

B.S.N. IN NURSING

Admission Procedures

Students intending to complete a degree in nursing will be enrolled as pre-nursing students with the designation of PRN. Once students have met the minimum criteria for admission to nursing, submitted their application, and been formally admitted to the nursing program, they will become nursing majors with the designation NUR.

Regular Admission to the Nursing Program

The following are **minimum** threshold requirements to be considered for admission into the nursing program. If space is limited, not all qualified applicants may be admitted.

1. Be admitted to Bethel University.
2. Achieve a cumulative Bethel GPA of at least 2.75.
3. Achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 in the required prerequisite science courses.
4. Earn a C or better for all prerequisite science, health, and psychology courses.
5. Submit a recent ATI TEAS (<https://www.atitesting.com/teas>) test score. Students are allowed to take the exam a maximum of two times, no sooner than two weeks apart.
 - a. Pre-nursing students must achieve a score of proficient or higher in order to be admitted to the Nursing program. Submit the results to Bethel University St. Paul, MN from ATI. Students should test at a PSI site or remotely as soon as they graduate from high school, and no later than the summer before their sophomore year.
6. Demonstrate competency in oral and written communication.
7. Demonstrate a level of personal health consistent with safe nursing practice as determined in a physical examination.
8. Provide documentation of current immunizations as required by clinical agencies prior to beginning the nursing program.
9. Give evidence of personality, character, and emotional stability consistent with the nursing department's mission and the professional nurse's role and responsibility.
10. Be recommended for admission into the nursing program by one person outside the nursing program.
11. Have completed the required prerequisite courses, including the general education courses: GES 160; Inquiry Writing Seminar, GES 130; Christianity and Western Culture (CWC) or GES 145; Humanities I: Greco-Roman through Middle Ages.
12. Applicants taking prerequisite science courses at Bethel will be more competitive.
13. Students can only reapply once for admission to the nursing program.
14. Provide documentation of successful completion of a Certified Nursing Assistant/Nursing Assistant Registered Program prior to beginning the nursing program.
15. Applicants whose primary language is not English must submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination score report. This English proficiency requirement can be waived if the student completed a bachelor's degree in the United States with a final cumulative degree GPA of 2.85 or higher.
 - a. A TOEFL iBT overall score of 84 with a minimum speaking score of 26 is required.
 - b. An IELTS Academic overall score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 7.0 in the speaking module and a minimum of 6.0 in all other modules.
 - c. These scores were established by the Minnesota Board of Nursing as minimum eligibility criteria for taking the licensure examination for registered nurses.

Application materials and procedures are available from the nursing department for students interested in the traditional baccalaureate nursing program.

Transfer and/or Advanced Standing

Transfer students applying for admission to the nursing program must meet the regular admission requirements in addition to the requirements below:

1. Transfer students must achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 2.85 for all college level courses prior to admission to Bethel
2. Transfer students must attend Bethel for at least one semester (12 credits minimum) prior to starting the nursing program or receive program director permission to begin the program directly. Students may complete nursing and/or general education prerequisite courses during this semester.

Transfer student requirements are found in the Academic Information section of this catalog. Further details on departmental policies and procedures are described in the *Undergraduate BSN Student Handbook*.

The nursing department requires a score of 4 or better on the AP exams in order for the exams to be used to fulfill the science course prerequisites for the nursing program. However, the nursing department recommends students with a 4 or better take the science prerequisites, particularly BIO 120/BIO 120D and CHE 101/CHE 101D, at Bethel. Students with a score of 3 on AP science prerequisite courses will receive elective credit or credit toward General Education requirements.

Early/Direct Admission to the Nursing Program

Highly qualified students may apply for early admission to the Nursing Program. This means that after acceptance, but before enrolling at Bethel University, they may also be accepted into the Nursing Program. This option is available to a limited number of first-year and transfer students entering Bethel as pre-nursing majors.

1. Freshman Early/Direct Admission

Admission is competitive, and not all qualified applicants are guaranteed admission. To be considered for early admission an applicant must:

- Be a current high school senior student
- Submit an ATI TEAS (<https://www.atitesting.com/teas>) score of advanced or higher or an ACT score of 26 or higher
- Be accepted to Bethel by April 15
- Be declared Pre-Nursing

The Admissions and Progression Committee will invite qualified applicants to apply. To apply, the student must answer some short essay questions and submit one reference from a high school teacher or counselor.

If students submit an ACT score of 26 or higher, they must also submit a recent ATI TEAS test score to complete their application. It is recommended that students take the TEAS test in the summer prior to starting at Bethel.

2. Transfer Early/Direct Admission

Early/direct transfer students are accepted into the sophomore fall semester with a planned nursing program start the coming spring. Early transfer applicants must meet the regular admission requirements in addition to the requirements below:

1. Submit a TEAS exam score of advanced or higher or an ACT score of 26 or higher. [All students must submit a recent ATI TEAS test score.]

2. A cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher.
3. Prerequisite science courses completed within the past 5 years with no courses retaken.

Early/Direct Admission and Early Admit Transfer application materials are available from the College of Arts and Sciences traditional baccalaureate nursing program.

Additional Requirements

1. Courses in the nursing program require students to spend substantial time in off-campus clinical sites, such as hospitals, clinics, and public health agencies. Students must furnish their own transportation to and from these clinical sites, some of which may not be conveniently reached by public transportation.

