



Addendum to the National University General Catalog 74B

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NURSING PROGRAMS-NEVADA

Information Applicable to All Nevada Nursing Programs

Individuals expressing interest in studying nursing at National University will be provided with objective counseling regarding all of the options available to them through the Department of Nursing. Enrollment in the University does not automatically guarantee admission to a nursing program.

Admission Process

Admission into the nursing programs at National University is a two-step process: 1) Application to the University; and 2) Application to the respective nursing program.

A prospective student should first meet with an Admissions Advisor. The Advisors are located at each of the University campus offices. The prospective student will arrange to have transcripts from all other Colleges and Universities sent to National University. These courses will be evaluated for equality to National University Department of Nursing required prerequisite courses.

Prospective students should follow the application requirements listed for their specific degree program as listed in the catalog.

In addition, prospective nursing students will complete a separate application for admission to a specific nursing program. This application can be submitted following completion of all math and science prerequisite courses. These applications, with supporting documents, are accepted year-round and should be sent to the Department of Nursing, National University, 2850 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway #300, Henderson, NV 89052. Students taking their preparation courses at National University are held to the same standard as those who transfer preparation courses from other schools. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required for entry into NSG 202. (Minimum GPA of 3.0 for required math and science pre-requisite courses.)

All nursing program applications are reviewed by an admissions committee in a competitive selective review process. Admission is granted to the most qualified candidates.

All prospective students will attend a Pre-Nursing Program Information Forum which will describe the process for applying to and acceptance to the Nursing Program. The specifics of the Nursing Program will be described to the prospective students at this time (i.e. number of Nursing courses, sequence of courses, requirements for progression in the Program). These Forums will be offered monthly. TEAS and Essay testing will be scheduled through the nursing department. The essay topic will be drawn from one of four questions developed by the Nursing Faculty and typed on a computer. Each prospective student in any one session will answer the same question. Prospective students have the option of re-writing the essay should they be denied admission to the Nursing Program (see re-application process below) if they plan to apply again in the future.

All prospective students must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to consideration for admission to the nursing Program, but following completion of all Math and Science prerequisite courses. The procedure for taking the TEAS will be explained at the Information Forum. The TEAS may be taken a total of 3 times (see re-application process below), with no less than 60 days between tests.

A Calculation Worksheet will be used to evaluate each prospective student's application packet by the Admissions Committee of the Department of Nursing. The prospective student will be ranked in comparison to other applicants for that application cycle. The scoring will be based on:

- Quality of grades in all Math and Science prerequisite courses
- Number of attempts at taking the Math and Science prerequisite courses to achieve a minimal passing grade
- Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
- Proctored written essay

Following receipt of all application items, the prospective student's application packet will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee for the Department of Nursing, and a decision made regarding acceptance. Admission will be offered to students achieving the highest rank scores, until all class positions are filled for any one cohort. The prospective student will receive a letter regarding this decision. No waiting list is maintained. Students can have access to their Admissions Calculation Worksheet upon request.

Students who are not accepted may re-apply for admission to the Nursing Program a total of three times if he/she is interested. However, if the prospective student chooses to re-take the TEAS, he/she will need to follow the TEAS application process, with any associated fees. If the prospective student chooses to re-do the essay question, he/she must schedule that with the nursing department and complete the question assigned to that group of attendees.

Before participating in clinical practicums, students must submit proof of a health clearance that complies with the health care facilities' requirements for immunizations and health screening tests. In addition, before engaging in clinical practicums at health facilities, students will be required to obtain professional liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate. Continued coverage throughout the program is required. Students must possess a social security number to disclose to the Nevada State Board of Nursing (NSBN) at the time of Application for Licensure by Examination.

Transfer Requirements

All transfer courses accepted from another NLNAC or CCNE accredited nursing program must be equivalent in content and credit. The Department of Nursing Admissions Committee will review the transfer course content for compatibility with National University's nursing courses.

To be considered for transfer into the National University ASN program, the student must submit all official transcripts to verify the cumulative minimum GPA of 2.75, a letter of academic standing from the transferring Nursing program, and a personal letter of intent from the student.

The Admissions Committee will then make a recommendation to the Chair of the Department of Nursing, who will determine whether the student's previous coursework is adequate for transfer credit. Students with previous preparation in nursing are admitted to the program as space is available providing requirements are met for admission to the University and the Department of Nursing. Academic acceptance is determined on an individual basis through evaluation of past academic preparation and professional experience.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (ASN) (NEVADA)

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The Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program prepares degree candidates to develop critical thinking, communication and therapeutic nursing skills within the framework of trans-cultural nursing. Graduates are able to manage the nursing care of culturally diverse clients in a variety of settings.

This program is for individuals seeking minimum preparation to take the Nevada licensure exam for registered nursing.

Departmental Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the ASN program, candidates must satisfy all of the following criteria:

- Have completed the National University undergraduate admission process (See Academic Information for Undergraduate Degrees in the General Catalog)
- Must attend a Pre-Nursing Information Forum
- Have achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.75 from all regionally accredited institutions attended
- Obtain a cumulative 3.0 GPA for all science and math prerequisites (courses should be no more than five years old)
- Submit the appropriate nursing program application
- Obtain a minimum score of 70 on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
- Submit a proctored Admission Essay for evaluation
- TOEFL score for applicants whose dominant language is something other than English – 80 or above on TOEFL iBT language proficiency exam

Note: Meeting the minimum requirements, as listed above, does not guarantee admission into a nursing program.

