

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to the nursing major (NURS 255 and higher numbers) requires that a student has demonstrated scholarly ability to pursue a professional career in nursing. An **Application for Admission to the Nursing Major** must be submitted by September 15 for Spring admission and by February 1 for Fall admission, along with the \$25 application fee. Prior to applying to the nursing major, a student must have met the following criteria:

- A. **Completed Minot State University admission requirements.** This needs to be done before making application to the nursing major.
- B. Completed all science courses within 10 years prior to admission to the nursing major
- C. Maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75.*
- D. Achieved a minimum grade of “C” in each required support course. (Support courses that are repeated must be successfully completed with a “C” or better prior to application.)
- E. Required Lab Science Courses can be repeated only once.
- F. Achieved a GPA of 2.8 in required support courses.
- G. Completed or enrolled in a minimum of 47 SH plus UNIV/FYE if required.
- H. Completed minimum of 8 required support courses of which two are Sciences (BIOL 202, BIOL 220, BIOL 221, CHEM 115).
- I. **Completed or enrolled in all required support courses for the nursing major.**
Required Support Courses 40 SH
 BIOL 202 General Microbiology..... 4
 BIOL 220 Anatomy & Physiology I..... 4
 BIOL 221 Anatomy & Physiology II..... 4
 CHEM 115 Introductory Chemistry 4
 SOC 110 Intro to Sociology..... 3
 PSY 111 Intro to Psychology 3
 ENG 110 or 120 College Composition I or II..... 3
 HMS 213 Life Span Growth & Development 3
 NURS 253 Nursing Perspectives 3
 COMM 110 Fund of Public Speaking..... 3
 HMS 240 Nutrition..... 3
 Cultural Course (HMS 333, SS 283, Soc 374)..... 3
Cultural courses must address a variety of cultures.
- J. All students born outside the United States and Canada must complete the TOEFL:IBT with a minimum cumulative score of 84; and a Reading score of 15 or higher, Listening score of 15 or higher, Speaking score of 26 or higher, and Writing score of 17 or higher. Official results must be sent directly from the testing agency (www.ets.org/toefl).
- K. All applicants must take the current TEAS test and achieve a “proficient” level score to be eligible for application into the nursing major. Can be taken no more than two times for each application period (www.atitesting.com).
- L. Contact information for two references must be included on the application form.
- M. The signature of your advisor is required for admission application. It is expected that you communicate through email, phone, or in person with your advisor during the application process.
- N. Students without a nursing license, but having transferable nursing major credits comparable to NURS 255 and higher numbered coursework:
 A letter of recommendation which documents the student leaving the program in good standing must be received from the prior nursing program administrator.
- O. A student who has been accepted into the program two times, but has not been successful; or has withdrawn from nursing; or has been dismissed from the program; or has not met Admission and Progression requirements; or otherwise has not been successful will not be eligible for readmission.

COST*	Semester	4 Years
Tuition & Fees—MSU	~\$3,800	~\$30,400*
Program Fee	\$300	\$1,500**
Books (GenEd & Nurs)	\$700	\$5,600
Uniforms, name pin, shoes		\$200
Stethoscope, scissors, watch with second hand		\$300
Field trips, leadership travel, nursing clinical practicum travel		\$500
TOTAL—4 years: ~\$38,500		
* All tuition & fees subject to change; costs are estimated for 16 SH per semester.		
** Total for five semesters. Pays selected expenses (e.g.; outcomes exams, learning resources).		
Once admitted to the nursing major, courses taken during the summer will have an associated nursing program fee.		
Board and Room extra		
Other expenditures (estimated):		
Licensure fees		
Photos		\$15
NCLEX-RN Exam		\$200
ND Licensure (state fees vary).....		\$130
Nursing Pin (various options)		\$75
Immunizations.....		variable
Health insurance.....		variable

The stated admission requirements are the minimum qualifications. Fulfilling these requirements does not guarantee admission when the number of applicants exceeds available clinical spaces. The Department of Nursing complies with the MSU policy that prohibits discrimination in the recruitment and admission of students.

* May waive as a condition for application the required cumulative GPA from a previous bachelor’s degree as transcribed by Minot State University on the official transcript. The required support course GPA remains at 2.8 for application. In addition, the candidate requesting this waiver must earn an advanced score on the current TEAS (460; 78%) test to be considered for admission. The cumulative GPA will be used as a tiebreaker.

Established assessment benchmarks must be met by students for progression and graduation. Successful completion of the nursing program does not guarantee professional licensure. The number of admissions can be altered based on available resources.

Revised: June 2019 Tuition/Fees Updated



Department of Nursing



Professionals in Demand

A Program for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

Be seen. Be heard. Be empowered.

A Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is a four-year course of study and provides a broad background of the arts, humanities, social and physical sciences.

The mission of the Department of Nursing is to educate individuals for professional roles in nursing and for graduate education through rigorous academic experiences, active learning environments, commitment to public service, and contributions to a vibrant campus life. Nursing education is viewed as a process designed to facilitate learning for achievement of expected learning outcomes and prepare for nursing generalist practice. Students and faculty are active and responsible participants in learning. The key curricular components emphasized within the curriculum are derived from the Department of Nursing's mission and philosophy and include professionalism, research for evidence based practice, holistic health, and globalization.

NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Students receive supervision and instruction from faculty who are master's or higher degree prepared registered nurses. The faculty use a variety of teaching methods and offer a variety of learning opportunities, including independent and modular study, seminar participation, formal classroom lectures, online, simulated practice in the Learning Resource Center, field trips, and a variety of clinical experiences. Although clinical sites are subject to change, clinical experience is available in urban and rural hospitals, nursing homes, community-public health agencies, and specialized facilities.

PROGRAM/GRADUATE OUTCOMES

The Graduate will meet program outcomes consistent with contemporary practice and includes:

1. Graduates will pass the licensure examination.
2. Graduates complete the nursing major with normal progression.
3. Graduates are employed in nursing.
4. Graduates are satisfied with the educational process and their ability to meet the student learning outcomes.
5. Graduates report intent to seek graduate education.

SAMPLE NURSING CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall

*UNIV 110 FYE (Freshman requirement)	2
MATH 210 Elementary Statistics (Math GE)	4
*BIOL 202 General Microbiology (Science GE)	4
*COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking (Communication GE).....	3
*ENGL 110 College Composition I (Communication GE)	3
	16 cr

Spring

*SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology (Social Science GE).....	3
*PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology (Social Science GE)....	3
*BIOL 220 Anatomy/Physiology I	4
*CHEM 115 Introductory Chemistry (Science GE).....	4
*HMS 213 Life Span Growth & Development (CS-45).....	3
	17 cr

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall

*BIOL 221 Anatomy/Physiology II.....	4
*HMS 240 Nutrition	3
*NURS 253 Nursing Perspectives (CS-45).....	3
*Culture course (HMS 333; SS 283; SOC 374).....	3
ENGL 120 College Composition II (Communication GE).....	3
	16 cr

Spring—Nursing Program Begins

**HMS 215 Pharmacology.....	3
**HMS 243 Pathophysiology	3
NURS 255 Nursing Foundations (CS-45; C/L-90).....	5
NURS 264 Health Assessment (CS-45;C/L-45).....	4
	15 cr

Graduation Requirements: 122 SH = 60 SH Nursing + 9 SH HMS + 53 SH General Education, Required/supporting, plus 2 SH UNIV/ FYE as needed. **Credit Hour Definition:** 1 semester credit hour = 1 clock hour of classroom study (CS) or 3 clock hours of clinical or laboratory study (C/L) x a 15 week term + 1 final examination week. Junior and senior courses are equivalent to a semester of study when they are conducted in less than 15 weeks. In an elective nursing internship course, 1 semester credit hour = minimum of 45 hours of clinical study.

- * **Required courses for admission** into the nursing major (NURS 255 and higher numbers). Cultural courses accepted by the Department of Nursing must address a variety of cultures, and meet the university cultural diversity requirement.
- ** May take courses before admission. All admitted nursing students must complete prior to NURS 325.
- *** Statistics is a co-requisite or prerequisite for NURS 363; PSY 270 is a prerequisite for NURS 354.

Other: Complete all science courses within 10 years prior to admission to the Nursing major. Non-required nursing electives may be available pending availability of resources. The elective, NURS 397 Nursing Internship, offers an opportunity to meet educational objectives, often in conjunction with employment, after completion of NURS 335.

The Department of Nursing reserves the right to alter content and courses to maintain relevance with professional nursing practice.

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall

***PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology.....	3
NURS 325 Adult Health Nursing I (CS-45; C/L-90).....	5
NURS 335 Adult Health Nursing II (CS-45; C/L-90).....	5
NURS 363 Nursing Theory & Research (CS-45)	3
	16 cr

Spring

NURS 344 Child Health Nursing (CS-30; C/L-90).....	4
NURS 354 Mental Health Nursing (CS-30; C/L-90).....	4
NURS 361 Women's Health Nursing (CS-15)	1
NURS 364 Maternal Newborn Nursing (CS-30; C/L-90)	4
History GE Requirement.....	3
	16 cr

SENIOR YEAR

Fall

NURS 456 Public Health Nursing (CS-45; C/L-90).....	5
NURS 464 Adult Health Nursing III (CS-45; C/L-90).....	5
Humanities GE Requirement	3
Philosophy GE Requirement	3
	16 cr

Spring

NURS 471 Nursing Review (CS-15).....	1
NURS 472 Trends & Issues (CS-30).....	2
NURS 473 Nursing Leadership & Management (CS-45).....	3
NURS 497 Nursing Practicum (C/L-270)	6
	12 cr

ACCREDITATION

The Department of Nursing has full approval of the North Dakota Board of Nursing and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN).

Minot State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

INFORMATION SOURCES

- ACEN
3343 Peachtree Rd NE Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
Phone: 404-975-5000
- MSU current Undergraduate Catalog
- MSU Student Handbook
- MSU Department of Nursing documents (e.g., Department of Nursing Handbook: Requirements, Policy and Procedure for Admission into the Nursing Major brochure)

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Year Established: 1913

Location: Minot, North Dakota

Type: State-Supported, Co-Educational

Colleges: Arts & Sciences
Business

Education & Health Sciences

Enrollment: 3,200 (varies)

Faculty: Full-time 160; Part-time 80 (varies)

Student-Faculty Ratio: 14-1 (University)
6-1 & 8-1 (Beginning Nursing)

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