

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
SCHOOL OF NURSING  
**SECOND DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING**

Thank you for your interest in the New Mexico State University School of Nursing. Because of the varied options available to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and the numerous inquiries into our programs, the following information is designed to answer frequently asked questions. We hope your questions are answered below. If not, please do not hesitate to contact the Advising Coordinator for the College of Health and Social Services, 575-646-7311 or the School of Nursing, 575-646-3812.

The School of Nursing has three (3) options to gain a **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** as a second degree:

1. **Roadrunner** – this is an alternate entry option program (16 *consecutive* months). This program begins only in the fall semester. Lecture is presented on-line with face/face clinicals. Application must be completed by February 1st of the application year. Currently the program accepts 32 students.
2. **Pathways** – this is an alternate entry option program consisting of 16 months. This program begins in a fall or spring semester. Application must be completed by February 1<sup>st</sup> for a fall start and September 1<sup>st</sup> for a spring start. Currently the program accepts 24 students.

**ROADRUNNER AND PATHWAYS PREREQUISITES/ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

***All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to application***

- : Bachelor degree from accredited university with a **minimum** graduating **GPA of 3.00**
- : Anatomy **and** Physiology; or A&P I **and** A&P II; **and** one additional 3 credit hour physical science such as: Chemistry, Biology, Microbiology or Physics **All sciences must have a grade of B or better and be no older than 7 years**
- : Selection of students is competitive  
(statistics is a prerequisite for a nursing research course and must be completed prior to beginning, but is not part of the competitive process )

3. In the event that a student has a bachelor degree and **does not have a minimum graduating GPA of 3.00**, they may apply to the traditional nursing program. A larger number of prerequisites for eligibility are required. Ranking for selection will occur with the traditional BSN students and is based strictly on GPA from prerequisites. Currently the program accepts 48 students.

**Prerequisites are as follows:**

Chemistry w/lab	Human Nutrition
Cellular Biology w/lab	Intro to Psychology
Physiology and Anatomy or A&P I and A&P II w/lab	Human Growth & Behavior
Microbiology w/lab	Statistics

**All science prerequisites** must be completed as of the deadline date for application. **Prerequisites may not be completed in the summer for a fall selection.** Prerequisites may be taken at another institution and officially transferred to NMSU.

**ADMISSION AND APPLICATION**

All students must be admitted to New Mexico State University as an undergraduate transfer. Application to the University and application to the School of Nursing are **two separate applications and processes.**

Application requirements to NMSU and on-line forms can be found at: <http://prospective.nmsu.edu/apply/>  
Application requirements to NMSU as an international student: <http://prospective.nmsu.edu/international/index.html>  
Complete information and links for NMSU can be found at: <http://prospective.nmsu.edu/>  
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National State Boards of Nursing: [www.ncsbn.org/index.htm](http://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm)  
Board of Nursing New Mexico: <http://www.bon.state.nm.us/>  
School of Nursing NMSU: <http://www.nmsu.edu/~nursing/> (this link will have Pathways and Roadrunner applications available by July 2008)

