



# Pre-Nursing (PNURS) Advising Guide

This guide is intended to assist LSU Pre-Nursing students who plan to apply the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing Traditional Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Program. It is the responsibility of students interested in attending other nursing schools to contact that school directly to determine admission and application requirements as these may vary from school to school.

Required Prerequisite courses for LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing (LSUHNO-SON) (37 credit hours total):

**Courses highlighted below in grey (16 credit hours) must be completed by application deadline (before applying) to LSUHNO-SON, with 3.0 Minimum GPA, a "B-" or better in science courses and a "C-" or better in non-science courses:**

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites and/or Co-requisites
ENGL 1001	English Composition I	3	
MATH 1021	College Algebra	3	
CHEM 1201 with "B-" or ↑	General Chemistry (for science majors)	3	[MATH 1021 and counselor must schedule]
BIOL 1201 with "B-" or ↑	General Biology (for science majors)	3	[ACT composite of 23 or higher or RSAT composite of 1130 or higher] or ["B-' or better in CHEM 1201]
BIOL 1208 with "B-" or ↑	General Biology Lab (for science majors)	1	[Credit or Enrollment in BIOL 1201]
PSYC 2000	General Psychology	3	

**Additional required courses below (21 credit hours) must be completed before starting LSUHNO-SON. These courses must be completed with 3.0 Minimum GPA, a "B-" or better in science courses, and a "C-" or better in non-science courses:**

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Pre-requisites and/or Co-requisites
BIOL 1011 with "B-" or ↑	Microorganisms and Man	3	
ENGL 2001	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1001 and must be enrolled as an LSU PNURS student; ask PNURS counselor about section availability
SOCL 2001	Introductory Sociology	3	
General Education Arts	General Education Arts	3	Course options are listed in the General Catalog (catalog.lsu.edu). Select the current catalog year → Select The General Education Component of Undergraduate Education on the left menu → Scroll to the bottom of page and select III. Arts
General Education Humanities	General Education Humanities	3	Course options are listed in the General Catalog (catalog.lsu.edu). Select the current catalog year → Select The General Education Component of Undergraduate Education on the left menu → Scroll to the bottom of page and select IV. Humanities
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PSYC 2070	Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC 2000 or equivalent

Notes:

- Students may complete a third General Education Humanities course at any level prior to attending LSUHNO-SON. If not completed at LSU, students will complete this course once accepted and enrolled at LSUHNO-SON.
- Statistics 3000 level or above may be transferred if a grade of "C-" or better is achieved.

## Comprehensive Academic Tracking System (CATS)

The Comprehensive Academic Tracking System (CATS) is designed to help you reach academic success at LSU and make sure that you are progressing toward graduation each semester. CATS checks your progress each semester by tracking you on the Critical Requirements needed and gives you feedback when you are not meeting those requirements. If a student does not meet their critical requirements for two semesters in a row, they are required to change their major or pursue an appeal to keep their current major.

### Minimum CATS requirements each semester for Pre-Nursing (PNURS) majors:

Semester 1: "C-" or better in ENGL 1001 and MATH 1021

Semester 2: "B-" or better in CHEM 1201

Semester 3: "B-" or better in BIOL 1201

Semester 4: "B-" or better in BIOL 1011 or 2051

## LSU Health Sciences New Orleans School of Nursing Admission Criteria

Please see [nursing.lsuhsu.edu/bsn/admission.aspx](http://nursing.lsuhsu.edu/bsn/admission.aspx) for all detailed information and links on admission criteria.

### Prerequisite Coursework

An applicant must complete 37 hours of required prerequisite courses. Of the 37 hours of required prerequisites, the 16 hours of prerequisites listed below must be completed prior to the application deadline and must appear on the applicant's official transcript. The GPA calculated on these courses must be at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in order to be eligible for admission. A grade of B- or better must be achieved in all science prerequisites and a C- or better must be achieved in all non-science prerequisites.

College Algebra (3 hours) – MATH 1021

English Composition I (3 hours) – ENGL 1001

General Biology Lecture and Lab for Science Majors (4 hours) – BIOL 1201 & 1208

General Chemistry for Science Majors (3 hours) – CHEM 1201

General Psychology (3 hours) – PSYC 2000

The remaining prerequisite courses may be in progress at the time the application is submitted. All official transcripts are required. Submit all official transcripts to NursingCAS regardless if prerequisite coursework is on the transcript or not. An applicant must successfully complete 37 hours of the required prerequisite courses before beginning at the LSUHNO-SON.

### Grade Point Average

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale on all prerequisite courses. A grade of C- or better must be achieved in all non-science prerequisite courses. A grade of B- or better must be achieved in all science prerequisite courses (Biology lecture, Biology lab, Microbiology, and Chemistry).

If a student receives a D or F in any prerequisite course, it may be repeated one (1) time only. Failure of any prerequisite course twice makes an applicant ineligible for admission.

