



NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) - LPN to BSN Track Information Packet July 2020

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For questions regarding the University

Students enrolled in the nursing program are subject to the same privileges and regulations as all other Northern Michigan University students. Financial assistance through loans, scholarships, and employment is available to nursing students. Please review the current Northern Michigan University Bulletin, www.nmu.edu/bulletin, or contact the appropriate office below for more information.

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Financial Aid
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Dean of Students
2001 Hedgcock
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LPN to BSN Track Admission Requirements and Procedures

LPN-BSN Nursing Students

Once you are admitted to Northern Michigan University, you will indicate that you wish to pursue a BSN degree in nursing by declaring nursing as your major and you are considered a pre-nursing student. Students declaring nursing as a major are assigned an adviser from the School of Nursing and with their adviser plan the academic program to complete the required courses. When the student is nearing completion of the prerequisites, and in consultation with her/his adviser, the student may apply for admission to the nursing sequence.

The LPN to BSN track is completed on a full-time schedule. Nursing courses are usually offered during fall and winter semesters. Non-nursing courses may also be offered during spring or summer semesters. An adviser from the School of Nursing will assist the student in developing an academic program plan to complete the required courses. Admission to the University does not guarantee entry to the nursing program.

LPN to BSN Track: Application and Admission Requirements

An adviser from the School of Nursing will assist the student in developing an academic program plan to complete the required courses. Applicants wishing to enter the LPN to BSN Track must complete the application online and submit it according to the required deadlines. Applications are available online one month prior to the deadline at www.nmu.edu/nursing/application.

Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to the BSN program.

LPN to BSN Track Application

Application Deadlines

Applications are completed and submitted online. Applications, including re-entry applications, due dates are:

- Fall Admission - February 1st 11:59 PM Eastern Time.
- Winter Admission - October 1st 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

Minimum Requirements

The School of Nursing Admission Committee reviews all applications. ***Applications are considered if the applicant meets the following minimum requirements:***

- Student is admitted to Northern Michigan University. Must have a current IN number.
- Nursing admission application form is complete, and is received by the School of Nursing by the due date.
- Student has the minimum required GPA:
 - **2.75** for Traditional BSN Track and LPN to BSN Track
 - Applications with a GPA less than 2.75 will not be reviewed by the Admission Committee.
 - Post baccalaureate students: the post baccalaureate GPA will be used if ≥ 12 credits have been taken since graduation. Otherwise, the undergraduate GPA will be used.
- Student has completed **or** is currently enrolled in at the time of application, the following prerequisite courses (this must be clearly evident on the transcripts and TCE). Students must achieve a minimum of a C- in each prerequisite course prior to admission. Grid scores only reflect officially recorded grades after course completion.
 - BI 207 Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)/BI 201 Human Anatomy (3 credits)*
 - *BI 104 may be substituted*
 - *If more than one of these courses have been completed (BI104/BI201/BI207) the most recent course grade will be considered on the admission criteria scoring grid*
 - BI 208 Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)/BI 202 Human Physiology (5 credits)*
 - BI 203A Medical Microbiology (3 credits)
 - CH 109 Introductory Organic and Biochemistry for the Health Sciences (SCII-4 credits)
 - CH 111 and CH 112 may be substituted

- AH 201/HN 301 A Nutrition for Health Professions (2 credits)
- AH 202/HN 301 B Nutrition for Health Professions II (2 credits)
 - *HN 210 may be accepted as AH 201 & AH 202 (HN 301A & HN 301B) if taken at NMU and the student is practicing as an LPN. If taken elsewhere, HN 210 is equivalent to AH 201/HN 301A. AH 202/HN 301B must still be taken by the student.*
- PSY 100 Introduction to Psychological Science (SCII - 4 credits) or PSY 101 General Psychology (PERS-3 credits) (see below for General Education Components and consult with your adviser to determine which course to take)
- AH 102 Human Growth and Development (INTT-3 credits)

*Students need to have a combination of BI 201 and BI 202 **OR** BI 207 and BI 208.

