RN to Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

Why pursue your Bachelor’s in Nursing
Our award winning program prepares Registered nurses to advance their careers in the profession at Northwestern State University. Our CCNE accredited RN to BSN program offers customized plans to guide RNs toward a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

One of the region’s largest and most respected nursing programs, Northwestern State is uniquely positioned to help individuals achieve their four-year degree while providing the flexibility necessary for a working registered nurse student. Each student can earn credit without enrollment in 38 hours of nursing courses.

Local – Global – Northwestern State
Our program is designed with you in mind! Your learning options are as close as a NSU campus or your home or work computer as a result of Northwestern State’s two optional paths to complete the RN to BSN program.

Internet via eNSU
Northwestern State’s global campus, eNSU, is the first and largest online provider of higher education based in the state of Louisiana. The experience of knowing how to work with career professionals combined with the reputation of Louisiana’s oldest college in the UL system results in a degree program that is convenient and highly respected. All required courses are offered online. Attendance on-campus is NOT required. Clinical requirements can be completed in the student’s home community. Out of state fees are waived for online only students.

Faculty Availability
We recognize that student success is dependent upon the availability of the faculty. Our Faculty are available to students via face to face, phone, or email. Faculty contact information and office hours are shared in each course syllabi.

Timeline
This individualized plan of learning offers the opportunity for the student to complete upper division nursing courses within one calendar year after the completion of required general academic courses.

Tuition
Students who live outside the state of Louisiana and who do not take any on-campus (face-to-face) courses at NSU are not charged out of state fees. Current information about NSU tuition and fees may be found at registrar.nsula.edu/tuition-and-fees/.
Admission to the University

Persons with questions about admission processing or admit status should call 318.357.4078 or 1.800.767-8115. An online application to the university is found at nsula.edu/admissions.

Enrollment in RN–BSN Nursing Courses

Students must meet the following criteria for enrollment in the RN to BSN program.

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 science, math and nursing courses.
4. Current unencumbered RN license to practice in the state in which clinical experiences will be completed.
5. Graduate of a nationally nursing accredited associate or diploma nursing program.

As validation of knowledge and skills, all prospective students must be actively involved in nursing practice and possess a current unencumbered license to practice nursing (RN), CPR certification, and personal professional liability insurance when enrolled in clinical courses.

College of Nursing and School of Allied Health campuses

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College of Nursing & School of Allied Health
Natchitoches, LA 71497
318.357.6877

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College of Nursing & School of Allied Health
Nursing Education Center
1800 Line Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71101-4653
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Northwestern State University
CENLA Campus
Rapides Medical Center
211 Fourth Street
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For More Information
Visit our website nsula.edu/academics/nursing-allied-health/nursing/ or call 318.677.3100 or email nursing@nsula.edu.

Accreditation
The Bachelor of Science in Nursing 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, lsbn.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.

Northwestern State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS COC) 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501 to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, and specialist’s degrees.

Northwestern State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, age, pregnancy or parenting status, and veteran or retirement status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies (i.e., Title IX): Employees/Potential Employees – Veronica H. Biscoe, EEO Officer (318-357-6359), Students – Frances Conine, Dean of Students (318-357-5286). For Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) concerns, contact the Disability Support and Tutoring Director, Catherine Faucheaux, at 318-357-4460. Additionally, Northwestern complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy & Campus Crime Statistics Act. Information about NSU’s campus security and crime statistics can be found at http://universitypolice.nsula.edu/annual-security-report/. Full disclosure statement: http://universityplanning.nsula.edu/notice-of-non-discrimination. *Inquiries regarding employment application status should be made to the individual receiving the application packet.