



PRE-NURSING APPLICATION INFORMATION

Spring 2025



ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY

Minimum Requirements

- Must be in good academic standing
 - Cannot be suspended from the College of Health & Human Services
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Completion of the pre-requisite courses with a grade of C or higher

Pre-Requisite Courses

- ENGL 120: College Comp II
- COMM 110: Public Speaking
- PSYC 111: Intro to Psych
- SOC 110: Intro to Sociology OR ANTH 111: Intro to Anthropology

AND AT LEAST 11 credits (of the 19 required) in the science classes (those with 8-10 will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis):

- CHEM 117/117L (3/1 credits)
- BIOC 260 (4 credits)
- MICR 202/202L (2/1 credits)
- BIOL 220/220L (3/1 credits)
- BIOL 221/221L (3/1 credits)

Pre-Requisite Courses

- Preference is given to students with more than 11 science credits completed
- If you have more than 11 credits of the sciences completed, we will use your best 11 credits



THE APPLICATION

Nursing Application Components

1. Online Application
2. Flip Questions (in Microsoft Teams)
3. Kaplan Nursing Admission Test (KNAT)
4. Certified Background Check**

***IF offered admission*

Online Application

1. Fill out the online application

- Contact information
 - Provide an email address that you check regularly!
- Select preferred site
- Colleges/universities attended

2. Pay the application capacity fee \$50 to your preferred site

Preferred Site Selection

- Bismarck (NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health)
- Fargo

If you are not offered admission to your preferred site, your application materials will be reviewed by the other site.

You are not required to accept an offer to the nursing program and can reapply to the program the following year.

Application Semester Start

- Fargo
 - Applicants will choose their preferred semester to begin the program
 - Fall 2025 or Spring 2026
- Bismarck
 - This application cycle is for the Fall 2025 start.
 - A separate application will be available for the Spring 2026 start.

Kaplan Nursing Admission Test

- What is it?
 - 91 questions – online – multiple choice test
 - Evaluates basic reading, math, writing, science, and critical thinking skills
- Why?
 - It is designed specifically for nursing school
 - It will give the committee a comprehensive view of applicant knowledge
 - No minimum score is required – just do your best!
- Are there resources / study materials to prepare?
 - Applicants may consider purchasing the study guide found on Amazon or other book retailers
 - This is not expected nor required

Kaplan Nursing Admission Test

- Link to register for the exam will be emailed to you after the application closes
- All applicants will schedule a time to take the KNAT using Meazure Learning
 - More details will be communicated to applicants re: testing timelines / registration information
- Cost
 - KNAT - \$50
 - Meazure Learning – approximately \$30

Flip Questions

- One Day only – April 26, 2025
- Statement questions will go live at a specific time
- Two questions
- Two minutes to respond for each question
- Submit separate Flip videos for each question
 - You will NOT see your video after submission – no need to panic!

***Finalized dates / times will be emailed to applicants*

Flip Questions - Tips

- Be sure to set aside enough time on the Flip Day to focus on answering the questions.
- This is your opportunity to “sell” yourself to the committee – MAKE IT COUNT!
- Consider writing your statement before recording, but do not read from it
- You can record as many times as you need before you submit (one submission per person per question)

Flip Questions - Tips

- Remember what you have learned or are learning in COMM 110 about presentations:
 - Eye contact
 - Professional business attire is expected
 - <https://career.ndsu.edu/dress-to-impress/>
 - Appropriate language and grammar
 - Location: avoid loud areas, distracting backgrounds
- DO NOT stop and start your presentation

Flip – How to Prepare

- Mock interview with the Career Center
- Choose your quiet location
- A practice Flip will be available prior to April 26
 - Be sure to do a test run on your computer prior to the date to make sure everything is working properly
 - Check that you have completed all updates on your computer

Background Check

- This will be completed once accepted to the program
- A link will be provided to complete the Background Check
- Follow directions to continue the order and pay the fee (approximately \$55.75)
- The School of Nursing will receive your background check once submitted
 - You do not need to contact us
- You must submit the background check even if you've applied to the School of Nursing previously or you've completed a different background check for work

Costs

- Application capacity fee - \$50
 - Due: April 20
- Kaplan Nursing Admission Test - \$50
- Measure Learning (online proctoring) - approximately \$30
 - Due dates TBA
- Background Check - ~\$55.75
 - Due after you are accepted to the program

Feb

- Application information session February 10
- Application opens before February 20

April

- Application due April 20
- Flip Day April 26

May

- Kaplan Nursing Admission Test
- Grades due mid-May; applications are reviewed after final grades are posted

June

- Students notified of results (mid to late June)

July

- If accepted – will complete Background Check and other tasks prior to orientation in August.
Please continue to check your email used on your application.



PROFESSIONALISM

Professionalism

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Respect
- Behavior
- Attitude
- Appearance

Honesty / Integrity

- Flip Questions
 - Submit honest answers
 - Submit your own answers
- Kaplan Nursing Admissions Test (KNAT)
 - No cheating / using resources
 - Following the online proctors' instructions

If you make a mistake or miss a step...please reach out and take ownership!

Respect / Behavior

- Every action you take is part of the application process
 - How you treat staff and faculty
 - Tone (emails / videos / phone calls)
 - Emails should include a greeting and a closing
 - Body language
- Be patient
- Be respectful
- Be kind
- Be present

Attitude / Appearance

- Flip Recordings
 - What you wear
 - The location of your recording matters
 - Body language
 - Use of language
- Kaplan Test
 - Behavior
 - Working with the online proctors

Attention to Detail

- Applicants are responsible to submit required materials for the application
 - Applicants will receive email confirmation once the application is submitted
 - Check your junk/spam folders
 - We will email applicants if anything is missing; please do not contact our staff to double check that we have your application
- Follow instructions carefully
- Pay close attention to dates / deadlines



FACTS ABOUT BISMARCK

NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health

Bismarck – **Advanced Placement**

- Offer advanced placement
 - The students offered advanced placement have previously completed all or most of the prerequisite and general education courses prior to the start of the program
- Combine the first 2 semesters of the program
- Complete the program in 5 semesters instead of 6

Bismarck – **Affordable**

- Over \$120,000 in Sanford Foundation scholarships awarded specifically to Bismarck students in addition to the standard NDSU scholarships available
- Award of \$20,000 from Sanford Health - Bismarck

Bismarck – Convenient

- All classes, labs, and simulations in one building
- Priority clinical placements just steps from where you attend class
- Nursing library and student lounge

Bismarck – **Personalized**

- Small class, lab, and simulation sizes
- Low faculty to student ratio
- Quality education close to home

Tour Bismarck

- Take a tour of Bismarck online
 - <https://tours.bemorecolorful.com/v/6NkjxYRKqIQ>
- Schedule a tour
 - 701-224-3800



THANK YOU!