

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**INFORMATION AND APPLICATION TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING
DISTANCE DELIVERY RN TO BSN PROGRAM**

INTRODUCTION

The RN/BSN Option is an upper division completion program designed for the Registered Nurse (RN) student who wishes to pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The program requires a total of 129 credits which includes University of North Dakota requirements in general education and residency as well as College of Nursing upper division course requirements. Credits may be transferred from accredited colleges and universities. Awarding of credit for nursing courses is decided by the College of Nursing. The RN/BSN Option student is typically required to complete 30 credits of nursing course work from the UND College of Nursing.

Enrollment in the RN/BSN Option is available for part-time or full-time students. Full-time enrollment generally allows the RN to complete the upper division curriculum in a minimum of one year. The length of the program depends upon the individual student's prior course completion.

The College of Nursing RN/BSN Option builds upon prior learning and experience. Each course in the nursing major is designed to provide the RN with advanced knowledge in concepts, theories and principles related to nursing roles, care of individuals, families and the community, focusing upon and directed toward promotion, maintenance and restoration of health. The curriculum objectives focus on the nursing process as the methodology for providing comprehensive nursing care in a variety of settings. In addition, the curriculum is directed toward goals which promote, maintain and restore health at all stages of human development, promoting client advocacy and collaboration with interdisciplinary health teams in the delivery of health care.

APPLICATION PROCESS TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

Application to the College of Nursing is a procedure separate from application to the University of North Dakota. Please contact the University Enrollment Services for an application to the University of North Dakota and to request a copy of the UND Undergraduate Catalog. To apply to UnD online go to www.go.und.edu.

An application to the College of Nursing RN/BSN Option will be considered upon submission. Applications should not be submitted until admission to UND is complete and the admission requirements are met. Selection is based on criteria established by the College. Applications will be considered on a rotating basis during the academic year.

1. Students should first apply to UND. All official transcripts must be sent to the UND Undergraduate Admissions Office, 205 Twamley Hall, 264 Centennial Drive, Stop 8357, Grand Forks, ND 58202. To inquire about the status of your application for admission to UND, call 701-777-3821.

2. Once accepted to UND, students will be advised by the RN advisor in the College of Nursing as to when they are ready to apply to the College of Nursing. Students may begin courses in either the fall or spring semester. Application to the College of Nursing may be submitted at any time during the year and acceptance will be for the following semester.
3. Students will be notified by mail of admission or denial of admission to the College of Nursing.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING: RN/BSN OPTION

1. An associate degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution or a diploma in nursing.
2. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale on all previous academic work and on any UND course work completed.
3. Current, unencumbered US RN license. (Please submit copy)
4. Approved Associate Degree transfer nursing credits. Graduates of diploma programs will have all transferred nursing credits held in escrow until the student has successfully completed six credits in nursing at UND, including the Nursing in Transition course (N350). Credits by exam from other institutions are not accepted.
5. Admission to the University of North Dakota.
6. Completion of pre-requisite course work, which includes the following courses or equivalents. A minimum of "C" must be obtained in each.

English Composition (two courses/six credits)

Introduction to Psychology (111)

Introduction to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology or Social Problems

Developmental Psychology

12 hours of Math/Science/Technology courses and at least 4 hours of a lab course to include:

Anatomy and Anatomy Lab

Physiology

*Microbiology (equivalent to UND's Mbio 202/202L)

Fundamentals of Nutrition

Statistics course

Pharmacology (equivalent to UND's PPT 315)

7. Submission of all data requested on the College of Nursing application.

**** Please note: College of Nursing policy requires students to provide proof of immunizations and submit a criminal background check. Additionally, some states or agencies require drug testing and/or fingerprints on students before they participate in clinical experiences. If the result of the check renders the student ineligible to complete the clinical nursing course, the student may be subject to dismissal from the nursing program. Students are responsible for any associated costs.

TRANSFER CREDITS

The UND Registrar's Office evaluates and records transfer credit and the College of Nursing evaluates nursing credits. Credits from regionally accredited degree granting institutions are generally honored by the University. Credits from NLN accredited nursing programs are generally honored by the College of Nursing. Registered nurses who are associate degree or diploma school graduates should contact the College of Nursing Director of Student & Alumni Affairs or the Admissions and Records Associate for guidance. Course syllabi may be required for evaluation of transfer credit. Credits by exam are not accepted from other schools.

