North Dakota State University offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree as a two-phase program consisting of a pre-professional program and a professional program. The professional program is offered at the NDSU Fargo campus 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 provide baccalaureate and graduate nursing education to advance the knowledge of the discipline and demonstrate leadership in meeting the healthcare needs of a diverse society. 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
There are numerous active student organizations at NDSU, including the Student Nursing Association. Nursing students are strongly encouraged to participate in campus activities because they provide opportunities for leadership, service and enjoyment.

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

The Faculty And Facilities
The NDSU BSN program is offered at two locations: the NDSU Fargo campus and NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health in Bismarck. On the NDSU Fargo campus, department and faculty offices are located in Sudro Hall. On the Bismarck campus, department offices, faculty offices and classrooms are located in a building north of Sanford Health. A nursing skills laboratory, assessment laboratory and simulation center are maintained at both sites 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 their specialized areas and assist students to learn in both the classroom and clinical settings.

Advising
The School of Nursing is part of the College of Health Professions. Each nursing student admitted to the college is assigned a nursing faculty advisor who is available for academic guidance and assistance. Students are strongly encouraged to seek the assistance of their advisor early in their plan of study and maintain contact on a regular basis thereafter.

Transfer
The pre-professional program may be completed at NDSU or at another accredited college or university. Transfer students are encouraged to contact the School of Nursing early to discuss course selection and transferability. The professional program which takes three years to complete must be taken in sequence and cannot be accelerated due to clinical placements.

Selective Admission
The pre-professional program is open to all students on the Fargo campus who wish to pursue a nursing major. To enter the pre-professional program, students must be admitted to the University.

One cohort of students is admitted into the professional nursing program each spring and fall semester. To apply to the professional program, an online application must be submitted by April 20 for fall semester and September 20 for spring semester. Enrollment to the nursing major is limited (48 spots on the NDSU Fargo campus and 40 at NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health in Bismarck each term).

Eligibility for application requires 1) a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75* on all college level work, 2) completion of the prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or higher, 3) eligibility for sophomore standing, and 4) submission of the completed application.

Admission is competitive and is based on 1) GPA in selected prerequisite courses (see sample curriculum), 2) number of credits (up to 27) taken in the North Dakota University System, 3) references and recommendations, and 4) a personal statement. The following documents must be on file in the School of Nursing by April 20 for fall admission and September 20 for spring admission:

1. Evidence of admission to NDSU,
2. Evidence of pre-nursing status,
3. Completed application to the nursing major,
4. Official transcripts from all colleges attended (excluding NDSU),
5. Two references,
6. Personal statement,
7. Background check.

Application forms may be obtained online at ww.ndsu.edu/nursing

Students currently enrolled at NDSU in the pre-nursing program are encouraged to consult the pre-nursing advisor 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.
Sample Curriculum

General Education

Credits

First Year Experience
NURS 189 - Skills for Academic Success 1
Communication
COMM 110 - Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3
ENGL 110, 120 - College Composition I, II 3
Upper Division English 3
Quantitative Reasoning 3
Science & Technology
BIOL 220, 220L - Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab 4
CHEM 117, 117L - Chemical Concepts and Applications and Lab 4
MICR 202, 202L - Introductory Microbiology and Lab 3
Humanities & Fine Arts 6
Social & Behavioral Sciences
PSYC 111 - Introduction to Psychology 3
SOC 110 - Introduction to Sociology or ANTH 111 - Introduction to Anthropology 3
Wellness
HNES 250 - Nutrition Science 3
Cultural Diversity -
Global Perspective -
Total 40

Major Requirements—Support Courses

Credits

BIOL 221, 221L - Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab 4
CHEM 260 - Elements of Biochemistry 4
PSYC 250 - Developmental Psychology or HDFS 230 - Life Span Development 3
Electives 8
Total 19

Major Requirements—Professional Courses*

Credits

NURS 210 - Orientation to Research & Evidence-Based Practice 2
NURS 250 - Health Promotion 2
NURS 251 - Skills and Concepts for Nursing 2
NURS 252 - Gerontologic Nursing 2
NURS 341 - Foundations of Clinical Nursing 3
NURS 342 - Adult Health Nursing I 4
NURS 352 - Family Nursing I 5
NURS 360 - Health Assessment 4
NURS 362 - Family Nursing II 4
NURS 402 - Mental Health Nursing 4
NURS 403 - Adult Health Nursing II 5
NURS 404 - Adult Health III 4
NURS 406 - Community & Public Health Nursing 4
NURS 410 - Research and Redesign 2
NURS 450 - Nursing Synthesis/Practicum 4
NURS 460 - Management, Leadership and Career Development 3
PHRM 300 - Principles of Clinical Pharmacology 2
Total 56
CURRICULUM TOTAL 122

Selected Prerequisite Courses

The selected GPA is calculated based on grades in the following prerequisite courses. (Spring 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 - Introduction to Sociology or ANTH 111 - Introduction 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 and Lab
BIOL 221, 221L - Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab
CHEM 117, 117L - Chemistry Concepts and Applications and Lab
CHEM 260 - Elements of Biochemistry
MICR 202, 202L - Introductory Microbiology and Lab

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.

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This sample curriculum is not intended to serve as a curriculum guide for current students, but rather an example of course offerings for prospective students. For the curriculum requirements in effect at the time of entrance into a program, consult with an academic advisor or with the Office of Registration and Records.

*Must be accepted into nursing program to enroll in nursing courses.