Bismarck, ND 58501

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DEPT WEBSITE: www.ndsu.edu/nursing/

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