2. In addition, students should be aware that Minnesota state law requires that healthcare facilities complete background checks on all employees (and students); background checks include fingerprinting. If an employee (or student) has been convicted of certain crimes, he/she may not be allowed to work in such facilities. All prospective students need to be aware of this law because a student convicted of these crimes may be unable to complete the clinical requirements of the nursing program and, consequently, may not be able to graduate from the program or be eligible to practice as a registered nurse. Any questions should be addressed to:

Minnesota Department of Human Services
Division of Licensing, Background Study Unit
444 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, MN 55155-3842

or

The Minnesota Board of Nursing
1210 Northland Dr. #120
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

3. Students must provide evidence of current health insurance before beginning the program. Information about health insurance is available through the Office of Student Life. Malpractice insurance is also required (see the Finances section of this catalog).

4. Documentation of recent American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider certification/re-certification will be required between the sophomore and junior years of the nursing program.

Program Performance Requirements

Nursing is a practice discipline, and the baccalaureate nursing education program prepares nurse generalists. All nursing students must demonstrate various cognitive, interpersonal, and motor skills. A list of core program performance standards is available from the nursing department. The university will provide reasonable accommodations to eligible students who can demonstrate need based on a qualifying disability in accordance with the applicable law. Students seeking reasonable accommodations must request them in a timely manner to avoid scheduling delays. A minimum of 30 days advance notice before the start of a semester is required because of the complex nature of clinical and laboratory courses. Consultation related to reasonable accommodations is available through the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services.

Progression for Students

To progress in the program, the student must meet the Bethel University requirements for academic progress. In addition, a student must:

1. Earn a grade of C or better in each nursing course. Select nursing courses require that the overall combined exam score is at least 75% in order to pass the course. This indicates satisfactory

achievement of objectives and completion of course requirements. Details are provided in the syllabi for the select courses.

2. Maintain a major GPA of at least 2.75.
3. Function in a safe and ethical manner.
4. Successfully complete each prerequisite nursing course before progressing to the next sequential course.
5. Successfully complete all NUR courses in residence at Bethel University.
6. Inform program director of any changes in health status that would affect performance as a nursing student.

Appeals Process

Students have the right to appeal a final grade, clinical evaluation, or dismissal from the program. If a resolution cannot be reached with the faculty member most immediately involved, students may appeal to the Admissions and Progression Committee, as described in the *Undergraduate BSN Student Handbook*.

Admissions decisions are final and may not be appealed. Applicants may request a review of an admission decision by the Associate Dean of Nursing.

Students dismissed from the nursing program will be administratively withdrawn from nursing courses in which they are registered for the next term.

Code	Title	Credits
Major in Nursing (B.S.N.), Prerequisite courses ^{1,2,4}		
Science Prerequisite courses:		
BIO 120 & BIO 120D	Introduction to Molecular and Cellular Biology and Introduction to Molecular and Cellular Biology Lab	4
BIO 214 & BIO 215	Human Anatomy and Human Anatomy Lab	4
BIO 216 & BIO 217	Human Physiology and Human Physiology Lab	4
BIO 234 & BIO 235	Microbiology and Microbiology Lab	4
CHE 101 & CHE 101D	Introduction to Chemistry and Introduction to Chemistry Lab	4
Health and Psychology prerequisite courses:		
AHS 170	Applied Nutrition	2
CHL 110	Introduction to Healthcare	2
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology I	2
PSY 203	Lifespan Development	4
General Education prerequisite courses: ³		
GES 130	Christianity & Western Culture	4
GES 160	Inquiry Writing Seminar	4
Biblical Studies Requirement courses:		
BIB 101	Introduction to the Bible	4
THE 201	Christian Theology	4
Total Prerequisite Credits		46

Code	Title	Credits
Major in Nursing (B.S.N.)		
BIO 350	Clinical Pathophysiology	4
Choose one of the following Statistics courses:		4
AHS 250M	Statistics and Research Methods in Applied Health Sciences	
PSY 230M	Introduction to Statistical Methods and Experimental Design	
NUR 202	Nursing Skills I: Health Assessment	2
NUR 302	Pharmacology for Nurses	2
NUR 311	Nursing Skills II	2
NUR 312	Nursing Skills III	1
NUR 313	Nursing Care of Individuals I	4
NUR 314	Nursing Care of Individuals II	4
NUR 315	Practicum I: Medical Surgical Nursing	2
NUR 318	Chronicity: Mental Health Focus	2
NUR 322	Practicum II: Medical Surgical Nursing II	3
NUR 324	Practicum III: Mental Health and Community Based Nursing	2
NUR 411	Nursing Skills IV	1
NUR 412	Nursing Skills V	1
NUR 413	Practicum IV: Pediatric and Maternity Nursing	2
NUR 416	Practicum VI: Clinical Capstone	4
NUR 417Z	Practicum V: Public Health Nursing	2
NUR 419	Pediatric & Maternity Nursing	4
NUR 425G	Population Focused Nursing Care	4
NUR 426	Leadership Development	4
NUR 496	Senior Nursing Synthesis	1
Total Major Credits		55
Code	Title	Credits
General Education *		21
Total Credits		122

¹ Achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.75 in the science prerequisite courses, before being admitted to the nursing program.

² Earn a C or better for all prerequisite science, health, and psychology courses.

³ Humanities Students take GES 145, GES 147, and GES 149.

⁴ Achieve a cumulative Bethel GPA of at least 2.75.

* Courses whose number is followed by a letter fulfill a General Education requirement.