



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING FACT SHEET

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Hawai'i Pacific University's (HPU) Nursing Department is dedicated to preparing competent and professional nurses who are committed to lifelong learning and humanitarian service. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program prepares graduates for entry-level nursing positions in a variety of care settings including hospitals, long-term care, community clinics, public health, and home health care. The curriculum focuses on providing students with theory and practicum experiences in medical-surgical nursing, gerontology, psychiatric mental health nursing, pediatrics, maternity and community/public health nursing. Graduates of the BSN program have a foundation for graduate study. The BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications for the BSN program are accepted twice a year:

SEMESTER	APPLICATION DEADLINE
FALL	February 28
SPRING	TO BE ANNOUNCED

All applications must receive a “verified” status from NursingCAS by the application due date in order to be reviewed. *Only applications that have the verified status by the due date will be reviewed.* It is the responsibility of the applicant to [make sure their NursingCAS application had been verified](#) by the application due date.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Admission into the BSN program is open to applicants in the following categories:



PROSPECTIVE UNDERGRADUATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current HPU students - Transfer students from Hawai'i or the mainland - International students and who are not registered nurses
MILITARY HOSPITAL CORPSMAN	If you are a Military Hospital Corpsman (HM), you may be eligible for the HM to BSN pathway. Please visit our HM to BSN webpage for admission details.
REGISTERED NURSES	If you are already a registered nurse, you may be eligible for the RN to BSN pathway. Please visit our RN to BSN webpage for admission details.
LVN/LPN LICENSED PRACTITIONERS	If you already have an LVN/LPN license, you may be eligible for LPN/LVN to BSN pathway. Please visit our LPN/LVN to BSN webpage for admission details.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

Applicants are admitted to the nursing program via a 2-step process that includes:

- 1) Admission to the University (for non-HPU students), and then
- 2) Admission to the nursing program (via the NursingCAS application)

**** YOU MUST FIRST APPLY TO – AND BE ACCEPTED BY – HPU BEFORE APPLYING TO THE BSN PROGRAM ****
WITHOUT ADMITTANCE TO HPU, YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FOR THE BSN PROGRAM.

FRESHMAN STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Freshman students are not directly admitted to the nursing program; rather, they are admitted to the pre-nursing major. Admission to the pre-nursing major does not guarantee admission to the nursing program. ○ Once most nursing program pre-requisite courses are complete at the end of the freshman year, pre-nursing students may apply to the BSN program. ○ Pre-nursing students must meet all nursing program admission requirements and apply to the program via NursingCAS to be considered for the BSN program. ○ All college transcripts, including HPU transcripts, must be submitted to and “verified” in NursingCAS by the application due date or the application will be considered incomplete.
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TRANSFER STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Students who have completed their pre-requisite coursework at a university or college other than HPU must apply to both the nursing program and the University for admission.○ All applicants for the nursing program must <i>first</i> apply for admission to the University via the online application. Candidates will <i>then</i> need to complete an application for the nursing program via NursingCAS.○ Transcripts must be submitted to both HPU, and “verified” in NursingCAS by the application due date or the application will be considered incomplete.○ Only those applicants deemed admissible to the University will be considered for admission into the nursing program.
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**** APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR ADMISSION STATUS ONCE ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED ****
Decisions will *only* be disclosed via official letter, mailed to the permanent address in the candidate’s NursingCAS profile.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

All applicants to the nursing program must meet HPU admission requirements. Transfer students can view HPU admission requirements [online](#).

In addition, applicants must meet all the nursing program admission criteria at the time of application:

- 1) Have a minimum all college GPA of 3.0. Note: The Nursing Department calculates the all college GPA based on all courses taken and does not forgive grades for courses that have been repeated.

- 2) Score a minimum composite score of 70th percentile on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®), a scholastic aptitude test consisting of four content areas (Math, Reading, English, and Science). After a 30 day waiting period, you may retake the TEAS exam if you fail to score 70. *However, your application to the nursing program will be considered incomplete if your TEAS exam results are not uploaded into NursingCAS by the application close date.* You may [schedule a TEAS exam](#) through HPU’s Center for Academic Success.

