

National University School of Health Professions Department of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Generic Entry & Second-Bachelor's Degree Information Packet

STATE APPROVAL

Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)

The National University Department of Nursing was granted initial approval by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) in 2004 and has had ongoing approval since that time.

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Nursing Application Deadlines & Start Dates Rancho Bernardo Campus – San Diego, CA

| Rancho Bernardo – San Diego BSN Cohorts The BSN cohort in Rancho Bernardo begins four times per/year (January, April, July, and October) | | | | | |
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| Calerat # | with 40 (forty) seats in each cohort. | | | | |
| <u>Cohort #</u> | <u>Application</u> <u>Open</u> <u>Date</u> | Application Deadline | <u>Cohort</u> <u>Start Date</u> | | |
| Cohort 76 | May 15, 2023 | August 11, 2023 | January 2024 | | |
| Cohort 77 | August 14, 2023 | November 10, 2023 | April 2024 | | |
| Cohort 78 | November 13, 2023 | February 9, 2024 | July 2024 | | |
| Cohort 79 | February 12, 2024 | May 10, 2024 | October 2024 | | |
| Cohort 80 | May 13, 2024 | August 9, 2024 | January 2025 | | |
| Cohort 81 | August 12, 2024 | November 8, 2024 | April 2025 | | |
| Cohort 82 | November 11, 2024 | February 14, 2025 | July 2025 | | |
| Cohort 83 | February 17, 2025 | May 9, 2025 | October 2025 | | |
| Cohort 84 | May 12, 2025 | August 8, 2025 | January 2026 | | |
| Cohort 85 | August 11, 2025 | November 14, 2025 | April 2026 | | |

*Each Cohort will consist of BSN students and LVN students for a total of 40 students.



Nursing Application Deadlines & Start Dates Fresno, CA

| Fresno BSN Cohorts | | | | | |
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| The BSN cohort in Fresno begins two times per/year (April and October) with 20 (twenty) seats in each cohort. | | | | | |
| Cohort #Application Open DateApplication DeadlineCoh Start | | | | | |
| Cohort 32 | May 15, 2023 | November 10, 2023 | April 2024 | | |
| Cohort 33 | November 13, 2023 | May 10, 2024 | October 2024 | | |
| Cohort 34 | May 13, 2024 | November 8, 2024 | April 2025 | | |
| Cohort 35 | November 11, 2024 | May 9, 2025 | October 2025 | | |
| Cohort 36 | May 12, 2025 | November 14, 2025 | April 2026 | | |

*Each Cohort will consist of BSN students and LVN students for a total of 20 students.



Nursing Application Deadlines & Start Dates Los Angeles, CA

| | Los Angeles BSN Cohorts | | | | | |
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| The BS | The BSN cohort in LA begins two times per/year (April and October) with 19 (nineteen) seats in each cohort. | | | | | |
| <u>Cohort #</u> | Cohort #Application Open DateApplication DeadlineCohort Start | | | | | |
| Cohort 31 | May 15, 2023 | November 10, 2023 | April 2024 | | | |
| Cohort 32 | November 13, 2023 | May 10, 2024 | October 2024 | | | |
| Cohort 33 | May 13, 2024 | November 8, 2024 | April 2025 | | | |
| Cohort 34 | November 11, 2024 | May 9, 2025 | October 2025 | | | |
| Cohort 35 | May 12, 2025 | November 14, 2025 | April 2026 | | | |

*Each Cohort will consist of BSN students and LVN students for a total of 19 students.



Nursing Admission Process & Requirements

Admission Process

Admission into the nursing programs at National University is a two-step process: 1) Application to the University; and 2) Application to the respective nursing program.

*Note: Students are only allowed <u>three (3) total applications</u> to the respective nursing program regardless of location – San Diego, Fresno, and Los Angeles. After a 3^{rd} denial, students will no longer be allowed to apply.

University Acceptance

To be eligible to apply to the nursing programs, prospective students should first meet with an **Enrollment Advisor**. Prospective students must be provisionally accepted into an interim **Non-Degree Seeking program** and send official transcripts and documentation from all other Colleges and Universities for official evaluation to the **Office of the Registrar**. These courses will be evaluated for equivalency to National University Department of Nursing required prerequisite courses.

