

The Nursing Program has capped the admission of students into the program at 25 students. Depending on the availability of nursing faculty and/or the number of applicants, all students who qualify may not be accepted this Fall 2023 class. However, applicants will be placed on a waiting list for Fall 2024.

I also acknowledge that the program has a rigorous training program that accepted students must be able to comply with in order to graduate with an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree. There is always the possibility that all clinical/lab experiences will not be scheduled on weekday mornings. Every student must be flexible as they may be expected to have clinical experiences on afternoons, evenings and/or weekends. Planning for childcare or work schedule conflicts is the student's responsibility.

College transcripts are required with this application if not previously received by NMC. *Original school-to-school documentation from US institutions must be sent directly to Northern Marianas College, Admissions & Records Office – Nursing Application, P.O. Box 501250, Saipan, MP 96950.*

If your transcripts are from a foreign college or university, they must be sent to a transcript evaluation service. **Contact the Admissions & Records office via email to Isabel Matsunaga, Registrar, at isabel.matsunaga@marianas.edu for the address of the specific transcript evaluation service that NMC uses.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your signature represents that you have read and understood the above information, the information provided about the selection process and other information. Your signature also gives NMC Nursing Department permission to access your academic records for the selection process to proceed.

Please note that you are only required to submit the application form. You may keep the Information Sheet about the Selection Process for your reference.

Information about the Selection Process

The Nursing Program is choosing the next group of students based on their cumulative grade point average of “2.50 or higher; however, GPA of 3.00 will be given first consideration as approved by the nursing faculty at their March 6, 2023 faculty/staff meeting, completion of all core course requirements (with the exception of SO 297) and general education prerequisite requirements with a grade of “C” or better, their ability to understand, speak and write English, and a passing score of 70% or higher in all five test content areas in the program’s Admission Test. NMC does not discriminate in its selection process based on race, age, color, gender, religion, or national origin.

Selection to the Nursing Class, starting this Fall of 2023, will be completed before Fall Semester. New and returning student orientation begins on August 2023. A letter will be sent to each applicant to the address designated on the application notifying each applicant whether they have been selected to be in the next nursing class. **Students who have not completed the prerequisites by the end of Spring Semester 2023, but will complete the prerequisites after Summer Session ends, will be placed on a waiting list for consideration for admission into the program.**

Nursing Program Admission Test

Since the Fall 2020 Admission, the NMC Nursing Department fully implemented the Admission Test. All eligible applicants who met the required prerequisite courses will be scheduled by the department chair to take this Admission Test, in which their scores will determine their admission into the Nursing Program for this Fall 2023 Semester. Applicants are welcomed to request for a “study guide” and other resources from the Nursing Department to help them study for the Admission Test. Please contact Andrew Mendiola, our Administrative Assistant, at andrew.mendiola@marianas.edu for more information.

Students who are completing their remaining prerequisites this Spring 2023 Semester will take the Admission Test on **June 22-23, 2023**. Students who are completing their remaining prerequisites this Summer 2023 Semester will take the Admission Test on **August 09, 2023**.

Criteria for Passing the Nursing Program Admission Test

The following is the criteria for passing our Nursing Program Admission Test. Each applicant must pass all five (5) test content areas with a score of 70% or higher:

- a) Math – 70% or higher
- b) Reading – 70% or higher
- c) Science – 70% or higher
- d) Writing – 70% or higher
- e) Critical Thinking – 70% or higher

If YES, then applicant has *Passed the Admission Test*.

There will be no retake of the Nursing Program Admission Test once the student applicant did not pass the admission test for this Fall 2023 Semester admission into the program.

However, the student applicant may reapply for admission into the program for the following year, when the nursing program sends out a press release on accepting new applicants for admission for Fall 2024 Semester. At that time, the student applicant will submit a new application for admission for Fall 2024 Semester and then will be allowed to retake the Nursing Program Admission Test.

Final Criteria for Admission into the Nursing Program

If the applicant has met the following listed criteria, then the applicant will be admitted into the NMC Nursing Program for Fall 2023.

1. Cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or higher; however, GPA of 3.00 will be given first consideration as approved by the nursing faculty at their March 6, 2023 faculty/staff meeting
2. Completion of all core course requirements (with the exception of SO 297) and general education prerequisite requirements on the Individualized Degree Plan with a grade of “C” or higher
3. Ability to understand, speak and write English
4. Pass the Nursing Program Admission Test with 70% or higher in all five (5) test content areas

Other Information

The Nursing Program has a higher grading scale than the prerequisite classes. This is:

- **92-100% = A**
- **84-91% = B**
- **75-83% = C**
- **60-74% = D**
- **below 60% = F**

You will not be permitted to proceed in the program if you earn a **D or F** in any nursing course or if your GPA drops below 2.50.

It is your responsibility to notify the NMC Nursing Department if you change your physical or email address or your phone number. The ability to receive mail in a timely fashion is important since the offer for admission is time limited.

When accepted into the program, you will be following the current Individual Degree Plan (IDP) that is in effect **as of Spring 2023**. When you sign the application, you are acknowledging this possible change in your IDP.

Those of you who are not accepted into the program this Fall 2023 Semester may reapply for admission into our program for Fall 2024. If you are double majoring, you are encouraged to work towards completion of that degree requirement while waiting to reapply. If you are not double majoring, you may consider majoring in Liberal Arts or another degree of interest.

If you wish to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from another college/university after being accepted into the Nursing Program, you can start by looking at the Suggested General Education Elective Courses at the back of our Nursing IDP. These credits may be considered as transfer credits to a BSN Program of your choosing.

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