Note: A student may re-apply to the nursing program up to three times if they are not accepted to a particular cohort. Once a student has been accepted and begun the nursing program, they may not reapply as a new student if they are unsuccessful in, or withdraw from, their nursing courses.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Formulate accurate nursing diagnoses based on multiple sources of collected data while considering culturally specific and congruent care.
- Plan, implement, and evaluate strategies related to identified nursing diagnoses.
- Work with families across the lifespan, identifying learning needs and culturally specific interventions to implement teaching strategies in order to achieve mutually defined health care goals.
- Manage multiple patients in a variety of settings by prioritizing and appropriately using/incorporating available resources.
- Manage patients by delegating and supervising as defined within legal parameters.
- Effectively communicate with both patients/families and other members of the healthcare team.
- Act as a patient advocate as circumstances require.
- Assume professional, ethical, and legal behavior upholding the standards of entry into the profession.

Degree Requirements

To receive an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), students must complete at least 108 quarter units as outlined below, 31.5 quarter units of which must be completed in residence at National University. Students should refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures in the current general catalog for specific information on admission and evaluation. The following courses are specific degree requirements.

In the absence of transfer credit, students may take additional general electives to satisfy the total units required for the degree.

General Education Requirements

(13 courses, 46.5 quarter units)

AREA A: ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

(10.5 quarter units)

CATEGORY 1 - Writing

(2 courses; 6 quarter units)

- ENG 100 Effective College English I (3 quarter units)
Prerequisite: Satisfactory performance on Accuplacer
- ENG 101 Effective College English II (3 quarter units)
Prerequisite: ENG 100

CATEGORY 2 - Speech and Communication

(1 course; 4.5 quarter units)

- COM 103 Public Speaking

AREA B: MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING

(1 course; 4.5 quarter units)

- MTH 204 Mathematics for Science
Prerequisites: MTH 12A and MTH 12B

Or

- MTH 215 College Algebra
Prerequisite: Placement Evaluation

AREA E: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

(3 courses; 13.5 quarter units)

- PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 100 Principles of Sociology
Prerequisites: ENG 100 and ENG 101
- HIS 375 Nevada History, Gov't and Cons
Prerequisites: ENG 100 and ENG 101

AREA F: PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

(6 courses; 18 quarter units)

- BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiol I
Recommended: Prior completion of: BIO 100, BIO 100A, CHE 101, CHE 101A or equivalent courses
- BIO 201A Human Anatomy & Physiol Lab I (1.5 quarter units)
Prerequisite: BIO 201
- BIO 202 Human Anatomy & Physiol II
Recommended: Prior completion of: BIO 201, and BIO 201A, BIO 100, and BIO 100A, CHE 101, and CHE 101A or equivalent courses
- BIO 202A Human Anatomy & Physiol Lab II (1.5 quarter units)
Prerequisite: BIO 202
- BIO 203 Introductory Microbiology
Recommended: Prior completion of: BIO 201, and BIO 201A, BIO 202, and BIO 202A, BIO 100, and BIO 100A, CHE 101, and CHE 101A or equivalent courses
- BIO 203A Introductory Microbiology Lab (1.5 quarter units)
Prerequisite: BIO 203

Nursing Core Courses

(14 courses, 61.5 quarter units)

All coursework **must** be taken in the sequence below:

- NSG 202 Nursing Pharmacology Concepts
- NSG 204 Nrs Found & Health Assess
- NSG 204A Nrs Found & Health Assess Lab
- NSG 205 Medical-Surgical Nursing I
Prerequisites: "C" or better in NSG 200, and "S" in NSG 200A or NSG 204, and "S" in NSG 204A
- NSG 205A Medical-Surgical I Clinical
Prerequisites: "C" or better in NSG 204, and "S" in NSG 204A
- NSG 314 Child-bearing Family Nursing
Prerequisites: "C" or better in NSG 205, and "S" in NSG205A
- NSG 314A Child-bearing Family Clinical
Prerequisites: "C" or better in NSG 205, and "S" in NSG 205A
- NSG 315 Pediatric Nursing
Prerequisites: "C" or better in NSG 314, and "S" in NSG 314A
- NSG 315A Pediatric Nursing Clinical
Prerequisites: "C" or better in NSG 314, and "S" in NSG 314A
- NSG 320 Medical-Surgical Nursing II
Prerequisites: "C" or better in NSG 315, and "S" in NSG 315A
- NSG 320A Medical-Surgical II Clinical
Prerequisites: "C" or better in NSG 315, and "S" in NSG 315A
- NSG 325 Psychosocial Nursing
Prerequisites: "C" or better in NSG 320, and "S" in NSG 320A
- NSG 325A Psychosocial Nursing Clinical
Prerequisites: "C" or better in NSG 320, and "S" in NSG 320A
- NSG 341 Leadership & Mgmt in Nursing (3 quarter units)