

## ***Nursing Fact Sheet***

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.
8. All transfer students who have previously attempted nursing clinical at another university will have to provide a letter of good standing to be considered for NSU's nursing clinical.

## ***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.
- Faculty nurses on Natchitoches campus:
  - For TEAS information and appointments email Stephanie Johnson at [johnsonste@nsula.edu](mailto:johnsonste@nsula.edu) or call 318-357-6877
- Tamara Baxter, Fournet Hall, [baxtert@nsula.edu](mailto:baxtert@nsula.edu) (Natchitoches Campus Coordinator)
- Robin Haydel, FACS, [haydelr@nsula.edu](mailto:haydelr@nsula.edu)
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- Sarah Crow, Fournet Hall, [smithsa@nsula.edu](mailto:smithsa@nsula.edu)
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  - BSN Myla Landry, [landrymy@nsula.edu](mailto:landrymy@nsula.edu),
  - ASN Lisa Wilhite, [wilhitel@nsula.edu](mailto:wilhitel@nsula.edu)
- Leesville Campus Coordinator: Linda Nichols, [nicholsl@nsula.edu](mailto:nicholsl@nsula.edu)

- **Admission, Progression, Dismissal and Graduation (APDG) – Read, Review Thoroughly!**  
<https://www.nsula.edu/documentprovider/docs/90/CON%20Undergraduate%20APDG%20Revised%202.13.2020%20A%20Updated.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 once per semester, and only two times per academic year. After 4 attempts the student must wait three years to repeat.
  - Average entrance score for BSN is 72 and for ASN is 64
  - The TEAS exam for BSN students will be taken in the semester prior to 3030 and 3050 (traditionally 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)
  - College of Nursing will not accept online proctored TEAS scores. Must be proctored face-to-face, at NSU or at a PSI testing site.
  - The TEAS exam is only good for 2 years.

#### **NURB 3030 and 3050 Application Process:**

- Deadlines to apply are: **Summer - April 15<sup>th</sup>; Fall - July 15<sup>th</sup>; Spring - Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**
- 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 - April 15<sup>th</sup> & Spring Enrollment - August 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Clinical applications are only accepted electronically. The link to the website to apply is:  
<https://nursing.nsula.edu/nursing-programs/>
- NOTE: *Please make sure you are applying for the correct semester. If you apply for the wrong semester, you will need to reapply for the correct semester because applications are not transferred to the next semester automatically and are discarded. Every attempt is made to have the application available in January for the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, and by June 1<sup>st</sup> for the August 15<sup>th</sup> dealing. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (intake for 1<sup>st</sup> level – both fall & spring)

Alexandria - ASN and BSN (intake for 1<sup>st</sup> level-both fall and spring)

Leesville - ASN only (fall and spring)

Natchitoches - BSN (intake for 1<sup>st</sup> level – both fall & spring)