

Northwestern State University
College of Nursing and Allied Health
Admission, Progression, Dismissal and Graduation Policies for RN to BSN students

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program at NSU has full approval from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, telephone number 225-755-7500, fax number 225-755-7564, www.lsbns.state.la.us. The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Northwestern State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, telephone number 202-887-6791, fax number 202-887-8476.

Students must meet University admission requirements and comply with academic regulations and policies. The student who has been denied progression in courses or dismissed from another nursing program will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Once a student is admitted to the program, any subsequent disciplinary action, arrest, criminal charge or conviction, addiction, or impairment shall also be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to the Director of the RN to BSN Program

The following statements relating to admission, progression, and dismissal are consistent with policies of the University.

Special Admission Requirements For The University

The prospective student must submit the following materials before registration to the: Office of Admissions, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

1. An Application for Admission with application fee.
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended to the
 - A. Office of the Admissions, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497
 - B. RN to BSN Program Director, College of Nursing and School of Allied Health, 1800 Line Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101-4653.

Enrollment In RN- BSN Nursing Courses

Students must meet the following minimum criteria to be considered for selection for enrollment in nursing courses:

1. Admission to the University and submission of all official transcripts to the Office of the Registrar on the Natchitoches campus.
2. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above.
3. A minimum grade of "C" in all required math, science, and nursing courses.
4. Current unencumbered RN license or permit to practice in the state in which clinical experiences will be completed
5. Must have graduated from a nationally nursing accredited associate degree or diploma nursing program.
6. Professional liability insurance is encouraged prior to enrollment in nursing courses.

Criteria For Progression In RN- BSN Program

1. Complete pre and co-requisites for courses outlined in the curriculum pattern.
2. Earn at least a 2.0 GPA on courses outlined in the curriculum pattern.
3. Earn a minimum grade of "C" in all required math, science and nursing courses.

Criteria for Dismissal from Undergraduate Studies in Nursing

A student is subject to dismissal from Undergraduate Studies in Nursing for the following reasons:

1. Academic cheating and/or unauthorized possession of an examination.
2. Plagiarism.
3. Falsification of patient and/or agency records.
4. Unlawful and/or unauthorized use, abuse, possession, distribution, transportation, manufacture, concealment, consumption, promotion or sale of alcohol, illegal drugs, legal drugs obtained illegally, controlled substances, or designer drugs.
5. Illegal possession of weapons.
6. Theft.
7. Lack of professional compatibility or unsafe clinical practice as identified by the RN-BSN faculty.
8. Loss, suspension, or encumbrance of RN license.

Criteria for Graduation

Criteria for graduation from Undergraduate Studies in Nursing are:

1. Complete the University requirements for graduation
2. Complete the approved curriculum within a four year period after enrollment in the first nursing course.
3. A minimum grade of "C" in all required math, science, and nursing courses.

Requests for Waiver Of Policies

1. Forms for Waiver of the Admission, Progression, Dismissal and Graduation Policies should be submitted to:

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2. A committee will review the request for waiver and make recommendations to the coordinator for Non-Traditional Studies in Nursing. The student will receive written notification regarding the decision.
3. Grade Appeal or University Suspension Appeal-refer to University Academic Regulations and Policies in the University Catalog.