- **Transcripts:**

If less than 12 credits have been earned at NMU, provide current transcripts of all courses taken at any college or university (unofficial transcripts accepted) and a Transfer Credit Evaluation (TCE), which is obtained from the NMU Registrar's Office.

- **College Board Advanced Placement Credit:**

- For students with College Board Advanced Placement credit in Chemistry, the following grading system will be used to determine grades in chemistry on the SON Admission Grid: AP exam score of 5 points = A, 4 points = B+, and 3 points = C+. You will need to include a copy of your official scoring report from the College Board with your application.
- If you have received Advanced Placement course credit for courses not impacting the SON Admission Grid, you will need to provide copies of equivalency acceptance of these scores by the registrar at NMU. The NMU equivalency page provides information as to acceptable scores on each exam for NMU credit. (www.nmu.edu/bulletin/exam-equivalencies)

- **LPN Students only**

Scan and attach a copy of current LPN license. The license must be unencumbered (have no restrictions/sanctions). Students wishing to apply for advanced placement credit for coursework must submit proof of passing the NCLEX-PN within the last 5 years or have worked as an LPN within the last 5 years.

- **Post-baccalaureate Students only**

Students that have earned a bachelor's degree and are pursuing a second bachelor's degree in nursing should submit a Post-baccalaureate Check-list Form to the registrar's office for completion. This form can be found at www.nmu.edu/nursing/applications and must be delivered to the School of Nursing, 2301 Weston Hall, in an envelope sealed by the registrar's office.

LPN License

Students that have a LPN license must provide a copy of their LPN license with their application. The license must be unencumbered and have no restriction and/or sanctions. A license that is restricted or sanctioned is **not** considered an active license to practice and does **not** meet program requirements for entry or progression. This includes temporarily suspended licenses and revoked licenses and any other restrictions. It is strongly recommended that students carry their own malpractice insurance. Additional information regarding this policy is available through the Associate Dean/Director of the School of Nursing.

Ranking of Applications

The Admission Criteria Scoring Grid (page 12) will be used as the admission tool for the general program admission to determine each BSN cohort. Those students who apply for the Direct Admission program will be ranked based on high school GPA, ACT score (or SAT equivalent) and quantitative reference.

Students meeting the minimum requirements are ranked according to the Admission Criteria Scoring Grid score by the Admissions Committee. Students are notified by email and/or mail of their admission status.

- **Post-baccalaureate Students**

- Only students who can provide proof of an earned bachelor's degree at the time of admission to

the NMU BSN program receive 5 points on the admission scoring grid. Students graduating at the end of the semester in which they apply to the NMU SON do NOT receive these 5 points. If a student has earned 2 bachelor's degrees or a bachelor's and master's degree, a maximum of 5 points is awarded for these achievements.

- **PN Students**
 - Students applying while still enrolled in a PN program do NOT receive credit on the scoring admission grid for LPN status. Only PNs who have proof of passing their nursing licensure boards at the time of admission to the NMU BSN program are awarded the 5 points on the scoring admission grid.
- **Post-baccalaureate PN Students**
 - Students that have BOTH a bachelor's/master's degree and a LPN license/degree receive a maximum of 5 points total in category III on the BSN admission scoring grid.

Admission to Program: Applicants who have met admission criteria and whose ranked Admission Criteria Scoring Grid Score falls within the number of available seats are *provisionally* admitted to the program until verification of the successful completion of all prerequisite courses and maintenance of the required minimal GPA is received. In the event that the final score using the Admission Criteria Scoring Grid results in a tie, student ranking will be determined by the students' overall GPA.

Waiting List: Applicants who meet all requirements for admission, but whose Admission Criteria Scoring Grid score is ranked one to ten positions lower than the number of seats available are placed on a waiting list that is ordered according to total score. The waiting list is maintained through the first week of classes the following semester. All other applicants are considered not admitted to the Program. Applicants not admitted or wait listed who still desire admission to the program must reapply for the next semester.

