

LPN-BSN Program

LPN to BSN Program Admission Requirements & Process

1. Completion of the NLN NACE II (RN-BSN) Exams in the areas of Adult Health, Mental Health, Care of the Child, Care of the Client during Childbearing is required prior to applying to the professional program.
 - a. Passing scores are determined by exam normed data. (Usually around 70%)
 - b. Exams may be taken twice in a calendar year.
 - c. Cost of the exams is subject to change, currently \$35-65/each. Student is responsible for the cost.
 - d. Exams are administered a minimum of twice a year, April and August. Dates are posted on the NDSU School of Nursing website in February and June.
 - e. Exams are Computer-Based, and currently are only available to take at NDSU
2. Admission to NDSU (it is recommended the application be submitted by Sept. 1st for spring start).
 - a. Admission to NDSU not required to complete the validation exams (NACE II exams).
3. Completed Application, (sent to students after passing all 4 NACE exams) Application deadline: Oct. 15th.
 - a. Includes two References
 - b. Application Fee (currently \$65 but is subject to change)
 - c. Criminal background check (See College of Health Professions Policy 3.08). (\$50.75 fee)
4. Professional Nursing Program Requirements
 - a. NLN NACE II exams must be completed with passing score prior to applying to the professional program.
 - b. Graduate with a Diploma in Nursing and completion of 60 or more college/university credits, Associate of Applied Science, or an Associate of Arts or Science.
 - c. Cumulative GPA of a 2.75 or greater and a Nursing GPA of 3.0 or greater
 - d. The completion of the following courses with a "C" or higher:
 1. Biology 220/220L & 221/221L: Anatomy and Physiology I and II with lab
 2. Microbiology 202/202L: Introduction to Microbiology
 3. English 120: College Composition II
 4. Communications 110: Fundamentals of Public Speaking
 5. Psychology 250: Developmental Psychology
 6. Sociology 110: Introduction to Sociology
 - e. Current unencumbered Nursing License as a Licensed Practical Nurse in an eligible state, or must be able to obtain license by May and will be admitted on probation pending licensure.
5. Upon admission, students must provide documentation of the following:
 - a. CPR for the Healthcare Provider
 - b. Health Status and required immunization documentation
 - c. FBI background Check with fingerprints (\$25)
6. Additional courses will be required for the nursing major including, Chemistry Concepts (Chem 117/L); Biochemistry (Bioc 260); Introduction to Psychology (Psyc 111).

Nursing Courses in the LPN to BSN Program

Coursework is online with clinical requirements in Fargo, North Dakota as outlined below.

Nurs 289: Transition: LPN-BSN (2 cr)	Nurs 407: Complex Issues in Adult Health (3 cr)
Nurs 360: Health Assessment (4 cr)	Nurs 407L: Expanded Clinical Practice for the LPN-BSN (3 cr)
Nurs 372: Expanded Family Nursing I (2 cr)	Nurs 420: Evidenced-Based Practice and Research in Nursing (3 cr)
Nurs 374: Expanded Family Nursing II (2 cr)	Nurs 460: Leadership, Management and Career Development (3 cr)
CHP 400: Interprofessional Health Care Practice (3 cr)	Nurs 450: Synthesis/Practicum (4 cr)
Nurs 405: Psychosocial Nursing (2 cr)	
Nurs 406: Community & Public Health (4 cr)	

Clinical Requirements (All clinical is in Fargo, ND)

Nursing 360: Health Assessment does have a lab component which may require students to travel to Fargo to complete. *Nursing 406: Public Health* is completed in the first summer. The course instructor works with students to connect with an agency to complete a project. There is one simulation day. *Nursing 407L: Expanded Clinical Practice for the LPN-BSN*, in the 2nd summer, has the largest clinical component. Students are in a clinical group with an instructor in the areas of ICU and a medical/surgical unit. Students are provided with clinical dates at least 4 months in advance. Students also have experiences in labor and delivery, emergency department, operating room, pediatrics, and complete 2 days of simulation. Clinical will be two – four days a week for about 6 weeks. Students complete 135 hours of clinical. *Nursing 450: Synthesis and Practicum* is a capstone course which has 120 hours of clinical.

University Degree/Graduation Requirements

Total credits = 120

** From 4-year institution = 60

- From NDSU = 36
- General Education credits = 36
- Communication-9 credits
 - (English - 6 credits, Public speaking - 3 credits)
- Quantitative Reasoning - 3 credits
- Science & Technology - 10 credits
 - 1 credit lab
 - (Anatomy/physiology, microbiology, general chemistry, and Biochemistry)
- Humanities & Fine Arts - 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Science - 6 credits
 - (General psychology, developmental psychology, sociology or anthropology)
- Wellness - 2 credits
 - (Nutrition)
- Cultural Diversity - 3 credits
- Global Perspectives - 3 credits
- Electives as needed
- Nursing courses

If you are transferring credits to NDSU, please use the following link to review which courses will transfer in to NDSU: <https://www.ndsu.edu/transfer/equivalencies/>

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PLEASE ALSO SEE http://www.ndsu.edu/nursing/lpn_bsn_track/ FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION