

College of Health and Social Services

PRE-NURSING GUIDELINES

STUDENTS CAN EXPECT AT LEAST THREE SEMESTERS OF PREREQUISITE COURSE WORK BEFORE APPLYING TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING THIS IS A FOUR YEAR, 127-129 DEGREE HOUR PLAN. ALL PRE-MAJOR AND MAJOR COURSES MUST HAVE A "C" OR BETTER. AN APPROPRIATE SCORE IS REQUIRED ON THE MANDATORY STANDARDIZED ADMISSION EXAM TAKEN AT TIME OF APPLICATION

STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED BASED ON THEIR GPA AND HESI SCORES. STUDENTS BEGIN THE NURSING PROGRAM IN EITHER THE SPRING OR FALL TERMS. THE MINIMUM GPA FOR ELIGIBILITY IS 2.75 (THE AVERAGE GPA IS 3.500 OR ABOVE)

TO ENSURE ACADEMIC SUCCESS, PRE-NURSING STUDENTS SHOULD VISIT WITH THEIR ADVISOR EACH SEMESTER. STUDENTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO UPDATE ANY CHANGES IN ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL, ETC.

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW THEIR DEGREE PLAN, BE AWARE OF THE NMSU REGISTRATION SCHEDULE AND ENROLL IN CLASSES ON THEIR DESIGNATED DATE

WHEN YOU ARE REGISTERED IN THE LAST OF YOUR PREREQUISITES, A NURSING APPLICATION IS REQUIRED AND IS AVAILABLE FROM THE PRE-NURSING ADVISOR IN THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES, SUITE 110.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE TO THE NURSING PROGRAM IS DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND IS BASED ON YOUR GPA FOR THE PREREQUISITE COURSES AND YOUR SCORES ON THE ADMISSION EXAM. THERE IS A SEPARATE APPLICATION PROCESS BECAUSE ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED EACH FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER

DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING YOUR NURSING APPLICATION ARE:

**FEBRUARY 1ST FOR THE FOLLOWING FALL SEMESTER
SEPTEMBER 1ST FOR THE FOLLOWING SPRING SEMESTER**

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NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

School of Nursing - Honors Track
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING
Beginning Summer 2013

Name_____

Banner ID#_____

Email_____

Phone #_____

University/Statewide Common Core (35cr)

Courses listed below will meet NMSU requirements.
Courses are guaranteed to transfer to other New Mexico Schools as part of the New Mexico Common Core

Honors College Requirements

The highlighted courses reflect options of Honors Courses to take. The Honors College requires students to take a total of 18 credit hours with an **honors designation**. 6-9 lower division classes and 6-9 upper division classes. These are classes with a HON prefix or **courses by contract***. 3 of the total 18 must be a Senior Capstone experience taken under HON 400 or HON 410.

I. COMMUNICATIONS (9-10 cr)

- A. **College Level English Comp** (3-4)
Engl 111G, **ENG 111H** or Spcd 111G
- B. **College Level Writing** (3)
Engl 203G, 211G, **218G**, 311G, or 318G
- C. **Public Speaking** (3)
Axes 201G, Comm 253G, Comm 2265G,
Hon 265G

II. MATHEMATICS (3cr)

Math 121G, 112G, 210G, **142G**, 275G, 190, 191,
192, 291A ST 251 A ST **311/STAT 251**, STAT 271

III. LABORATORY SCIENCE (8cr)

Anth 130G/130L, Astro 105G, 110G
Agro/Hort 100 G
Biol 101G/L, 110G/L, 111G/L, **211G/L**,
Hon 205G
Chem 110G/L, 111G/L, 112G/L
CS 171G
ES 110G, **Geog** 111G, **Geol** 111G, 212, Hon 219G
HNDS 263G
Phys 110G, 120, 211/L, 212/L, 215/L, 216/L,
221/211L, 222/212L

IV. SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (6-9 cr)

AGE/HNFS 210G
Anth 12G, 125G, 201G, 202G, 203G,
Hon 235G, 237G
C EP 110G, **CJ** 101G, **Econ** 201G, 251G,
252G
Geog 112G, 120G
Govt 100G, 110G, 150G, 160G,
Hon 248G, 249G
HLS 150, **SWK** 221G,
Jour 105 G, **Ling** 200G
Psy 201G, **Hon 203G**, 232G,
Soc 101G, 201G, **Hon 233G**
W S 201G, 2

V. HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS (6-9cr)

Art 101G, 110G, 295G, 296G,
Hon 216G, 220G
Danc 101G, **Engl** 115G, 116G, 220G,
244G, **Hon 229G**, 230G, 234G, 239G,
241G, 239G, 244G
Hist 101G, 102G, 110G, 111G, 112G,
201G, 202G, 211G, 212G, 221G, 222G,
Hon 208G, 216G, 221G, 222G, 241G,
242G
Mus 101G, 201G, **Hon 208G**

Phil 101G, 136G, 201G, 211G, 223G
Hon 221G, 222G, 225G, 226G, 227G,
228G
Thtr 101G, **Hon 270G**

