

Henderson State University
Department of Nursing

Selective Admission Policy and Procedures

Policy

The Department of Nursing will solicit applications from pre-nursing students to determine admission to the Nursing Program (four [4] semesters of nursing courses).

Students may apply as follows:

- With the completion of all required prerequisite courses
- Within one (1) semester of completing all required prerequisite courses
- Completion of Prerequisites will occur after the first summer term of the year of applying, except for NSG 2561 Nursing as a Profession

The Nursing Faculty will serve as a Committee-of-a-Whole for this process, and the Chair of the Nursing Academic Standards Committee will preside over the process.

Student selection is based on multiple factors, including (but not limited to):

- Nursing GPA of 2.7 or better that consists of the following courses:
College Algebra or Quantitative Literacy, General Chemistry, General Psychology, A & P I and II, Microbiology, Sociology, Nutrition, and Oral Communication.
- Number of repeated courses
- Number of math, science, and social science courses that have not been completed
- Nursing Entrance Exam scores
- Maturation and time out of academia
- Interest and aptitude
- Experience in the healthcare field
- Leadership and volunteer activities

Prerequisite Course Repeat

Pre-Nursing students can repeat a nursing prerequisite course for a grade replacement in the Nursing program admission GPA score calculation.

Procedure

1. Students must submit a completed nursing application by the published deadline.
2. The candidate information will be compiled onto a spreadsheet, noting:
 - a. Nursing GPA
 - b. Math, science, and social science courses that are not completed
 - c. Nursing Entrance Exam scores
3. Nursing Academic Standards Chair will convene a faculty meeting as soon as is conveniently possible following the spreadsheet compilation.
4. Faculty will determine if the candidate will gain admission, be placed on the waitlist, or receive a denial letter.
5. The Department of Nursing will continue accepting applications until all available seats are filled or the first Monday in March, whichever comes first. The candidates for the second round of applications must meet the admission requirements and follow the same admission process. The second group of applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
6. Should admission candidates decline or forfeit their acceptance by failure to meet admission deadlines, the Chief Academic Nursing Officer, in consultation with faculty will select a new candidate from the Wait Lis.
 - a. The Chief Academic Nursing Officer will be responsible for correspondence and communication with Wait List candidates.