

**The list of approved minors is updated on a regular basis. Students possessing sufficient hours may request consideration for a minor that does not appear on this list. Any NMSU approved minor can be used.*

NOTE: Students completing requirements for this degree will be ultimately responsible to ensure they have completed 54 upper-division credits (300- and 400-level courses) and they have completed a minimum of 128 total semester credits.

NURSING

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DEGREE: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

NMSU's Department of Nursing offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree. The degree plan provides three options to accommodate either the beginning nursing student, the beginning nursing student with a baccalaureate degree in another field, or the returning registered nurse. Students in the beginning categories are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination for licensure as a registered nurse upon completion of their program studies. Option three is designed for the registered nurse who wishes to complete a B.S.N.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program is approved by the New Mexico Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Approval by the New Mexico Board of Nursing is required for graduates to be eligible for the national council Licensure Examination for licensure as a registered nurse. Accreditation by the CCNE assures prospective students and employers that the program has met national education standards.

Requirements for B.S.N. Program Admission

Requirements and procedures to follow for admission to the four-year B.S.N. program are as follows:

- 1) Obtain admission to NMSU as a regular student.
- 2) Contact the nursing adviser in the College of Health and Social Services Dean's office for complete Nursing Program information and advisement.
- 3) Satisfy NMSU basic academic competency requirements in English and math.
- 4) Complete all course work in Semesters 1, 2, and 3 before final admission to the nursing major.
- 5) Prerequisite science courses must have been completed within the past seven years.
- 6) Achieve a grade of C or better in each nursing prerequisite course.
- 7) Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- 8) Applicants will be considered for admission to the nursing major during the fall or spring semester of anticipated completion of prerequisite course work or after prerequisite courses are completed. Applicants for fall semester admission may not finish prerequisites in the summer session immediately preceding the fall semester in which they wish to be admitted.
- 9) Submit an official application to the four-year B.S.N. program to the College of Health and Social Services Dean's office by March 1—for consideration for fall admission to the nursing major September 1—for consideration for spring admission to the nursing major

NOTE: Admission is competitive. Priority for admission will be given to applicants with the highest GPAs in the required prerequisite course work, to those applicants who have completed prerequisite course work at NMSU, and/or to those who have not repeated a prerequisite course or courses where a D or F was earned.

Any applicant not admitted to the nursing major may reapply.

The department anticipates moving to annual admission by fall 2006 at the latest.

FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM PLAN*

Math basic academic skills requirement must be satisfied.

Semester 1

CHEM 110G, Principles and Applications of Chemistry, or CHEM 111/112, General Chemistry I/II.....	4
ENGL 111G, Rhetoric and Composition.....	4
SOC 101G, Introduction to Sociology.....	3
Critical Thinking (one approved "G" course).....	3
History (any of the approved "G" courses).....	3

Semester 2

BIOL 211G, Cellular and Organismal Biology.....	3
BIOL 211L, Cellular and Organismal Biology Lab.....	1
MATH 210G, Mathematics Appreciation.....	3
PSY 201G, Introduction to Psychology.....	3
English (ENGL 211G, ENGL 218G, ENGL 311G, or ENGL 318G).....	3
Literature/Fine Arts (any of the approved "G" courses).....	3

Semester 3

BIOL 219, Public Health Microbiology.....	3
BIOL 253, Human Anatomy.....	4
BIOL 254, Human Physiology.....	3
BIOL 311L, General Microbiology Lab.....	2
C EP 110G, Human Growth and Behavior.....	3
HNFS 251, Human Nutrition.....	3

Semester 4

E ST 311G, Statistical Applications.....	3
NURS 303, Professional Nursing.....	4
NURS 326, Pharmacology in Clinical Nursing Practice.....	4
NURS 328, Human Pathophysiology Foundations for Nursing.....	4

Semester 5

NURS 301, Principles for Nursing Practice: Theoretical Foundations.....	5
NURS 302, Foundations of Health Assessments.....	3
NURS 324, Nursing Care of the Older Adult.....	2
NURS 375, Introduction to Nursing Research.....	3
Viewing a Wider World "G" Course.....	3

Semester 6

NURS 372, Adult Health Nursing I.....	8
NURS 373, Nursing the Psychiatric-Mental Health Client.....	6
Viewing a Wider World "G" Course.....	3

Semester 7

NURS 410, Adult Health Nursing II.....	4
NURS 411, Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents.....	6
NURS 412, Nursing Care of Childbearing Women and Their Families.....	6

Semester 8

NURS 472, Community- and Population-Focused Nursing.....	6
NURS 478, Nursing Care for Complex Patients.....	3
NURS 479, Nursing Management and Preceptorship.....	7

*A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the curriculum. You must also complete 6 elective credits from the Part III Viewing a Wider World general education category.

NOTE: 1) An applicant who is not a U.S. citizen or who has been convicted of a felony is advised to contact the appropriate State Board of Nursing regarding eligibility for licensure. 2) Clinical clearances are required for all students (i.e., current immunizations; background screening; drug testing; current CPR status; and various health agency orientation workshops). Failure to complete and provide documentation within timelines established by the Department of Nursing may prevent admission to or continuation within the nursing program. 3) Students are required to take national normed tests throughout the curriculum and to make a satisfactory score on such tests. In the last semester of the curriculum, students are required to take a comprehensive exam and to make a satisfactory score on such an exam prior to participation in their capstone preceptor experience. 4) Newly admitted students are required to attend an orientation session which occurs prior to the start of classes for their first nursing semester.