3) Have completed or



enrolled* in the following pre-requisite courses:

COURSE TITLE	HPU COURSE NUMBER
Anatomy and Physiology I	BIOL 2030 (3 credits)
Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	BIOL 2031 (1 credit)
Anatomy and Physiology II	BIOL 2032 (3 credits)
Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	BIOL 2033 (1 credit)
Microbes and Human Health	BIOL 2040 (3 credits)
Microbes and Human Health Laboratory	BIOL 2041 (1 credit)
Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	CHEM 2030 (3 credits)
Statistics	MATH1123 (3 credits)
Research, Argument and Writing	WRI1200 (3 credits)

* Candidates cannot have more than 2 outstanding pre-requisite courses at the time of application. Lecture and lab combination courses such as anatomy and physiology or microbiology are considered one pre-requisite course. All pre-requisite course work must be completed by December 31 for spring admission and July 2 for fall admission to the nursing program. If outstanding pre-requisite coursework is completed at another university or college, official transcripts reflecting successful completion of the outstanding pre-requisite courses must be received by HPU by January 5 for spring admission and July 10 for fall admission. Failure to submit official transcripts for outstanding pre-requisite courses by these dates will result in forfeiture of admission to the program.

4) Have an overall nursing science and math pre-requisite GPA of 3.0. The science and math prerequisite GPA is calculated by using the grades of all applicable science and math prerequisite courses and includes repeated applicable pre-requisite courses. Note: The Nursing Department calculates the math and science pre-requisite GPA based on all courses taken and does not forgive grades for courses that have been repeated.

5) Candidates with no more than 2 outstanding pre-requisite courses *may* be conditionally admitted to the program pending successful completion of the outstanding pre-requisite coursework. If a conditionally accepted applicant does not complete the prerequisite science and math coursework prior to the start of the nursing program, or if an applicant's overall or pre-requisite GPA falls below 3.0, then the applicant's admission to the nursing program is forfeit and the applicant will have to reapply to the nursing program for a subsequent semester.

6) If you have prior nursing course credits from any college or university, you must upload a letter of good standing from the Dean, Director or Department Chair of the nursing program.



The letter of good standing with a minimum nursing GPA professional good standing, are eligible to continue in the

must include both academic, overall GPA of 3.0, and The letter must state that you degree program. *Failure to*

disclose prior nursing course credits or provide a letter of good standing will jeopardize your application for admission to the nursing program. The letter of good standing must be uploaded into NursingCAS at the time of application to the nursing program. Transfer credits for nursing courses taken at another college or university will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

7) All applications for admission must be accompanied by:

A. Two professional letters of support such as from employers, faculty and other professional contacts. Personal letters of reference from family members and/or friends are not acceptable.

B. A personal statement (500 word limit) that answers the following questions:

- a) *Why do you want to become a nurse?*
- b) *What are your educational goals?*
- c) *Why did you choose to apply to HPU?*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Many state boards of nursing require that applicants for the licensure exam to have additional coursework in the social and behavioral sciences. It is highly recommended that all applicants to the nursing program take a general or developmental psychology class as well as a social science course(s) such as anthropology or sociology prior to application to the nursing program. If the applicant plans on taking the licensure exam in a state other than Hawaii, it is highly recommended that the applicant review the requirements for licensure in the desired state prior to entry into HPU's nursing program so that requisite courses can be completed.

REFERENCED LINKS



BSN Program	https://www.hpu.edu/chs/nursing/bsn/index.html
HM to BSN Program	https://www.hpu.edu/chs/nursing/bsn/hm-bsn.html
RN to BSN Program	https://www.hpu.edu/chs/nursing/bsn/rn-bsn.html
LPN/LVN Program	https://www.hpu.edu/chs/nursing/bsn/lpn-lvn-bsn.html
HPU Admission Application	https://www.hpu.edu/login
HPU TEAS Testing	https://www.hpu.edu/cas/testing/teas.html
NursingCAS Application	https://www.nursingcas.org
NursingCAS Status	http://www.nursingcas.org/application-instructions/status-checks/