Applications from applicants who do not meet minimum admission criteria or whose application is incomplete are not reviewed by the admission committee.

Applicants will lose their provisional acceptance status if they:

- Do not complete all prerequisite course work with satisfactory grades (C- or higher).
- Do not submit final grades from all prerequisite courses from other universities.
- Do not maintain the minimum required cumulative 2.75 GPA.
- Withdraw from the University.
- Do not submit notification of receipt of Criminal Background Check (CBC) by date specified in the provisional acceptance letter.
- Do not complete immunization/urine screening/CPR requirements as stated in provisional letter of acceptance.
- Change in LPN licensure status.

The number of students who can be admitted to the nursing sequence during any semester is based on seat availability. The School of Nursing reserves the right to choose which applicants are admitted to the nursing program.

Applications are not saved after the beginning of a semester. Students must re-apply for every semester they wish to be considered for admission.

Transfer Credits

- Transfer students should ensure that all prerequisite courses taken at another institution have been transferred to Northern Michigan University and a Transfer Credit Evaluation (TCE) is completed by the Registrar's office. Obtaining a TCE from the Registrar's Office requires admission to the university and several weeks for completion.
- Students should submit electronically in their online application a current unofficial transcript if currently enrolled in prerequisites at an institution other than Northern Michigan University.

- Students transferring to the NMU School of Nursing from another nursing program must provide proof of good standing from their previous program. Proof will be submitted to the Associate Dean/Director of the School of Nursing at the time of application to the NMU Nursing Program before admission to the NMU BSN Program will be considered.
- Post-Baccalaureate students seeking admission to the BSN Program should submit the Post-Baccalaureate Prerequisite Check List (available at www.nmu.edu/nursing/applications) to the Registrar's Office. The completed form is submitted in a sealed envelope to the School of Nursing.

Advanced Placement Credit for NU 211 and NU 212

LPN to BSN students have the same curriculum requirements as the Traditional BSN Track. LPN-BSN students may receive Advanced Placement Credit for 2 nursing courses (NU 211 and NU 212).

Credit by advanced placement is designed to recognize a person's previous educational and health experience with appropriate academic credit. Students qualify, **without testing**, for automatic Advanced Placement Credit for NU211 (4 credits), NU212 (3 credits) for a total of seven credits, if they meet one of the following requirements:

- Graduated from an LPN program and licensed within 5 years of admission into the BSN program
- Worked as an LPN within 5 years of admission into the BSN program (documentation must be provided)
- Graduated from the NMU PN program but not yet licensed. This student will need to see his/her adviser for special course substitution paperwork.

Applicants who do not meet one of these requirements will be required to complete the above courses successfully as part of their curriculum requirements.

Pharmacology

LPN graduates who completed AH 107 at NMU and who hold a valid LPN license may substitute AH 107 Clinical Pharmacology for NU 221 Pharmacology I in the BSN program. A course substitution form will be completed by the School of Nursing if the LPN applicant is admitted to the BSN program.

Pharmacology courses at other institutions may be accepted. Please consult with your nursing faculty adviser.

