

College of Health and Social Services

PRE-NURSING DEGREE PLAN AND BSN PROGRAM ADMISSION POLICIES

OVERVIEW

- The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is a four (4) year, 124-125 credit hour degree plan.
- Students can expect to complete at least three semesters of pre-requisite course work prior to starting the five (5) semester nursing program.
- Students will be designated as 'pre-nursing' until they are admitted to the BSN program.

PRE-NURSING GRADE POLICIES

- Pre-nursing students must achieve a grade of 'C-' or higher in all nursing pre-requisite and general education courses.
- Students are allowed to repeat a course one time for grade replacement.
- Grades will be averaged for all repeated courses beyond the first.

BSN PROGRAM ADMISSION POLICIES

- Applicants must achieve a minimum nursing pre-requisite GPA of 2.75 in order to be eligible to apply to the BSN program. (Note: The GPA of accepted students is generally higher than this minimum.)
- Applicants must achieve a minimum of 75% on all required sections of the HESI A2 Admission Assessment. (Note: The HESI A2 scores of accepted students is generally higher than this minimum.) A maximum of 4 attempts is allowed (2 per application cycle). Exam scores are valid for ONE year. The HESI A2 exam should be taken at least 1 month before the application deadline (see below).
- When you are registered in your last semester of pre-requisite courses, contact the School of Nursing Advising Office at nursing@nmsu.edu to confirm your eligibility to apply, and to request a BSN program application and instructions for taking the HESI A2 exam.
- Admission to the BSN program is a competitive process and is based on ranked admission scores.

The NMSU BSN Program Admission Score* is calculated as follows:

Nursing Program Pre-requisite Course GPA	40%
HESI A2 Admission Assessment Score	50%
New Mexico residents, military students, 135 Mile Out-of-State Tuition Discount Texas resident	2%
Four (4) or more pre-requisite course taken at NMSU	3%
Admission Essay Score	5%

*BSN program admission score calculations are subject to change.

PRE-NURSING STUDENT ADVISING AND COMMUNICATION

- Pre-nursing student advising is provided through the NMSU Center for Academic Advising and Student Support ([CAASS](#)).
- Students should meet with their pre-nursing advisor each semester.
- Please update any changes in your contact information in [myNMSU](#) to ensure that you receive important communications about the BSN program.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING YOUR NURSING APPLICATION ARE:

FEBRUARY 1ST FOR FALL SEMESTER ADMISSION

SEPTEMBER 1ST FOR SPRING SEMESTER ADMISSION

SCHOOL OF NURSING ADVISING OFFICE

575-646-7311

nursing@nmsu.edu

New Mexico State University

2020-2021 PRE-NURSING GUIDELINES

The Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) is a four-year, 124-125 credit hour degree program. Admission to the BSN program is competitive and based on the cumulative GPA in nursing pre-requisite courses and HESI A2 exam scores. Pre-Nursing students should plan for a minimum of three semesters to complete their prerequisite coursework.

Students are required to meet with their academic advisor each semester. For students needing to improve their GPA, any prerequisite course may be repeated once and only the highest grade will be counted. Students are responsible for understanding their degree plan, scheduling meetings with their advisor prior to early registration, registering for classes on the designated day, and keeping their NMSU account address and phone number(s) current.

Students who are near completion of their prerequisites can request a BSN program application and information about the HESI from the Nursing Advising Office via e-mail at nursing@nmsu.edu. Please include your Aggie ID in any communications. Eligibility will be confirmed before an application is given out.

Pre-Nursing students are eligible to submit an application to the BSN program if they have:

- A ‘C-’ grade or better in all nursing pre-requisite and general education courses.
- **A minimum GPA of 2.75** in nursing prerequisite courses
- **HESI A2 Admission Assessment** scores of 75% in each required section (**BIOLOGY, MATH, CHEMISTRY, ENGLISH**)
- Note: Pre-nursing GPA and HESI scores for accepted students is generally higher than the minimum requirement

Deadlines for submitting an application to the BSN program are:

- **February 1st** for fall semester admission
- **September 1st** for spring semester admission

PRE-NURSING REQUIREMENTS

Note: Italics indicates course numbers prior to Spring 2021

SEMESTER 1 18 cr.

