

# Northwestern State University

## College of Nursing

### RN to BSN APDG POLICIES

#### ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program at Northwestern State University is approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 887-6791.

#### SPECIAL ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, DISMISSAL, AND GRADUATION POLICIES

**Students must meet University admission requirements and comply with academic regulations and policies. The student who has been denied progression in courses or dismissed from another nursing program will be evaluated on an individual basis.**

Once a student is admitted to the program, any subsequent disciplinary action, arrest, criminal charge or conviction, addiction, or impairment shall also be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to the Coordinator of the RN to BSN Program and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN).

The following statements relating to admission, progression, and dismissal are consistent with the policies of the University.

#### SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY

1. An Application for Admission to the University with the application fee.
2. Official transcripts from all universities attended to the Office of the Admissions, Northwestern State University, 175 Sam Sibley Street, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

#### ENROLLMENT IN RN-BSN NURSING COURSES

Students must meet the following minimum criteria to be considered for enrollment in nursing courses:

1. Admission to the University and submission of all official transcripts to the Office of Admissions on the Natchitoches campus.
2. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above.
3. A minimum grade of "C" in all required biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, and nursing courses.
4. Current unencumbered RN license or permit to practice in the state in which clinical experiences will be completed. Non-clinical courses may be taken before licensure with permission of the Dean or Senior Director.
5. Must have graduated from a nationally or regionally accredited associate degree or diploma nursing program.
6. Professional liability insurance is encouraged before enrollment in nursing courses.

## **CRITERIA FOR PROGRESSION IN RN-BSN PROGRAM**

1. Complete pre- and co-requisites for courses outlined in the curriculum pattern.
2. Earn at least a 2.0 GPA on courses outlined in the curriculum pattern.
3. Earn a minimum grade of "C" in all required biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, and nursing courses.

## **CRITERIA FOR DISMISSAL FROM RN-BSN PROGRAM**

A student is subject to dismissal from Undergraduate Studies in Nursing for the following reasons:

1. Participation in academic cheating and/or unauthorized possession of an examination.
2. Plagiarism.
3. Falsification of patient and/or agency records.
4. The unlawful and/or unauthorized use, abuse, possession, distribution, transportation, manufacture, concealment, consumption, promotion, or sale of alcohol, illegal drugs, legal drugs obtained illegally, controlled substances, or designer drugs.
5. Illegal possession of weapons.
6. Theft.
7. Improper or abusive use of social media.
8. Lack of professional compatibility or unsafe clinical practice as identified by the RN-BSN faculty.
9. Loss, suspension, or encumbrance of RN license.

## **CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION**

Criteria for graduation from the RN-BSN program are:

1. Complete the University requirements for graduation.
2. Complete the degree requirements for the RN-BSN curriculum.
3. A minimum grade of "C" in all required biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, and nursing courses.
4. Earn at least 25 percent of the semester hours required for the degree through instruction at Northwestern State University which equates to 30 hours of instruction at Northwestern State University.

## **REQUESTS FOR WAIVER OF POLICIES**

1. Forms for Waiver of the Admission, Progression, Dismissal, and Graduation Policies can be found on the NSU nursing website and should be submitted to:  
Northwestern State University  
RN to BSN Program Coordinator  
1800 Line Avenue  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-4653
2. A committee will review the request for waiver and make recommendations to the RN-BSN program coordinator. The student will receive written notification regarding the decision.
3. For information on Grade Appeals or University Suspension Appeals, refer to University Academic Regulations and Policies in the General Catalog. The student may access this and other information online at the Office of the Registrar.

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