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	Credits
General Education Program	30-40
Component 1: Effective Communication (EFC)	6-8
EN 211 meets part 2 of the English Competency Graduation Requirement	
Component 2: Quantitative Reasoning and Analysis (QUAR)	3-4
One course must be completed in this component.	
School of Nursing graduates recommend a course in statistics if interested in Graduate School	
Component 3: Social Responsibility in Diverse World (SOCR)	3-4
One course must be completed in this component.	
Note: NU 386 Interdisciplinary Study in Global Healthcare – Latin America (Belize) fulfills this and world cultures requirements.	
Component 4: Integrative Thinking (INTT)	3-4
*AH 102 - Growth and Development	
Component 5: Human Expression (HUME)	3-4
One course must be completed in this component	
Component 6: Perspectives in Society (PERS)	6-8
Two courses must be completed in this component.	
*PY 1001 – Transferred PY 1001, psychology NOT taken at NMU. Transferred in psychology fulfills both Component 6 and SON prerequisite course.	
*PSY 101 General Psychology (NOTE: Only 1 beginning psychology course can be counted)	
Component 7: Scientific Inquiry (SCII)	6-8
Two courses must be completed in this component.	
*CH 109 - Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry for Health Science	
*PSY 100 Introduction to Psychological Science – or PY 100 Introduction to Psychology taken at NMU fulfills both Component 7 and SON prerequisite course. (NOTE: Only 1 beginning psychology course can be counted)	

*Denotes Required Prerequisite Nursing Courses

Other Required Nursing Courses

*BI 207 Human A & P 1.....	4
*BI 208 Human A & P 2.....	4
*BI 203A Medical Microbiology	3
*AH 201/HN 301A and AH 202/HN 301B Nutrition for Health Professions.....	4

NOTE: HN 210 is accepted as AH 201/HN 301A & AH 202/HN 301B if taken at NMU with an active LPN license. If taken elsewhere, HN 210 is equivalent to AH 201/HN 301A. AH 202/HN 301B must still be taken by the student.

**UN 100 First-year Experience	2
<i>(for select students, please see www.nmu.edu/acac/first-year-experience)</i>	

Graduation Requirements

- (1) A laboratory science course – fulfilled by *CH 109
- (2) A world cultures course – Several Components (3, 4, 5, 6) offer such courses
- (3) Written English competency –
 To satisfy Northern Michigan University’s Written English Competency Requirement, students must complete two separate, but related, items/courses during their first or second semester at NMU.
- (4) Mathematics competency. – Completed one of four ways.

*See the NMU Bulletin at www.nmu.edu/bulletin for more information on the General Education requirements.

Nursing Major	66
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NU 201 Holistic Health Assessment (T)	2
NU 202 Holistic Health Assessment (L).....	1
NU 211 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice (T).....	4
• Advanced placement credit (see pg. 5)	
NU 212 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice (C)	3
• Advanced placement credit (see pg. 5)	
NU 221 Pharmacology I (T)	2
• Pharmacology course taken for PN degree may transfer in as NU 221, ask adviser for assistance.	
NU 231 Pathophysiology (T)	3
NU 301 Nursing Care of Adults I (T).....	4
NU 302 Nursing Care of Adults I (C).....	6
NU 311 Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice	2
NU 321 Nursing Care of Women and Perinatal Family (T)	3
NU 322 Nursing Care of Women and Perinatal Family (C)	2
NU 331 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (T)	3
NU 332 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (C)	2
NU 341 Pharmacology II (T)	3
NU 401 Psychiatric Mental Health (T)	4
NU 402 Psychiatric Mental Health (C)	3
NU 411 Nursing Care of Populations (T).....	4
NU 412 Nursing Care of Populations (C).....	3
NU 421 Issues Seminar (T)	2
NU 431 Nursing Care of Adults II (T).....	2
NU 432 Nursing Care of Adults II (C).....	3
NU 441 Leadership and Management in Nursing (T)	2
NU 452 Transition into Professional Nursing Practice (C)	3
Total Credits Required for Degree	120

Key: T-Theory, C=Clinic, L=Laboratory

Transferring Credits

- Other Chemistry courses may be substituted for the NMU chemistry requirements at the discretion of the nursing faculty: Minimum of 4 semester credits of both organic and inorganic chemistry content
- Other Microbiology courses may be substituted for the NMU microbiology requirements at the discretion of the nursing faculty: Minimum of 2 semester credits of Microbiology
- Nutrition: AH 201 & AH 202 (or HN 301A & HN 301B). Nutrition courses transferring in from other colleges may transfer as HN 210 which is equivalent to AH 201/HN 301A. In that case, **students will also need have the equivalent of AH 202/HN 301B.**
- PY 1001 transfer credit is accepted for the psychology nursing prerequisite and credits apply in Component 6: Perspectives in Society