Second Degree/Accelerated BSN Option*

Requirements and procedures for admission to the accelerated second degree option are as follows:

1. Obtain admission to NMSU as a second bachelor's degree with official transcripts
2. Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in first bachelor's degree

3. Have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in the required pre-requisite anatomy and physiology (6 credits), and third science course (3 credits)
4. Complete certified Nursing Assistance Program
5. Submit an official application to the second degree option to the College of Health and Social Services Dean's Office by Jan. 15, for consideration for Summer I admission to the nursing program
6. Complete an application to the accelerated program available in CHSS 110B
7. Complete an interview with Department of Nursing faculty
8. Recommended: medical terminology course

Note: Admission is competitive and class size is limited. Nursing courses begin in Summer I and go through summer Session II of the following year.

Second Degree Accelerated Option Curriculum

Summer I

NURS 325, Human Pathophysiology for Nursing	3
NURS 302, Foundation of Health Assessment	3

Summer II

NURS 326, Pharmacology in Clinical Nursing Practice	4
NURS 397, Special Topics	2

Fall Semester

(Classes are grouped in 8 week blocks)

NURS 301, Principles of Nursing Practice: Theoretical Foundations	5
NURS 324, Nursing Care of the Older Adult	2
NURS 372, Adult Health Nursing I	8
NURS 375, Introduction to Nursing Research	3

Spring Semester

(Classes are grouped in 4 or 8 week blocks)

NURS 374, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5
NURS 413, Women, Families and the Nursing Process	8
NURS 424, Nursing in the Community	5

Summer I

NURS 414, Nursing the Complex Patient	6
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Summer II

NURS 480, Nursing Leadership	7
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* A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the curriculum

Notes: 1) An applicant who is not a U.S. citizen or who has been convicted of a felony is advised to contact the appropriate State Board of Nursing regarding eligibility for licensure. 2) Clinical clearances are required for all students (i.e. current immunizations; background screenings, drug testing, current CPR status; and various health agency orientation workshops.) Failure to complete and provide documentation within timelines established by the Department of Nursing may prevent admission to or continuation in the Nursing program. 3) Students have clinical practicum experiences in a variety of settings and at varying times to include evenings and weekends. 4) Students are required to attend orientation sessions which occur prior to the start of the first summer session. 5) Students are required to take national normed tests throughout the curriculum and to make a satisfactory score on such tests. Students are required to take a comprehensive exam and to make a satisfactory score on such an exam to successfully complete their capstone preceptor experience.

RN-BSN Completion Program

Requirements and procedures for admission to the RN-BSN completion program are as follows:

1. Obtain admission to NMSU as a regular student.
2. Contact the Department of Nursing for complete program information and application materials.
3. Satisfy NMSU basic academic competency requirements in English and math.
4. Demonstrate completion of all prerequisite course work as noted in the RN-BSN Completion Program Curriculum.
5. Submit official transcripts from all nursing schools, colleges, and universities attended to the Department of Nursing. These will be evaluated for allowable transfer credit.
6. Achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for prerequisite course work and prior nursing course work.
7. Submit an official application to the Department of Nursing.
8. Provide evidence of current RN licensure.

Note: Nursing class sizes are limited. Students admitted to the RN-BSN completion program may be accommodated based on space availability in any

given nursing course. All documentation must be submitted to the department by April 15 to begin nursing classes the following January. Summer and fall terms may be used to complete prerequisite and general requirements.

RN-BSN Completion Curriculum

Non-Nursing and General Education (or equivalent) courses. (See the "General Information" section in this catalog for details of NMSU general education requirements.) A grade of C or better is required in all of the following courses. Prerequisite courses are marked *:

*Math basic competency must be attained.

MATH 210G, Math Appreciation

*ENGL 111G, Rhetoric and Composition

ENGL 203, ENGL 218G, ENGL 311G, or ENGL 318G

*BIOL 253, Human Anatomy

*BIOL 254, Human Physiology

*CHEM 110G, or CHEM 111 and CHEM 112

*BIOL 219, Public Health Microbiology

*BIOL 311L, General Microbiology Lab

*SOC 101G, Introductory Sociology

Literature/Fine Arts "G" course

HIST "G" course

*PSY 201G, Introduction to Psychology

*HNFS 251, Human Nutrition

*CEP 110G, Human Growth and Behavior

Critical Thinking "G" course

E ST 311G, Statistical Applications

Two Viewing a Wider World : "G" courses

Upper-division elective courses as required to satisfy NMSU's 54 upper-division credit hour requirement and all the general education requirements prior to or concurrently with completion of the last semester of nursing.

In addition, it is the student's responsibility to complete a minimum of 128 total credit hours including 54 upper-division credits.

The nursing course sequence for this degree option starts in the spring semester. The core nursing courses required for the R.N. to B.S.N. completion are listed below:

NURS 315, Introduction to Professional Nursing for the RN	3
NURS 324, Nursing Care of the Older Adult	2
NURS 375, Introduction to Nursing Research	3
NURS 420, Community Health Nursing	3
NURS 426, Community Health Nursing for the RN: Clinical	3
NURS elective	3
NURS 322, Nursing Health Assessment	3
NURS 323, Nursing Health Assessment: Clinical	2
NURS 470, Nursing Organization and Management	3
NURS 475, Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing	3
NURS 476, Nursing Organization and Management for the RN: Clinical	3
NURS 325, Human Pathophysiology for Nursing	3

Notes: 1) The RN-BSN option uses a compressed scheduling format, WebCT, and local health agencies in Las Cruces, Alamogordo, or Carlsbad for clinical practicum. 2) Students are required to attend onsite classes in Las Cruces at the beginning (1-3 days) and at the end (1-2 days) of the nursing sequence. 3) Clinical clearances are required for all students (i.e., current immunizations; background screening; drug testing; current CPR status; and various health agency orientation workshops). Failure to complete and provide documentation within timelines established by the Department of Nursing may prevent admission to or continuation within the nursing program.

SOCIAL WORK

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