LSU's +/- grading system and Grade Exclusion policies may be counteracted when applying to the LSUHNO-SON program. This will result in +/- grades being recalculated as standard 4-point grades and grades excluded from the LSU GPA due to the Grade Exclusion policy are not considered.

Under university policy, students who have earned a "C" range grade or higher in a course are not permitted to repeat that course for credit. However, under certain circumstances, students may request an appeal to this policy on a case-by-case basis through the Pre-Nursing counselor in UCFY.

# LSU Health Sciences New Orleans School of Nursing Application Process

Visit [nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/application.aspx](http://nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/application.aspx) for all detailed information and links on application information.

The Traditional BSN program admits students in the fall and spring each year. The fall semester application deadline is January 15th. The spring semester application deadline is August 1st. Class size is limited and admission is very competitive. Please refer to the "Admission Criteria" web-page for further information about qualifications and requirements. ([nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/admission.aspx](http://nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/admission.aspx))

FALL application period is: (August 16<sup>th</sup> - January 15<sup>th</sup>) and SPRING application period is: (January 16<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>)

## NursingCAS Application – [www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org)

LSUHNO-SON participates in a Centralized Application Service for Nursing Programs (NursingCAS). Applicants applying to the Traditional BSN program will apply on-line using the NursingCAS application. To learn more about the NursingCAS application process and to fill out the application, please visit the NursingCAS web site at [www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org).

### Application Form

Visit the NursingCAS website at [www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org) to complete the on-line NursingCAS application. Search for LSU Health Sciences Center School of Nursing in New Orleans, LA. If an applicant has any concerns about the on-line application and needs technology support, please contact the NursingCAS support staff by email: [nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org](mailto:nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org) or phone: 617-612-2880.

### Application Fee

A required \$50.00 application fee is required at the time of application submittal. The applicant will receive a follow-up email from the LSUHNO-SON Office of Student Services/Affairs with further instructions regarding fee submission.

## HESI Admission Assessment Exam A<sup>2</sup>

Visit [nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/admission.aspx](http://nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/admission.aspx) for important HESI information and links.

The HESI Admission Assessment exam A<sup>2</sup> from Evolve Testing & Remediation is required by LSUHNO-SON.

- The exam must be taken by the application deadline.
- A minimum cumulative score of 80% is required.
- An applicant may take the HESI twice during an application period and must wait six (6) weeks between exams.
- LSUHNO-SON will take the most recent score.
- The applicant must re-test if the latest score is greater than one (1) year.
- When submitting scores, the LSUHNO-SON school code is 198306.

## Transcripts

Visit [nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/application.aspx](http://nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/application.aspx) for detailed information on transcripts.

### **Official transcripts from a regionally accredited college or university must be submitted to NursingCAS.**

- LSUHNO-SON will allow two (2) weeks after the deadline for NursingCAS to upload and verify coursework.
- If transcripts are not uploaded by the extended two (2) weeks, the application will be incomplete and ineligible to be processed.
- LSUHNO-SON encourages applicants to submit the application and forward official transcripts to NursingCAS at least three weeks prior to the deadline to ensure timely processing.
- Only required prerequisite coursework must be inputted within NursingCAS.
- An applicant may check the application status through the NursingCAS system.

LSUHNO-SON will recognize up to a combined nine (9) hours Accelerated Program (AP) and CLEP coursework. Official AP and/or CLEP transcript must be sent to the School of Nursing. Nine (9) hours of advanced standing credit will be recognized if earned from the college/university.

Accelerated Program (AP) official transcripts must be sent directly to the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing (school code is 1192):

LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing  
The Office of Student Services/Affairs  
1900 Gravier Street, Room 321  
New Orleans, LA 70112

### Written Statement

Only qualified applicants meeting all admission criteria will be invited to complete the written statement portion of the application process.

Visit [nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/admission.aspx](http://nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/admission.aspx) for more information on the written statement.

A proctored essay will be administered at the School of Nursing. The applicant will be given 30 minutes to write about a topic. Instructions will be forthcoming to all eligible applicants.

### Interview

Only qualified applicants meeting all admission criteria will be invited to complete the interview portion of the application process.

Visit [nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/admission.aspx](http://nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/bsn/admission.aspx) for more information on the interview process.

The interview will be completed and submitted on-line by the applicant. Instructions will be forthcoming to all eligible applicants.

### Previous Nursing Program

If an applicant has attended a previous nursing program, a letter of academic good standing must be provided from that school of nursing.

### Notes

- Meeting the minimum academic requirements DOES NOT guarantee admission to LSUHNO-SON.
- An applicant may apply to only one LSU School of Nursing BSN program at a time.
- The information presented in this advising guide is accurate as of the date of publication. While every attempt is made to maintain updated and accurate print materials, please consult with the UCFY Pre-Nursing advisor and the LSUHNO-SON web-site: [nursing.lsuhsoc.edu](http://nursing.lsuhsoc.edu) for the most up-to-date information pertaining to this Traditional Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing program (Traditional BSN), its prerequisites and application deadlines.



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