Note: Not all of the honors courses highlighted are offered every semester. Be sure to talk to your advisor and to check the Honors College website for a list of approved courses for the semester. Go to the Honors College website →For Students tab→ Courses. Look at the courses being offered in Areas IV, V, and Viewing the Wider World. Search for those courses when you register for the semester

ADVISOR _____

SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR P-NUR CURRICULUM

FRESHMAN YEAR

SEMESTER 1

Communications (I.A.) ENGL 111G or ENGL 111H	3-4cr _____
Math 121G (college algebra) (II)	3cr _____
Chem110G, w/lab (III)	4cr _____
Biol 211G w/lab (Cellular)(III)	4cr _____
Psy 201G (IV) or go to Honors College website and look at the courses being offered in Area IV. Search for those courses when you register for the semester	3cr _____
	17-18cr

SEMESTER 2

Communications (I.B.) ENGL 211G or 218G	3cr _____
Biol 353 Anatomy or A&P II	4cr _____
Biol 353 Lab	1cr _____
A ST 311G/ Stat 251	3cr _____
HNDA 251 or 163(Nutrition)	3cr _____
C EP 110G (Human Growth/ Behavior (IV)	3cr _____
	17cr
or go to Honors College website and look at the courses being offered in Area IV. Search for those courses when you register for the semester	

SOPHOMORE YEAR

SEMESTER 3

Biol 254 Physiology or A&P I	3cr _____
Communications (I.C.) COMM 265 G or Hons 265G	3cr _____
Biol 219 or 311 (Microbiology)	3cr _____
Biol 311 lab (Microbiology lab)	2cr _____
Humanities/Fine Arts (V) or go to Honors College website and look at the courses being offered in Area V. Search for those courses when you register for the semester	3cr _____
	17cr

PREREQUISITES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED

- To take CHEM110/L you must have appropriate MATH (Check w/your advisor)
- To take BIOL 254, 253/L, and 219 or 311/L, you must have a "C" or better in BIOL211/L
- To take NURS 328 you must have successfully completed Anatomy & Physiology with passing grades
- School of Nursing requires Math 121 or Math 142G

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 \*\*\* Applications must be requested from the pre-Nursing advisors. Grades and class requirements will be confirmed before applications will be given out.

Deadlines for applications and admission exam scores:  
 February 1st for Fall Cohort or September 1st for Spring Cohort.

Minimum GPA: 2.75 in pre-Nursing classes  
 Minimum Admission Exam Score: 75% in ALL categories

Viewing a Wider World (6crs). NMSU Upper Division Graduation Requirement (min. 48 crs). Science courses must be taken within 7 yrs. of application to the BSN program and must include associated labs. All pre-major courses must have a "C" or better.  
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING (BSN) CORE CURRICULUM

SEMESTER 4 – Level 1

Humanities/Fine Arts (V)	3cr_____
NURS 293 Introduction to Nursing Concepts	3cr_____
NURS 294 Principles of Nursing Practice	4cr_____
NURS 328 Human Pathophysiology	4cr_____
NURS 362 Evidence Based Practice or take by contract through Honors College*	3cr_____
	16cr

JUNIOR YEAR

SEMESTER 5 – Level 2

NURS 377 Health and Illness Concepts I (Wellness)	3cr_____
NURS 378 Health Care Participant or take by contract through Honors College*	3cr_____
NURS 379 Nursing Pharmacology	3cr_____
NURS 380 Assessment and Health Promotion	4cr_____
	13cr

SEMESTER 6 – Level 3

NURS 395 Health and Illness Concepts II (Chronic)	3cr_____
NURS 396 Professional Nursing Concepts I	3cr_____
NURS 398 Patients with Chronic Conditions	4cr_____
Social/Behav Sci (IV) or Hum/FA (V)	3cr_____
VAWW (special list)	3cr_____
	16cr

SENIOR YEAR

SEMESTER 7 – Level 4

NURS 466 Health and Illness Concepts III (Acute)	4cr_____
NURS 467 Clinical Intensive I	4cr_____
NURS 468 Clinical Intensive II	4cr_____
VAWW (special list)	3cr_____
	15cr

SEMESTER 8 – Level 5

NURS 486 Concept Synthesis or take by contract through Honors College*	3cr_____
NURS 487 Professional Nursing Concepts II	3cr_____
NURS 488 Clinical Intensive III	4cr_____
NURS 489 Capstone	4cr_____
Nursing Elective	3cr_____
	17cr

A grade of “C” is required in all courses

With the exception of NURS 328, all NURS courses are only open to those admitted to the Nursing Major. Total credits: 127-129

Nursing: 68

*Honors Course by Contract: Non-Honors courses may count as upper level Honors courses by contracting the course. An Honors Contract is a mechanism for adding an “honors dimension” to a course that is not listed as an honors course. The contract allows honors students to convert a regular non-honors course into an honors course that counts towards graduation with University Honors. If the course is cross-listed as a graduate-level course, doing the graduate work is sufficient. Go to www.honors.nmsu.edu/for-students/honors-courses-by-contract/ for more information.