Advanced Placement (AP) Test Scores

- Psychology – The SON does accept Psychology Advanced Placement (score of 4 or better) for the psychology course prerequisite. This also satisfies one course of Component 6: Perspectives on Society.
- Chemistry - Students must submit Advanced Placement Chemistry scores **only** if they are used in the BSN Scoring Grid Criteria point calculations. An AP Chemistry score will be scored as follows: 3 = C+, 4 = B+, 5 = A. No further chemistry is needed should the student wish to use this letter grade as their chemistry grade. However, if a student with Advanced Placement Chemistry credit for CH 111 takes CH 112 for a higher grade; the two grades (AP and CH 112) are averaged. Chemistry 109 grade stands alone, even if student has taken lower level Chemistry prior to CH 109 or has AP Chemistry credit.

Nursing Prerequisites & General Education requirements

- Enrollment in CH 109 - New students who are eligible for CH 109 are those who 1) pass the math test at the MA 100 level, and 2) pass the chemistry proficiency test with 50% correct or demonstrate successful completion of a college chemistry course. If the student does not meet the requirements for CH 109, the student is to take CH 105, then CH 109. CH 111 & CH 112 may be substituted for CH 109.
- CH 109 satisfies 1 course (4 credits) of Component 7: Scientific Inquiry (SCII) and all of the lab requirement 7 for graduation.
- AH 102 satisfies 3 credits of Component 4: Integrative Thinking (INTT)

- PSY 100 satisfies 1 course (4 credits) of Component 7: Scientific Inquiry (SCII) and all of the lab requirement for graduation. (formerly PY 100 Introduction to Psychology-4 cr.) at NMU. PSY 101 satisfies 1 course (3 credits) in Component 6: Perspectives in Society (PERS). Can only earn credit for one beginning psychology course.
- **First Year Student Experience for select incoming students see www.nmu.edu/acac/first-year-experience

NOTE: Any student interested in graduate school should consider taking a statistics course.

The General Education program began Fall 2017 at NMU. Courses meeting component requirements are evolving. Students are highly encouraged to check the General Education program website for updates: www.nmu.edu/bulletin/general-education

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***Complete General Education Courses prior to Semester V.**

Semester I	Credits	Semester II	Credits
NU 201 Holistic Health Assessment (T)	2	NU 301 Nursing Care of Adults I (T)	4
NU 202 Holistic Health Assessment (L)	1	NU 302 Nursing Care of Adults I (C)	6
NU 221 Pharmacology I (T) (many LPNs have a pharmacology course which may transfer for these credits, consult with your adviser)	2	NU 311 Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice (T)	2
NU 231 Pathophysiology (T)	3	General Education Credits	4
General Education Credits	6-8		
Total	14-16	Total	16
Semester III		Semester IV	
NU 321 Nursing Care of Women & the Perinatal Family (T)	3	NU 401 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (T)	4
NU 322 Nursing Care of Women & the Perinatal Family (C)	2	NU 402 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (C)	3
NU 331 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (T)	3	NU 411 Nursing Care of Populations (T)	4
NU 332 Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents (C)	2	NU 412 Nursing Care of Populations (C)	3
NU 341 Pharmacology II (T)	3		
General Education Credits	4		
Total	17	Total	14
Semester V		Plan to have all General Education Credits prior to beginning Semester V. It is recommended to complete them prior to the senior year.	
NU 421 Nursing Issues Seminar (T)	2		
NU 431 Nursing Care of Adults II (T)	2		
NU 432 Nursing Care of Adults II (C)	3		
NU 441 Leadership & Management in Nursing (T)	2		
NU 452 Transition into Professional Nursing Practice (C)	3		
Kaplan Review Course	0		
Kaplan Exit Exam	0		
Total	12		