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

Please refer to the UND catalog and the CLEP brochure from the UND Counseling Center.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS FOR CREDIT

1. UND Policy Please see the UND catalog.
2. College of Nursing Special Examinations

Challenge examinations are graded S/U in accordance with University policy. A regularly enrolled student in the College of Nursing may apply to take challenge examinations to establish credit in nursing courses at the College of Nursing following UND policies. Students who have taken courses at non-accredited and/or non-degree granting institutions and believe they have the background to receive credit for these courses may apply to take challenge examinations. Challenge examinations are written and/or laboratory demonstrations and/or clinical demonstration examinations prepared by the respective nursing faculty. Students who are petitioning to challenge nursing courses may obtain preparatory packets from the specific department chairperson at the College of Nursing or at the University of North Dakota Book Store. Challenge by portfolio of prior learning via experience is also available for some courses. See the Director of Student & Alumni Affairs or the Admissions and Records Associate at the College of Nursing for more information regarding challenge examinations. Availability of challenge exams may be limited during the summer months. Students wishing to challenge during the summer months must notify the appropriate Department Chair no later than April 15 of their intentions. A written challenge must be completed by August 1. If a clinical component is involved, the clinical performance evaluation must be completed and graded prior to registration for the fall semester. Due to availability of faculty, it is recommended that such challenges be completed during the regular academic year.

Special Examination Policies

- a. Challenge examinations of UND courses are considered credits in residence.
- b. Courses in the College of Nursing may be challenged with the permission of the department chairperson. To obtain permission, there must be evidence of successful completion of equivalent experience in the area to be challenged.
- c. Individuals who desire to challenge courses must apply to the appropriate department chairperson within the first eight weeks of the semester in which the

challenge exam will be taken. The exam will be administered during the final exam week of the semester or according to course challenge exam guidelines. Challenge by portfolio guidelines vary and are available through the department chairperson.

- d. A challenge exam can be taken only once and those failing must take the course to establish credit.

PROGRESSION IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

1. Grade Point Average Requirements:

A student must attain a letter grade of at least a "C" in each of the courses required in the undergraduate nursing curriculum and offered by the College of Nursing in order to progress to the next semester of nursing courses and to graduate from the UND College of Nursing.

A 2.50 overall grade point average is required for progression and graduation in nursing. Students must maintain this average to remain in the College of Nursing. When a student's overall GPA drops below the accepted level as stated above, the student is notified and placed on probation. The GPA must be raised to the required level in the following semester or the student will be subject to dismissal from the College of Nursing.

2. Grading

All CLEP, challenge and Diploma escrowed credits are awarded on an S/U basis. Freshmen must enroll in all courses for a grade according to University Policy.

- a. All nursing courses must be taken for a grade unless otherwise approved.
- b. Students may take electives for S/U grades up to a maximum of 30 semester hours of credit toward his/her baccalaureate degree.
(See University of North Dakota catalog for further information.)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

This listing of graduation requirements includes both the University and the College of Nursing requirements. See www.und.edu/dept/registrar/EssentialStudies/esindex.html for additional details.

COMMUNICATIONS	The University requirement includes 9 semester hours minimum.
ARTS AND HUMANITIES	Nine semester hours minimum; to be taken in both fine arts and humanities areas.
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Nine semester hours minimum; to be taken in a minimum of two departments. The College of Nursing specifically requires Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology (or Social Problems or Cultural Anthropology), and Developmental Psychology.
MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	Nine semester hours minimum; to be taken in a minimum of two departments with a minimum of 4 hours in a laboratory science. The College of Nursing specifically requires Anatomy, Physiology, General Nutrition, and Statistics.
RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT	The last 30 credits must be approved by the College or earned "in residence" (15 credits in their major). CLEP credits are not considered "in residence".
FOUR YEAR INSTITUTION	Transfer students are required to complete a minimum of 60 semester credits from a four year institution.
UPPER DIVISION COURSES REQUIRED	All degree recipients must complete a minimum of 36 upper division credits (all courses numbered 300 or higher).
NURSING MAJOR	A total of 129 credits is required for graduation. Credit awarded for work from a Diploma program or Associate Degree Transfer credit counts toward the 129 credits. The RN/BSN completion program is 30 Nursing credits.
SUPPORT COURSES	Microbiology and Pharmacology are also required.
SPECIAL EMPHASIS AREAS	Students must complete at least 3 credit hours designated in each of the following Special Emphasis Areas: -Advanced Communication – any course designated as A-Nurs 474 fulfills this requirement. -Quantitative Reasoning – any course designated as Q. -Global Diversity – any course designated as G. -US Diversity – Nurs 490 fulfills this area.