ENGL 1110G (<i>111G</i>) Rhetoric/Composition	4 cr.
MATH 1220G (<i>121G</i>) College Algebra	3 cr.
CHEM 1120G (<i>110G</i>) Applied Chemistry & lab (preferred) or CHEM 1215G (<i>111G</i>) General Chemistry I	4 cr.
PSY 1110G (<i>201G</i>) Introduction to Psychology	3 cr.
BIOL 2110G/2110L (<i>211GL</i>) Cellular Biology & Lab	4 cr.

SEMESTER 2 16 cr.

ENGL 2210G (<i>211G or 218G</i>) Writing for the Humanities	3 cr.
CEPY 1120G (<i>C EP 110G</i>) Human Growth and Behavior	3 cr.
SPMD 2210/2210L (<i>SP M 271+L</i>) Anat. Phys. I & lab	4 cr.
MATH 1215G (<i>A ST/STAT 251G</i>) or A ST 311 Stat. Applic.	3 cr.
NUTR 2110 (<i>HNDS 251</i>) Human Nutrition	3 cr.

SEMESTER 3 18 cr.

COMM 1115G (<i>265G</i>) COMM 1130 (<i>253G</i>) Oral Comm.	3 cr.
SPMD 3210/3210G (<i>SP M 371+L</i>) Anat. & Phys. II & lab	4 cr.
BIOL 2320 (<i>219</i>) or BIOL 311 Microbiology	3 cr.
BIOL 311L Microbiology Lab	2 cr.
Area VI Creative & Fine Arts	3 cr.
Area V Humanities	3 cr.

An alternative 4-semester prerequisite degree plan is available upon request.

BSN CORE CURRICULUM

SEMESTER 4 – BSN Level 1 14 cr.

NURS 328 Human Pathophysiology Found. for Nursing	4 cr.
NMNC 3110 (<i>NURS 293</i>) Intro. to Nursing Concepts	3 cr.
NMNC 3135 (<i>NURS 294</i>) Princ. of Nursing Practice	4 cr.
NMNC 3120 (<i>NURS 362</i>) Evidence Based Practice	3 cr.

SEMESTER 5 – BSN Level 2 16 cr.

NMNC 3210 (<i>NURS 377</i>) Health & Wellness Concepts I	3 cr.
NMNC 3220 (<i>NURS 378</i>) Health Care Participant	3 cr.
NMNC 3230 (<i>NURS 379</i>) Nursing Pharmacology	3 cr.
NMNC 3235 (<i>NURS 380</i>) Assessment & Health Prom	4 cr.
Viewing a Wider World (special list)	3 cr.

SEMESTER 6 – BSN Level 3 13 cr.

NMNC 4310 (<i>NURS 395</i>) Health & Illness Conc. II	3 cr.
NMNC 4320 (<i>NURS 396</i>) Prof. Nursing Concepts I	3 cr.
NMNC 4335 (<i>NURS 398</i>) Patients w/ Chronic Conditions	4 cr.
Viewing a Wider World (special list)	3 cr.

SEMESTER 7 – BSN Level 4 15 cr.

NMNC 4410 (<i>NURS 466</i>) Health & Illness Conc. III	4 cr.
NMNC 4435 (<i>NURS 467</i>) Clinical Intensive I	4 cr.
NMNC 4445 (<i>NURS 468</i>) Clinical Intensive II	4 cr.
Approved Nursing Elective from Special List	3 cr.

SEMESTER 8 – BSN Level 5 14 cr.

NMNC 4510 (<i>NURS 486</i>) Concept Synthesis	3 cr.
NMNC 4520 (<i>NURS 487</i>) Prof. Nursing Concepts II	3 cr.
NMNC 4535 (<i>NURS 488</i>) Clinical Intensive III	4 cr.
NMNC 4545 (<i>NURS 489</i>) Capstone	4 cr.

**Pre-Nursing Advising
 Appointments:**
 Center for Academic Advising
 & Student Support
 575-646-2941
 Garcia Center, Rm. 129

**For Applications & HESI Exam
 Info:** School of Nursing Advising
 Office, 575-646-7311, Health &
 Social Services Bldg., Suite 110
nursing@nmsu.edu

Total Credits: 124-125 (NURS courses only: 66 credits)
 With the exception of NURS 110, 155, and 328, NURS courses are
 only open to those admitted to the BSN Degree Prog