May 16, 2024

Dear Prospective Nursing Student,

Thank you for your interest in our RN to BSN Program for Registered Nurses. Attached please find the RN to BSN Program Application Packet for academic year 2024 - 2025. Kindly read the packet carefully. Within it you will find a step-by-step guide to the application process. Additionally, you will find a comprehensive description of the RN to BSN Program, an outline of the Program curriculum, and estimated costs. Students are admitted throughout the year, so please fill out the application packet at your earliest convenience.

The RN to BSN Program nursing curriculum is fully online. We believe that providing a fully online nursing curriculum will best meet the needs of working nurses who wish to pursue the baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Again, thank you for your interest in the RN to BSN Program at NNMC. The faculty and staff look forward to working with you and answering any questions or concerns you may have. You are encouraged to schedule an advisement appointment with the program faculty. To schedule your appointment, please call Ellen Trabka at 505 747-2209 or email etrabka@nnmc.edu

Advisement can be done in via email, zoom, or by phone.

For information regarding financial assistance, please call the Financial Aid Office at 505 747-2128.

Best of luck in your educational pursuits!

Ellen Trabka, MSN, RN, AHN-BC

Chair, Department of Nursing and Health Sciences

Associate Professor of Nursing

**RN to BSN DEGREE PROGRAM**

**GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program for registered nurses (RN to BSN Program) is limited to individuals who are licensed as registered nurses (RN) in the United States. The RN to BSN program prepares registered nurses to assume leadership roles as an integral nurse at the bedside, within an organization, in the community, and in the profession. The Program provides a unique and innovative nursing curriculum that is based upon The Theory of Integral Nursing. With an integrative care focus, this Program prepares nurses to provide holistic, intentional, relationship-centered care that addresses individual and collective health.

Applicants seeking admission to the RN to BSN Program will have an opportunity to focus on intentional, caring, reflective practice that involves ongoing self-assessment and holistic self-care. As ethical, professional, critical thinkers, students will examine personal beliefs, attitudes, and values in order to engage in authentic dialogue.

Faculty in the RN to BSN Program view registered nurse students as co-learners and colleagues. Adult learning principles inform teaching and learning strategies. Previous education in preparation for licensure as a registered nurse serves as the foundation for Program content.

Working students are encouraged to apply to the Program. Self-care and reflective practice are integral parts of the Program, and students will find this benefits their

personal as well as professional lives.

Students are admitted to the RN to BSN Program on an ongoing basis. The Program requires 120-122 credit hours for graduation that include: 1) forty credits of lower-division courses, to include nursing courses from an Associate Degree in Nursing program that will be applied toward the BSN degree; 2) general education courses; 3) support courses; and 4) a total of thirty-four credits of upper-division courses: 31 nursing credits and 3 upper division elective credits.

Application to the RN to BSN Program differs from, and is in addition to, application to Northern New Mexico College (NNMC). Nursing applicants are to first obtain "Regular” admission to NNMC in order to be considered for the RN to BSN Program. Directions for college admission are located in the school catalog available by calling Office of Admissions at (505) 747-2111 or online at <http://www.nnmc.edu>.

Remember to immediately request that official transcripts from all schools, colleges, and universities you have attended be sent to the Office of Admissions, as this is a part of the “Regular” admission process.

**RN to BSN Program**

**Application Process**

The required steps in the application process are outlined below. All steps must be completed in order to be considered for admission to the RN to BSN Program.

* Application to the RN to BSN Program is different from application to Northern New Mexico College. Nursing applicants are to first achieve “Regular” admission to Northern to be considered for the RN to BSN Program. Directions for college admission are located in the school catalog and on Northern’s website ([www.nnmc.edu](http://www.nnmc.edu)) and must be completed online. Official admission to Northern does not guarantee admission to the RN to BSN Program, but is the first step in

the process to be considered for acceptance into the RN to BSN Program.

* Request that official transcripts from all schools, colleges and universities that you have attended be sent to the Office of Admissions.
* Request an official “Transcript Evaluation” through the Admissions Office for the RN to BSN degree.
* Fill out the one page “Application Form” for the RN to BSN Program found at the end of this document and submit electronically to Ellen Trabka at etrabka@nnmc.edu
* Make an appointment for advisement with Ellen Trabka, Chair of the Department of Nursing & Health Sciences (505 747-2209; [etrabka@nnmc.edu](mailto:etrabka@nnmc.edu)).

**Prerequisites required for entry in the RN to BSN Program**

* Student must hold a valid license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the U.S..
* Student must have completed an approved Associate Degree in Nursing or a Nursing Diploma Program.

**Transfer of credit**

* Graduates of Associate Degree Nursing Programs may transfer lower-division nursing credits, general education credits, and support course credits earned from a regionally accredited college or university to NNMC. Official transcripts must be sent to the Office of Admission, for evaluation and acceptance of coursework.
* Credit earned in a nursing diploma program will be evaluated on an individual basis.
* Only general education courses with a grade of “C-” or better and nursing courses with a grade of “C” or better will transfer.
* We encourage students living outside of New Mexico to complete the general education and support courses at a college or university in their home state prior to starting the program. Please note that program tuition costs are $295/credit hour for NM residents, and $320/credit hour for non-residents.
* Minimum GPA 2.0.

Once accepted into the Program, students are expected to be proficient in computer skills to include Internet research, word processing, and email. The program uses the Blackboard Learning Management System for online course delivery.