GRADE POINT AVERAGEA minimum UND GPA of 2.00 and an overall GPA of 2.50 must be maintained.

COSTS

Regular UND Tuition and Fees apply. Once admitted to the nursing program, a Program Fee is assessed at the rate of \$500 per semester for full time students. This amount is pro-rated for part time students (\$40.00 per credit). Online fees apply to online courses.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

It is the policy of the University of North Dakota that there shall be no discrimination against persons because of race, religion, age, creed, color, sex, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, veterans status or political belief or affiliation, and that equal opportunity and access to facilities shall be available to all. This policy is particularly applicable in the admission of students in all colleges and in their academic pursuits. It is also applicable in University owned or University approved housing, food services, extracurricular activities, and all other student services. It is the guiding policy in the employment of students either by the University or by outsiders through the University and in the employment of faculty and staff.

Inquiries as to the equal opportunity, affirmative action, or diversity policies for the University of North Dakota or coverage of state or federal civil or human rights statutes or regulations may be directed to Sally J. Page, Affirmative Action Officer, 101 Twamley Hall, P.O. Box 7097, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58202-7097; telephone voice/TDD 777-4171. Concerns regarding Title VI, Title IX or Section 504 (educational opportunity) may be addressed to the Affirmative Action Officer or to the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 111 North Canal Street, Suite 1053, Chicago, IL 60606-7204.

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RN to BSN OPTION
APPLICATION TO THE COLLEGE OF NURSING
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
(Please Type or Print)

NAME: _____ Student ID # _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Phone # _____

Primary Address: _____
(address) (city) (State) (Zip Code)

State of Residency : _____ U-mail Address: _____

Please provide the following optional demographic information used for statistical purposes only:
Race: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I am requesting admission to the RN/BSN Nursing Program for: **Fall** or **Spring** Semester of _____
(Please indicate semester & year) (circle one) (year)
(Note: You will be charged a program fee as soon as you are admitted)

Are you admitted/readmitted to UND for the semester requested above? _____
(If not, you must get admitted to UND before applying to the Nursing Program)

years of RN practice: _____ State licensure/s: _____

***SUBMIT PHOTOCOPY OF ALL LICENSES**

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

List all educational programs (nurses' aid program, vocational and/or trade schools, hospital schools, junior colleges & universities) attended since high school graduation & degrees awarded:

Name & Location of Institution	Dates Attended	Degree, Certificate, or Diploma Awarded	Credits & Grade Point Average

You must be admitted to UND, submit a copy of your RN license/s, and all educational transcripts must be on record at UND before this application will be considered. Please allow approximately 2 months for your admission to be processed.

I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained within this application is correct and that I have not knowingly withheld any information. I am aware that I will be required to submit a criminal background check and any resulting information could make me ineligible for completion of clinical Nursing courses. This could mean a dismissal from the College of Nursing. .

Signature of Applicant (required)

Date

(Over)

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**UNDERGRADUATE NURSING STUDENT
FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES RELEASE**

College of Nursing Undergraduate students must be able to perform the functional abilities in each of the following categories: gross motor skills, fine motor skills, physical endurance, physical strength, mobility, hearing, visual, tactile, smell, reading, arithmetic competence, emotional stability, analytical thinking, critical thinking skills, interpersonal skills, and communication skills (National Council of State Boards of Nursing, 1999). However, it is recognized that degrees of ability vary widely among individuals. Individuals are expected to discuss questions about abilities with the Director of Student & Alumni Affairs.

The policy, Functional Ability Requirements for Undergraduate Nursing Students & Common Activities/Tasks Required in the Nursing Profession can be accessed on the College of Nursing Internet site at <http://www.nursing.und.edu/bsn/pdf/commonactivities.pdf> or are available on request. These provide a framework for relating functional ability categories and representative activities/attributes to self-limitations and accommodations.

“I have read the Functional Ability Requirements for Undergraduate Nursing Students and Common Activities/Tasks Required in the Nursing Profession. I know with whom to discuss my disability and possible accommodations, if needed.”

Student Signature

Date

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (1999). *Guidelines for using results of functional abilities studies and other resources*. Chicago, IL: Author.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: Admissions & Records, UND College of Nursing, Nursing Building Room 308, 430 Oxford St., Stop 9025, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9025 OR DROP OFF AT ROOM 308 COLLEGE OF NURSING.

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