Admission Requirements

Students including LVNs seeking to study nursing at National University must:

- 1. Meet all requirements for admission to an undergraduate degree program at the University as outlined in the University Catalog.
- 2. Have obtained a 2.75 cumulative GPA in the General Education and prerequisite courses (courses must have been taken at a regionally accredited institution).
- 3. Have earned a grade of "C" or higher in all prerequisite courses.
- 4. Have a clear criminal background check and drug screen.
- 5. Have received immunizations (including fully vaccinated for COVID 19. No exceptions allowed).
- 6. Submit a separate application for admission into a specific nursing program.

*Note: Meeting the minimum requirements, as listed above, does not guarantee admission into a nursing program.

Accessing the Nursing Application

Students can access the nursing application by logging on to their SOAR Student Portal.

- 1. From the Student Portal, click on the Nursing and Credentials menu (left-hand side)
- 2. Click on Nursing Application link
- 3. Follow instructions as given

To gain access to the nursing application, students must first meet the following requirements:



Attend Pre-Nursing Forum

Students must attend a Pre-Nursing Forum within 12 months of the application submission date. The forum will introduce students to the nursing programs, detail the application process, and provide a program overview. To receive forum dates and times please e-mail the following locations:

Rancho Bernardo – San Diego – <u>nursing@nu.edu</u> Fresno – <u>fresnonursing@nu.edu</u> Los Angeles – <u>lanursing@nu.edu</u>

Obtain Cumulative GPA

Students must obtain a 2.75 cumulative GPA from all regionally accredited institutions attended. Students who have a bachelor's degree, but less than a 2.75 cumulative GPA, must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 semester or 90 quarter units of completed bachelor's degree.

*Note: All units to be used in this calculation will be within those conferred bachelor's degree courses. Courses taken after the conferral date will not be included in determining the last 60 semester or 90 quarter units.

Complete Nursing Pre-Requisites

Students must have all pre-requisites completed with a "C" grade or higher. "C minus" grades are not accepted by the Nursing Department. All final grades for pre-requisites must be posted to the student's file prior to submitting a nursing application. If a class is still in session or in progress, it will not be accepted.

The Nursing Department **DOES NOT** accept the following courses:

The asynchronous BIO Series at NU, which includes:

- BIO 191A Online Anatomy & Physiology I Lab
- BIO 192A Online Anatomy & Physiology II Lab
- BIO 193A Online Microbiology Laboratory

Any of the BIO courses offered at StraighterLine, which includes:

- BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO 201L Anatomy & Physiology I Lab
- BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II
- BIO 202L Anatomy & Physiology II Lab
- BIO 250 Microbiology
- BIO 250L Microbiology Lab

*Note: Although these courses have similar abbreviations and titles, they are not accepted by the Nursing Department as direct equivalents to our BIO Series.



<u>Pre-Requisites for BSN Generic Entry Applicants</u>

Students **<u>WITHOUT</u>** a prior earned bachelor's degree are required to complete the following pre-requisites:

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| Effective College English |
| Public Speaking |
| Introduction to Biomedical Statistics |
| Information Literacy |
| Principles of Sociology |
| Introduction to Psychology |
| Anatomy and Physiology, I with Lab |
| Anatomy and Physiology, II with Lab |
| Microbiology with Lab |
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*Note: This list only contains pre-requisite courses. Students may need to complete additional general education requirements (i.e., co-requisite courses) to complete their degree.

Pre-Requisites for Second-Bachelor's Degree Applicants

Students WITH prior earned bachelor's degree (i.e., B.A., B.S.) are required to complete the following pre-requisites:

| COM 103 | Public Speaking |
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| BST 322 | Introduction to Biomedical Statistics |
| SOC 100 | Principles of Sociology |
| PSY 100 | Introduction to Psychology |
| BIO 201/BIO 201A | Anatomy and Physiology, I with Lab |
| BIO 202/BIO 202A | Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab |
| BIO 203/BIO 203A | Microbiology with Lab |



Nursing Co-Requisites

Students accepted into our **BSN Generic Entry program** will need to complete the following co-requisite courses to complete their degree:

| SPN 340A | Spanish in the Workplace |
|-----------------------|--|
| SPN 341 | Cross-Cultural Communications |
| HUB 500 or SOC 400 | Cross-Cultural Dynamics or Race & Ethnicity in the US |

*Note: Co-requisite courses are waived for students with prior earned bachelor's degree. Co-requisite courses are only required after acceptance and not during the admission process.

Submit TEAS Scores

In addition to the above, students must take the **TEAS Version VII exam** and submit TEAS VII scores to be eligible for admission to the nursing programs.