**Clinical requirements**

Upon admission to the program, students will be required to provide evidence of a criminal background check. Additional clinical requirements, such as a drug screen or proof of immunizations, may be required for certain clinical sites.

**GENERAL CURRICULUM PLAN**

**GENERAL EDUCATION (31 credit hours)**

**Area I. Communications (6 credit hours)**

ENGL 1110 Composition I (3)

*Choose* ***one*** *of the following courses*:

ENGL 1120 Composition II (3)

ENGL 1210 Technical Communications (3)

**Area II. Mathematics (3 hours)**

**Required**

MATH 1350 Introduction to Statistics (3)

**Area III. Laboratory Science (4 credit hours**)

BIOL 2210 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (3)

BIOL 2210L Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab (1)

**Area IV. Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 credit hours)**

PSYC 1110 General Psychology (3)

**Area V. Humanities (3 credit hours)**

Area V course (3)

**Area VI: Fine Arts (3 credit hours)**

Area VI course (3)

**Additional nine credit hours (9 credit hours)**

COMM 1130 Public Speaking (3)

**Choose one of the following Civics courses (3)**

POLS 1110 Introduction to Political Science (3)

POLS 1120 American National Government (3)

HIST 1110 Unites States History I (3)

HIST 1120 United States History II (3)

SOCI 2310 Contemporary Social Problems (3)

SOCI 1110 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Choose one of the following STEMH recommended courses (3)

ENVS 2130 Critical Thinking in Science (3)

PSYC 2120 Developmental Psychology (3) **Required**

**REQUIRED LOWER DIVISION COURSEWORK**

Forty credit hours of lower-division courses, to include nursing courses from ADN program, will be applied toward the BSN degree.

**Support Courses (15-17 credits)**

NUTR 2110 Nutrition (3 credits)

BIOL 2225 Human Anatomy & Physiology II with lab (4)

BIOL 2305 Microbiology for Health Sciences with lab (4)

Pathophysiology (4-6 credits) (can be lower- or upper-division courses)

**RN to BSN PROGRAM CURRICULUM PLAN**

A minimum of 34 credits of upper-division courses must be completed, to include 31 credits of required upper-division nursing courses and 3 credits of upper division electives.

**RN to BSN Program Curriculum**

NURS 4400 Nursing in Transition (2)

NURS 4401 Integral Nursing Theory (3)

NURS 4410 An Integral Approach to Evidence-Based Practice (3)

NURS 4420 Integral Health Assessment (3)

NURS 4430 Complementary and Alternative Therapies in Nursing (3)

NURS 4440 Health Issues, Policy and Politics in Health Care (3)

NURS 4450 Community and Global Health I (3)

NURS 4451 Community and Global Health II (4)

NURS 4460 Integral Communication and Teaching (2)

NURS 4470 Transformational Leadership in Nursing (3)

NURS 4480 Integral Nursing Capstone Course (2)

Electives: 3 credits of upper-division electives

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS:** 120-122 (Includes a total of 135 clinical hours)

Note: NURS 4400 Nursing in Transition and NURS 4401 Integral Nursing Theory must be the first two courses taken in the curriculum. They may be taken concurrently with the following courses:

NURS 4410 An Integral Approach to Evidence-Based Practice;

NURS 4420 Integral Health Assessment;

NURS 4430 Complementary and Alternative Therapies in Nursing;

NURS 4440 Health Issues, Policy and Politics in Health Care;

NURS 4450 Community and Global Health I.

NURS 4480 Integral Nursing Capstone Course is the last course taken in the program. All

other courses must be completed or taken concurrently with this course.

**Approximate cost (tuition and fees) of the RN to BSN Program\*\* (2022-2021)**

NM residents: Cost per credit hour: $295/credit. Estimated total cost: 34 credits x $295 =$10,030

Non-residents: Cost per credit hour: $320/credit. Estimated total cost: 34 credits x $320 =$10,880

Additional fees:

* + Fingerprinting & Criminal background check: $45
  + Malpractice liability insurance: $30

*\*\*Posted RN to BSN tuition rates and program credit hours refer to upper division nursing courses only. Students must complete any outstanding general education requirements, support courses, and elective courses requirements for a total of 120-122 hours to graduate. Cost does not include books.*

**ACCREDITATION STATUS**

**The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)**

The baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Northern New Mexico College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 887-6791, http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation.

**AHNCC Endorsement**

NNMC's RN to BSN Program has received Endorsement from the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation (AHNCC) in recognition of its Educational Program in Holistic Nursing. This endorsement entitles program graduates to take the Holistic Nursing Certification exam upon graduation from the program.

**Application Form for the RN to BSN Program**

Please type all information.

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**COLLEGES ATTENDED**: (Use separate page if necessary)

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**VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ATTENDED:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that withholding or falsifying of the requested information, or failure to provide the required documentation may make me ineligible for admission to the RN to BSN Program. I am aware that I must have achieved “Regular” Admission to Northern to be considered for the RN to BSN Program. I understand that filing this form does not guarantee acceptance in the RN to BSN Program.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Questions concerning the program, the application process or an appointment for advisement can be addressed to the Chair of the of Nursing and Health Sciences at the address below or call (505) 747-2209.

**SCAN AND SEND application VIA EMAIL TO:** Ellen Trabka, MSN, RN, AHN-BC

etrabka@nnmc.edu