



NORTHWESTERN STATE

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in our LPN to ASN Program at Northwestern State University of Louisiana. This information packet should answer most of the questions that you have about our program. Enclosed you will find the following: Special Admission, Progression, Dismissal, and Graduation (APDG) Policies, LPN to ASN curriculum pattern and the Application *to apply* for Nursing 1060. You may download the undergraduate application to the university and proof of immunization form at <http://admissions.nsula.edu/>.

Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to nursing courses in the LPN to ASN program. The first nursing course offered in the LPN to ASN program is *Nursing 1060, Transition to Professional Nursing*. This course is offered every Fall and Spring. There is a separate application for this course. Applications for the Fall class are due by May 15th; applications for the Spring class are due by August 15th. In order to *apply* for Nursing 1060, you must meet the following minimum criteria:

- successful completion of a state approved LPN/LVN program,
- one year's experience as an LPN/LV,
- current, unencumbered license to practice nursing,
- completion of the first semester of the curriculum pattern with a minimum grade point average of 2.7, and
- grade of "C" or better in all math and science courses. (Note: only courses required for the degree are used to compute your nursing grade point average.)

Once you are notified that you have met these criteria, you will be scheduled to take (1) a Nursing Fundamentals placement exam and (2) a basic academic skills exam. In order to *enroll* in Nursing 1060, you must achieve a minimum score of Level II or higher on the Nursing Fundamentals placement exam and a score of 64 or higher on the academic skills exam. These exams may be repeated one time.

If you score below a Level II on the Nursing Fundamentals placement exam and/or below a 64 on the academic skills exam, you may apply to our ASN program on a competitive basis with generic ASN students. You will have to make a separate application to the ASN program. Refer to the enclosed APDG policies for further information.

Respectfully,

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