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is a standardized exam used to assess pre-nursing applicants' readiness for nursing school. It covers four main content areas: reading, math, science, and English and language usage. The test takes approximately 3 ¹/₂ hours to complete.

TEAS VII scores must be submitted **PRIOR TO APPLICATION DEADLINE**. Students are only allowed to submit up to a maximum of three (3) TEAS VII exam scores total. National University Department of Nursing will use the applicant's highest qualifying TEAS score when evaluating nursing applicants.

Scores must be submitted directly from **ATI Website** (<u>https://atitesting.com</u>) to the specific campus students are applying to:

Rancho Bernardo – San Diego – "National U CA San Diego" Fresno – "National U CA Fresno" Los Angeles – "National U CA Los Angeles"

*Note: Scores sent directly from the student *will not* be accepted.



Evaluating Nursing Applicants

Nursing Admissions Score Breakdown

| Science and Math based GPA | 40% | Used to qualify for an interview |
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| TEAS Score | 40% | Used to qualify for an interview |
| Interview Score | | Only Top Candidates will be selected for interview (see below) |
| Total | 100% | |

The following numbers of candidates will be selected for an interview based on the highest compilation of Science and Math based GPA and TEAS Scores:

Rancho Bernardo Campus: Top 70 Students Los Angeles and Fresno Campus: Top 45 Students

Math and Science-based GPA - 40%

Applicants are awarded points for official grades in the following courses:

| BST 322 | BIO 202/BIO 202A | | |
|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| BIO 201/BIO 201A | BIO 203/BIO 203A | | |

TEAS VII Score - 40%

There is no minimum score requirement. TEAS scores are used to rank students applying for admission instead.

Interview Score - 20%

The interview will involve questions surrounding the student's motivation for becoming a nurse and academic preparedness to start the program. The interview will be conducted and scored by Nursing Faculty.

After the interviews occur, the following numbers of candidates will be offered acceptance into the program. These students will be selected based on a compilation of all three above scores.

Rancho Bernardo Campus: 40 Max, 5 Alternates Fresno Campus: 20 Max, 5 Alternates Los Angeles Campus: 19 Max, 5 Alternates

*Note: Alternates are not guaranteed a spot in current or subsequent cohorts.



Application Timeline





Generic & Second-Bachelor's Degree BSN Curriculum

| Courses | Units | Lecture Hours | Clinical Hours |
|--|-------|---------------|-----------------------|
| NSG 403 - Nursing Theories and Models | 4.5 | 45 | |
| NSG – 214 Health Assessment | 4.5 | 45 | |
| NSG - 214A Health Assessment Clinical | 1.5 | | 45 |
| NSG – 422 Nursing Research | 4.5 | 45 | |
| NSG – 304 Pharmacology in Nursing | 4.5 | 45 | |
| *NSG - 240 Foundations of Nursing | 4.5 | 45 | |
| *NSG - 240A Foundations Clinical Lab | 3.5 | | 105 |
| *NSG - 245 Medical-Surgical Nursing I | 4.5 | 45 | |
| *NSG - 245A Medical-Surgical I Clinical | 3.5 | | 105 |
| *NSG - 330 Medical-Surgical Nursing II | 4.5 | 45 | |
| *NSG - 330A Medical-Surgical Nursing II Clinical | 3.5 | | 105 |
| *NSG - 333 Childbearing Family Nursing | 4.5 | 45 | |
| *NSG - 333A Childbearing Family Clinical | 3.5 | | 105 |
| *NSG - 334 Pediatric Nursing | 4.5 | 45 | |
| *NSG - 334A Pediatric Nursing Clinical | 3.5 | | 105 |
| *NSG - 335 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing | 4.5 | 45 | |
| *NSG - 335A Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Clinical | 3.5 | | 105 |
| NSG 305 - PathoPharmacology | 4.5 | 45 | |
| NSG 460 - Community Healthcare I | 4.5 | 45 | |
| NSG 460A - Community Healthcare I Lab | 1.5 | | 45 |
| NSG 462 - Community Healthcare II | 4.5 | 45 | |
| NSG 462A - Community Healthcare II Lab | 1.5 | | 45 |
| *NSG 340 - Nursing Leadership/ Management | 4.5 | 45 | |
| *NSG 340A - Leadership/ Management Clinical | 1.5 | | 45 |
| NSG 440 - Professional Issues in Nursing | 4.5 | 45 | |

*Two-month course