****Students that began coursework at NMU prior to fall 2017 without later readmission should consult with a nursing faculty adviser to determine their required liberal studies courses.**

Pertinent Policies & Guidelines

Criminal Background Checks (CBC)

Criminal background checks are required of all students admitted to any nursing program. This requirement is a result of state legislation (Michigan Public Acts 26, 27, 28, & 29 of 2006) which mandates that criminal background checks be completed by health care providers working in or for health care institutions. Student placement in a clinical site/agency assumes that the applicant possesses good moral character and the ability to successfully pass the rigors of a background investigation and criminal background check. In addition, the Board of Nursing requires a criminal background check prior to taking the licensure exam. All students, once accepted to the nursing program, must complete a criminal background check prior to enrolling in the first clinical nursing course. Students are required to notify the Associate Dean of the SON as soon as possible if after the initial CBC they are subject to a Misdemeanor or Felony conviction. Students who do not complete a criminal background check or fail to notify the Associate Dean of a subsequent Misdemeanor or Felony conviction are ineligible for placement in most clinical agencies and therefore, may result in the student being unable to progress in the nursing program.

It is the student's responsibility to know whether he or she is eligible for licensure. If you have been convicted of a crime, it is your responsibility to find out if your background will prohibit you from being licensed and to be employed in the health care industry. The School of Nursing faculty and staff are NOT able to provide legal advice. If you have any questions about your existing criminal background you may wish to discuss this with legal counsel before applying to the nursing program.

If you have a felony or misdemeanor record you may wish to go to the following website for additional information: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-333-20173a>

Specific crimes are listed. Convictions are detailed by viewing the Legal Guide at: <https://miltcpartnership.org/Documents/LegalGuide.pdf>

Students who are pursuing a nursing career must submit to a criminal background check once they receive a letter of provisional acceptance to the nursing major. Failure to submit the criminal background check will delay the student's admission to the program.

The purpose of performing a criminal background check is:

1. To identify students who will not be allowed to practice in a clinical site due to a felony conviction or misdemeanor.
2. To identify students who will not be allowed to handle medications and controlled substances in a clinical site.
3. To identify students who are unable to drive self to field experiences required by the clinical rotations in the nursing program.

The above will prevent a student from remaining in the nursing program since they will not be allowed to progress in the program. In summary, if a student's criminal background does not permit him/her to have clinical experiences in our clinical agencies then the student will be withdrawn from the nursing program. Again, please seek legal advice for any questions you may have.

Once a letter of provisional acceptance into the nursing program has been received, all students must reveal to the Associate Dean/Director of the School of Nursing any criminal behaviors which have resulted in criminal conviction. The conviction will be evaluated to determine if it will prevent the student from being in a clinical facility. Should that happen it is expected that the student will be expelled from the program.

In addition to criminal background checks, students must remember that while in the clinical settings they must comply with all policies. This may include drug testing, immunization requirements and other required health information as the agency may require. Alternate clinic arrangements will not be offered to students not complying with such policies and may end with that student's inability to progress in the nursing program. For any questions regarding these requirements please contact the Associate Dean/Director of the School of Nursing.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Policy

If you have a need for disability-related accommodations or services, please inform the Coordinator of Disability Services in the Disability Services Office at 2001 C. B. Hedgcock (906) 227-1700. Reasonable and effective accommodations and services will be provided to students if requests are made in a timely manner, with appropriate documentation, in accordance with federal, state, and University guidelines.

Disability Services

(located in the Dean of Students Office)

2001 C.B. Hedgcock

Phone: (906) 227-1700

E-mail: disserv@nmu.edu

www.nmu.edu/disabilityservices

Nondiscrimination Policy

Northern Michigan University does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of ancestry, race, color, ethnicity, religion or creed, sex or gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, familial status, handicap/disability, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law in employment or the provision of services. NMU provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities.

