

**ALTERNATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR LPNs OR RNs
ENTERING THE BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM**

ASP/N/AASPN LPNs, ASN-RNs or ADN-RNs seeking an **ALTERNATE** ADMISSION OPTION to the BSN Program (nurses with cumulative nursing GPA \geq 2.25) must have:

1. Verifiable evidence of unencumbered nurse licensure. This includes state where licensed and licensure type for verification on NURSYS.
2. A minimum **six-month** interval between licensure as a nurse and completing the NLN NACE I PN-RN Exams (Foundations of Nursing, Nursing Care of Childbearing Family, and Nursing Care of Child). Prospective students are encouraged to work as a licensed nurse prior to completing the exams.
3. Successfully passed the NLN NACE I Exams (Foundations of Nursing, Nursing Care of Childbearing Family, and Nursing Care of Child). A minimum score of 70 % (total decision score) is required on the Foundations of Nursing exam and the combined average score on the Nursing Care of Childbearing Family, and Nursing Care of Child must be 62% or greater.
 - The exams must be completed by August 1st for fall admission consideration. Costs associated with the exams are incurred by the prospective student and must be paid prior to the exams being ordered and proctored. A proctoring fee is required for students not enrolled at DSU.
 - The exam(s) may be repeated only **once**.
4. Submitted official transcripts of previous vocational/college/university education to the School of Applied Sciences - Nursing. These official records must show evidence of the following:
 - a. minimum 2.50 cumulative college/university GPA.
 - b. minimum 2.25 cumulative nursing GPA.
 - c. minimum grade of 'C' (2.00) in all pre-requisite courses (or equivalent) of BIOL 111A – Concepts of Biology, CHEM 115/115L - Introductory Chemistry/Lab, BIOL 220 – Anatomy & Physiology I/, PSYC 111 - Introduction to Psych, BIOL 221 – Anatomy & Physiology II, PSYC 250 - Developmental Psych, ENGL 110 - College Comp I, ENGL 120 - College Comp II, SOC 110 - Introduction to Sociology or SOC 115 - Social Problems, BIOL 302/302L - Survey of Microbiology/Lab.
ASP/N/AASPN-LPN, ASN-RN or ADN-RN graduates may be admitted to the BSN Completion Program without meeting all pre-requisites as stated above provided the individual graduated from an approved nursing education program. However, they must provide evidence of satisfactory attainment of all requisite courses in the major prior to graduation from the BSN Completion Program.
5. Submitted a completed North Dakota University System application to Dickinson State University (available online).
6. Submitted a completed BSN Alternate Admission application to the School of Applied Sciences Coordinator. **Application deadline is February 1st**. Applications received after February 1st will continue to be reviewed and considered. Letters of acceptance/denial are sent by the School of Applied Sciences Coordinator in the spring.
 - It is the student's responsibility to keep current contact information on file in the Nursing Program; incorrect information may result in delay or exclusion of admission to the program. To begin the nursing education program all admission requirements must continue to be met.
 - All students who have previously attended any other college/university must request a transcript audit from the Registrar, contact the Director of Nursing and secure appropriate course substitution forms.
 - Students who have previously taken nursing courses at any other college/university must submit copies of nursing course syllabi to the Nursing Program Director for consideration of course substitution.
 - Provisional acceptance to the BSN Completion Program may be granted to students who are in the process of meeting admission requirements. To begin the nursing education program, all admission requirements must continue to be met.
 - Enrollment is limited to 32.
 - Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space available basis.