

Nursing Fact Sheet 2019 - 2020 Catalog

See University Catalog for full information on the Nursing program.

Things to Keep in Mind:

1. Minimum grade of "C" is required in all required biology, chemistry, mathematics, english, and nursing courses.
2. Minimum grade point average of 2.7 in all courses that are required by the degree (*excludes* all electives courses) AND a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above.
3. A nursing course (NURB or NURA) may be repeated one time only.
4. A maximum of two different nursing courses may be repeated, including those dropped with a W or W+ grade. -RESULTS in a dismissal (see catalog for more information).
5. To enroll in clinical nursing courses:
 - ✓ BSN students: the first three semesters of the curriculum pattern MUST be completed (or will be completed prior to beginning the clinical nursing courses)
 - ✓ ASN students: the first semester of the curriculum pattern
6. BSN ONLY: In order to be eligible for enrollment in NURB 3030 (Nursing as a Profession) and/or NURB 3050 (Pathophysiology) (found in the third semester of "pre-clinical" classes), students must have completed the courses in the first two semesters of the curriculum pattern AND either be enrolled or have already taken the general education courses in the 3rd semester of the curriculum pattern. Additionally, a minimum GPA of 2.7 in courses required for the BSN degree is required and passing TEAS test scores.
7. NURA 1050 (History, Issues, and Trends in Nursing) and NURB 3030 (Nursing as a Profession), and NURB 3050 (Pathophysiology) must be completed within four (4) years of application to the program.

What you Need to Know to get into Clinical

- **ADVISING**
 - Natchitoches campus - go to Academic Advising Services, Watson Library, suite 112.
 - Must see advisor EACH semester - make a plan - follow it.
 - Four faculty nurses on Natchitoches campus:
 - For advising appointments call, Chari Addison, 318-357-6877
 - Tamara Baxter, Fournet Hall, baxtert@nsula.edu (Natchitoches Campus Coordinator)
 - Dr. Amy Garcie, Fournet Hall, garciea@nsula.edu
 - Shawn Wheat, FACS, wheats@nsula.edu
 - Amber Klock, FACS, klocks@nsula.edu
 - Alexandria Campus Coordinator: Carolyn Hartt, harttc@nsula.edu
 - Leesville Campus Coordinator: Linda Nichols, nicholsl@nsula.edu
- **Admission, Progression, Dismissal and Graduation (APDG) – Read, Review Thoroughly!**
<https://www.nsula.edu/wp-content/uploads/CON-Undergraduate-APDG-Fall-2016-.pdf>
- **Every attempt is made to accept qualified candidates, but GPA matters! Keep in mind:**
 - Minimum of 2.7 GPA on all courses required for the degree to apply!

- Repeat delete - DOES NOT EXIST! Each time you take the class it counts!
- Financial Aid - will NOT pay for a class a third time if a student has passed with a "D" or higher in one of the first two attempts. D is not passing in any NURB or NURA class.

- **TEAS Exam**

- Minimum of 58 to apply (also needed to take NURB 3030 & 3050)
- Can only take exam once per semester. After taken twice must wait a year to retake.
- Average entrance score for BSN is 69 and for ASN is 64
- The TEAS exam for BSN students will be taken in the semester prior to 3030 and 3050 (traditionally 2nd semester freshman) and in NURA 1050 for ASN students.
- Scores rarely improve on retakes! (numerous studies to back this up)
- Get practice book! Take practice tests! (ATI, Amazon, Google - numerous)

NURB 3030 and 3050 Application Process:

- Deadlines to apply are: **Summer - April 15th; Fall - July 15th; Spring - Nov. 15th**
- Applications will only be accepted electronically. The link to the website to apply is:
<https://nursing.nsula.edu/nursing-programs/>

Clinical Application Process:

- Completion of required criteria and submission of completed Application to Enroll in Clinical Nursing Courses is due in the office of Undergraduate Studies in Nursing no later than the following deadlines: **Fall Enrollment - May 15th & Spring Enrollment - August 15th**
- Clinical applications are only accepted electronically. The link to the website to apply is:
<https://nursing.nsula.edu/nursing-programs/>
- NOTE: *Applications are not available online at the Nursing Department's website until approximately 6 weeks prior to the deadline (about April 1st or July 1st). It is your responsibility to complete the application in a timely manner. No late applications will be accepted.*

Clinical Formula:

60 % -- GPA of courses toward degree -- Repeated courses are averaged

30 % -- TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) – BSN students will take in the semester prior to 3030 and 3050 (traditionally 2nd semester freshman) or in NURA 1050 for ASN students

10 % -- Number of hours taken at NSU

Clinical Locations: (pending student enrollment)

Shreveport - ASN and BSN

Alexandria - ASN and BSN (first level BSN only intakes in the fall)

Leesville - ASN only [BSN coming soon]

Natchitoches - BSN (first level intakes both fall and spring)