For more information regarding Rights and Responsibilities, please contact:

Janet Koski - Equal Opportunity Officer

jakoski@nmu.edu

Office Phone: (906) 227-2420

Fax: (906) 227-2334

Frequently asked Questions

- 1. Must all required prerequisite courses be completed before admission to the nursing sequence?**
Students must have completed (with a C- or higher) or be currently enrolled in their final prerequisite courses when application is made to the BSN program. NOTE: If a student currently has a grade below a C- in a prerequisite course, they must wait until the course is successfully repeated before applying.
- 2. Does a bachelor's degree or LPN license enhance an applicant's chances of being accepted?**
Yes. Category III on the Admission Criteria Scoring Grid provides a maximum of five (5) additional points to students who have completed a bachelor degree or are currently a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).
- 3. How many times per year are students admitted to the BSN program?**
Two. Fall and winter semesters.
- 4. Are letters of recommendation required?**
No, but LPN students are required to submit a recent letter verifying employment with their application.
- 5. When will notification of acceptance or rejection be made?**
Normally not later than the beginning of the registration period (mid-semester).
- 6. Who makes up the Admissions Committee?**
School of Nursing faculty and the Associate Dean/Director.
- 7. What courses from other institutions will transfer?**
All non-nursing college level courses from regionally accredited institutions with a C- or higher grade are usually accepted for transfer credit. Please contact the Office of Admissions for further information or see www.nmu.edu/transfer. **Transfer of nursing courses requires specific approval from the School of Nursing.**
- 8. Should a nursing student carry their own malpractice and health insurance?**
The School of Nursing recommends it.

Appendix 3
Northern Michigan University – School of Nursing
Admission Criteria Scoring Grid

Candidate's Name _____

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Category I – Cumulative GPA (Use Transfer GPA if student has less than 12 NMU credits. If student has accrued ≥ 12 NMU credits use NMU GPA).

4.0-3.75	3.74-3.5	3.49-3.25	3.24-3.0	2.99-2.75
15	12	9	6	3

Category II – Science GPA

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-
BI201 or BI207	10.00	8.75	7.50	6.25	5.00	3.75	2.50	1.25
BI202 or BI208	10.00	8.75	7.50	6.25	5.00	3.75	2.50	1.25
CH109	10.00	8.75	7.50	6.25	5.00	3.75	2.50	1.25

*Chemistry 109 grade stands alone, even if student has taken lower level Chemistry prior to CH 109 or has AP Chemistry credit. If student has taken two (2) chemistry courses in lieu of CH 109, the two grades will be averaged for a single score, i.e.: CH 107 & 108; or CH 107 & CH 112; or CH 111 & CH 108; or CH 111 & CH 112; or CH 105 & CH 112. An AP Chemistry score will be scored as follows: 3=C+, 4 = B+, 5=A. No further chemistry is needed should the student wish to use this letter grade as their chemistry grade. However, if a student with Advanced Placement Chemistry credit for CH 111, takes CH 112 for a higher grade; the two grades (AP and CH 112) are averaged.

*Most recent grades of repeated coursework are utilized for Admission Grid calculation purposes. To meet the pre-requisite requirement, students must complete a combination of either BI 201 and BI 202 OR BI 207 and BI 208. If BI 201/202 were previously completed, BI 207 may be taken to replace the grade in BI 201 and BI 208 may be taken to replace the grade in BI 202. These replacement grades will be considered within the School of Nursing for purposes of admission but the grade will not be replaced by the University on the student's transcript.

Category III – LPN License or Previous Degree (maximum of 5 points)

LPN or Baccalaureate/Masters	5
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Category IV ≥ 12 credits completed at NMU

Completed at NMU	10
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Total Points of Admission Criteria _____/60

Reviewer Initials _____ **Date** _____

Reviewer Notes: _____

