

Nursing

Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/nursing/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/nursing/>)
- **Credential Offered:**
 B.S.N.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**
catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/nursing/ (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/nursing/>)

Advancing to a BSN from an LPN or RN

NDSU offers two tracks for nurses who are licensed as either a licensed practical nurse (LPN) or a registered nurse (RN).

The NDSU School of Nursing offers individual, personalized advising to all students prior to and once accepted in the professional programs. NDSU accepts courses from Regional Accredited Colleges and Universities.

LPN to BSN

The LPN to BSN program is designed for a licensed practical nurse (LPN) seeking to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Graduates are then eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a Registered Nurse (RN). Coursework in the professional program is completed on a part-time basis (approx. 6 nursing credits a semester) over the length of two years (including summers). Courses are delivered online with clinical work completed in a variety of Fargo locations during the summer semesters. The curriculum builds on students' prior knowledge to develop critical thinking, theoretical knowledge, leadership, and growth in the RN professional role.

Admission Requirements for LPN-BSN

1. Completion of the NLN NACE (RN-BSN) Exams are required prior to applying to the professional program.
2. Admission to NDSU (it is recommended the application be submitted by Sept. 1st for spring start). Note: Admission to NDSU is not required to complete the validation exams (NACE exams).
3. Completed Application, which is sent to students after passing the NACE exams. Application deadline: Oct. 15th.
4. Professional Nursing Program Requirements
 - a. NLN NACE exams must be completed with passing score prior to applying to the professional program.
 - b. Graduate with a Diploma or Certificate in Nursing or an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing.
 - 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:
 - Biology 220/2201 & 221/2211: Anatomy and Physiology I and II with lab
 - Microbiology 202/202L: Introduction to Microbiology
 - English 120: College Composition II
 - Communications 110: Fundamentals of Public Speaking
 - Psychology 250: Developmental Psychology
 - Sociology 110: Introduction to Sociology
5. Current unencumbered nursing license as a Licensed Practical Nurse or must be able to obtain license by May and will be admitted on probation pending licensure.

RN TO BSN

The RN to BSN program is designed for registered nurses who want to advance to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The two-year one hundred percent online program is geared for part-time students. Coursework focuses on the current health care system/environment, quality and safety, evidence-based practice, population-focused nursing, leadership and chronic health issues. The program is intended to educate nurses to practice with a transformed perspective, having a better understanding of themselves and the complex environment in which nurse's work.

Admission Requirements for RN-BSN

1. Admission to NDSU.
2. Completion of an associate of science in nursing or an associate of applied science in nursing.
3. Current unencumbered nurse license (RN).
4. Cumulative GPA of 2.75.
5. Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended.

6. Completed School of Nursing application including personal statement and background check.
7. Interview upon request.

Demonstrated Competency Credits for RN-BSN

- 18 demonstrated competency credits will be awarded upon completion of the first semester to students who have earned an Associates of Applied Science Degree.
- 25 demonstrated competency credits will be awarded upon completion of the first semester to students who have earned an Associates of Science Degree.