

2021 Pre-licensure BSN Direct Admit Application Instructions

Please thoroughly read all instructions

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all components of the application are completed and received by **February 1st.**

Application to the NDSU nursing program is only accepted from a student who has been admitted to NDSU (for the term of program start) and has declared pre-nursing as their major. If you are not a current NDSU student, please apply to NDSU here: https://www.ndsu.edu/admission/admission_information/application/

Please read all instructions prior to starting the application!

Online Application

Here are the areas of the application will need to complete:

Contact Information

- Name
- Email address
 - Email will be the primary mode of communication regarding your application status.
- Address
- NDSU ID

Campus Selection

- Fargo or Bismarck (Sanford Health)

PSEO/Dual-Credit/College In the Schools (CIS) Credit

- If you have taken any Post-Secondary Education Opportunity credits, dual-credit courses, or College In the Schools credits, please make sure that all transcripts are submitted to NDSU by the application deadline.

Two References (non-relatives) At least one should be a member of a helping profession- clergy, nurse, counselor, professor, coach, teacher, etc. They do not need to be in the medical field. References should be professional references. Please avoid personal references.

When choosing references, consider who knows you well and your ability to succeed in the nursing program. References should not be friends/family/acquaintances. In the past, students have asked past teachers, professors, coaches, guidance counselors, clergy members, managers, coworkers, etc.

- Name, Email address, Phone number
- References **do not** need to submit a letter of recommendation
- The School of Nursing will contact the references as needed

***ALL Direct Admission Applicants will take the Kaplan Admissions Exam. Applicants will be notified by email with instructions to register and submit payment for the exam after the February 1st application deadline. Test dates will be offered in February 2021. Applicants will take the exam from their home with a virtual proctor. The exam will cost approximately \$25.**

Essay

- A requirement of the application is completion of a 2-page essay.
- In a 2-page, double-spaced document, please answer both questions listed below.
- Use Times New Roman, size 12 font.
- In the title of the paper, please include your name (first and last) and NDSU Student ID number.
- Attach the document (essay) when submitting the application.

The essay questions are:

- *A core value of the NDSU School of Nursing is Social Justice. We are committed to promoting equity and fairness, reducing health disparities, and honoring the dignity and diversity of students, faculty, staff and the people we serve. Please describe examples of how you have met this core value through your experiences. (Including but not limited to: race, color, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity, age, physical and mental ability).*
- *What study skills have you developed to assist you in your continued success at NDSU?*

Personal Statement

- The personal statement is a requirement of the application, and applicants will use FlipGrid to submit their personal statement. Please visit <https://help.flipgrid.com/hc/en-us/articles/360044723514-How-to-submit-a-video> to learn more about recording/submitting a video.
 - The following link will take you directly to the login screen:
<https://flipgrid.com/66bd82de>
 - Click “Enter your guest password” at the bottom of the box
 - Enter password: **Nursing18**
 - Student responses will remain private and confidential.
 - Responses should be **five minutes in length.**
 - The recording stops at five minutes, anything longer will not be heard by the committee.
 - Please remember that this is your first introduction to the Admission committee
 - Include your **first and last name** in the title of your FlipGrid submission
 - Consider writing your statement before creating your recording.
 - Treat your personal statement as if you were giving a speech
 - Dress appropriately (professional attire). Remember, this is your chance to make a great first impression!
 - Use appropriate language and grammar
 - DO NOT stop and start your presentation
 - Consider your environment: avoid loud areas, distracting backgrounds, etc.
 - The questions for the 2021 Personal Statement are:
 - *Beyond your GPA, what characteristics would you bring to nursing? What characteristics would you want to improve?*
 - *Provide one example of involvement within your school and/or community that has contributed to your development as a leader.*

Demographics/Data Collection- optional but encouraged

- Gender
 - Age
 - State of legal residency – as stated on government issued identification
 - Ethnic background
 - First language
 - TOEFL scores (if applicable)
- **You will receive an email receipt of submission once the application is submitted.**
- **Official communication from the School of Nursing will be sent via email**

Transcripts

- Ensure transcripts from all schools attended are on file with the Office of Registration and Records.
- Transcripts **should not** be sent to the nursing department.

A link to the application will be available on the following website:

[https://www.ndsu.edu/nursing/degrees/pre licensure bsn track/direct admin/](https://www.ndsu.edu/nursing/degrees/pre_licensure_bsn_track/direct_admin/)

If you complete the first page of the application, you will be able to come back to the application on the same computer you completed that first page