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A. Overview

In order for students to assure their nursing program application will be considered applicants must apply for admission to University of North Dakota (UND) and submit required documentation by the posted UND deadlines. Student must be admitted to UND prior to applying to the Nursing program.

B. Admission Committee and Selection Process

The Undergraduate Nursing Admission Committee will be composed of two undergraduate nursing faculty (one faculty member will be elected as chair), Chair of the Undergraduate Nursing Department, RN-BSN Director, Office of Student Services Director or designee, and RAIN designee. Admission decisions are made using a blind review process. Applicants who are not granted admission are notified and are eligible to reapply in a subsequent semester. A limited number of students will be placed on a waiting list if there is an excess of qualified applicants. In the event that a student has not received notification in the above stated timely fashion, it is the student's responsibility to contact the Office of Student Services in the Department of Nursing to inquire about the status of their application.

C. Traditional On-Campus BSN Program Admission

Traditional BSN courses are sequenced to build upon one another over four semesters. Students may begin the four semester sequence in either the fall or spring semester. Application and admission dates and deadlines will be posted on the CNPD website. Students who currently hold an unencumbered LPN license must follow and apply following the same guidelines as traditional students.

I. Direct Admission: Direct admission is a criterion-based early admission program for pre-nursing students who have exemplary academic performance during high school. Direct admission will admit around 20 qualified candidates. Direct admissions will occur once per academic year. Students who are not selected for direct admission are eligible to apply for admission to the traditional BSN program through the standard admission process.

1. Admission Criteria for Direct Admission (students must meet all criteria):

- ✓ Must be admitted to the University of North Dakota as a senior in high school anticipating becoming a full-time freshman student the next academic year with declared intent to pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing on their UND admission application.
- ✓ Must have earned a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- ✓ Must have earned a composite ACT score of at least 27 or a combined SAT score of at least 1280 in the previous 2 years. Super scores are not considered.
- ✓ Preference will be given to those students graduating from a ND high school.
- ✓ Transfer students are not eligible for admission through direct admission.
- ✓ Direct Admission will be limited to roughly 20 students with the highest combined high school GPA, ACT or SAT scores and state of high school graduation. In the event of a tie, admission will be determined by random selection

2. Progression Criteria for Direct Admission Students:

- ✓ Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in all UND undergraduate coursework up until admission to the nursing program.
 - ✓ Students are allowed one "grace period" if their cumulative GPA falls below a 3.5. The student must achieve a term GPA of 3.5 or higher for all future semesters.

- ✓ Must obtain a minimum letter grade of B or higher in all 'core' courses.
 - ENGL 130: English Composition II
 - SOC 110: Intro Soc or SOC 115: Soc Prob or ANTH 171: Cult Anth
 - CHEM 116/Lab Intro Organic Biochemistry (or Chemistry 122/Lab & Biology 150/Lab, Biology 151/Lab)
 - BIMD 220/220L: Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab
 - BIMD 221/221L: Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab
 - BIMD 202/202L: Microbiology
- ✓ Must obtain a letter grade of C or higher in all other prerequisite nursing coursework.
- ✓ Only one withdrawal or repeat will be allowed in any one nursing prerequisite coursework.
- ✓ Must meet all criteria for standard admission, with the exception of the TEAS exam.
- ✓ If a 'direct admit' does not maintain all of the above listed criteria they will not retain their 'direct admit' status. The student is eligible to apply to the traditional BSN program through the standard admission process.

II. Standard Admission:

Admission Criteria for Standard Admission:

- ✓ Admission to the University of North Dakota.
- ✓ A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- ✓ Achieve minimum score of "Proficient" on ATI TEAS test. TEAS exam may be taken a maximum of two times. The score must be within 2 years from application deadline.
- ✓ Students with a previously earned bachelors' degree do not need to take ATI Teas. OSS will verify degree with UND Registrar's Office.
- ✓ Preference will be given to students who graduate from a rural high school. Rural is defined as a town with a population of less than 50,000 people (HRSA). Rural will be determined based on the student's high school graduation location.
- ✓ Completion of the following courses or equivalents with a letter grade of a C or better:
 - Semester 1:**
 - ENGL 110: English Composition I
 - CHEM 115/115L: Intro Chemistry or CHEM 121/121L: Gen Chemistry I
 - PSYC 111: Intro Psych
 - *SOC 110: Intro Soc or SOC 115: Soc Prob or ANTH 171: Cult Anth
 - MATH 103: College Algebra
 - Semester 2:**
 - *ENGL 130: English Composition II
 - *CHEM 116/Lab Intro Organic Biochemistry (or Chemistry 122/Lab & Biology 150/Lab, Biology 151/Lab)
 - *BIMD 220/220L: Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab
 - #Essential Studies course (3 cr)
 - Semester 3:**
 - *BIMD 202/202L: Microbiology
 - *BIMD 221/221L: Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab
 - N&D 240: Fund of Nutrition
 - #Essential Studies course (3 cr)
- *Core courses used in admission calculation.**
#Must be completed before beginning nursing courses.
- ✓ Completion of the following courses with a letter grade of C or better prior to beginning nursing courses:
 - Semester 4:**
 - Statistics: PSYC 241, SOC 326 or ECON 210
 - PPT 315: Pharmacology
 - Psyc 250: Dev Psych
 - Essential studies courses (6 cr)

- ✓ Core nursing prerequisite coursework may be repeated or withdrawn from a maximum of one time per course. The highest letter grade of two attempts will be used in admission process.

D. Admission Acceptance Criteria

Upon notice of admission to the Traditional BSN On-Campus Nursing Program students must submit the signed admission acceptance form and a non-refundable deposit by the date indicated on the Admission Acceptance form. Failure to submit the acceptance form and deposit by deadline will result in loss of nursing placement. Current verifications, drug testing and designated background check, with acceptable results, will be required and details are provided in admission letter.

E. Admission of Transfer Nursing Students

Students transferring from another nursing program must meet standard admission criteria. Programs from which students transfer must be accredited. A letter of good standing from the nursing program must be provided with application.

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