Pre-Nursing Students

This fact sheet outlines the most pertinent requirements of the Nursing Program, but is not inclusive of all requirements of the program.

ACADEMIC READINESS FOR PREREQUISITE COURSES:

- ACT® score
- SAT® score
- Accuplacer Test Scores

Admission to Montana Tech does not guarantee acceptance into the Pre-Licensure BSN program. Students entering Montana Tech with the intent to become a registered nurse may declare a major in pre-nursing upon admission to Tech, but are not accepted into the nursing program until after a formal application and selection process occurs. All Nursing Department announcements and essential communication are communicated via e-mail (MT Tech account).

Physical Requirements: To progress successfully through the program, applicants should have:

- Adequate visual acuity, with or without corrective lenses, to read fine print
- Adequate hearing ability, with or without auditory aids, to be able to hear heart, lung, bowel sounds, etc. and understand a normal speaking voice
- Adequate physical ability to perform basic client/patient care
- Sufficient command of the English language to effectively communicate (verbally and in written form) with clients/patients, families, and other healthcare professionals.
- Students with disabilities who believe they may need accommodations in class are encouraged to contact a Montana Tech Disability Services Coordinator (DSC) at either 496-4429 (North Campus) or 496-3730 (Highlands College).

ADVISORY:

- Pre-Nursing students will be assigned a nursing advisor who will assist the student each semester. This assignment is necessary since many courses are required to be taken in sequence or are only offered once a year or have prerequisites.
- It is essential to meet with a nursing advisor prior to enrolling in or dropping any courses. Failure to work directly with a nursing advisor may have a significant impact on the student’s ability to progress through the pre-nursing prerequisites in a timely manner.
- It is the student’s responsibility to obtain written documentation from the MT Tech Office of Enrollment Services regarding approval of transfer and/or course substitutions.
- Students must have PRIOR written approval from the Office of Enrollment Services that a course taken at another campus is equivalent to a MT Tech course.

Students who retake a course should be aware that Montana Tech’s policy is that the last grade received is the grade that will be used when calculating GPA. Students can repeat both A&P I and II one time only.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet minimum Nursing Department requirements to be eligible for application to the Nursing Program. Acceptance into the Nursing Program is competitive and based on:

A selective grade point average (GPA) calculated from grades received for the required prerequisite courses below, and a standardized test (Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)). The cost of the exam is approximately $68.50. Review materials for TEAS are available at www.atitesting.com.

The selection will be made based on 60% GPA and 40% TEAS score. Minimum selective GPA for application to the nursing program is 3.0 (out of a 4.0 scale). Minimum acceptable TEAS score is 68.3%. The selection process will take place twice yearly. There is a fall application available in November. Specific dates are announced at the beginning of each semester at our Pre-Nursing Orientation.

Non-Nursing and Nursing Pre-Requisite Courses listed below. The (*) Prerequisite courses will be included in the GPA calculation:

### BIOH 201/202 w/lab
- *Human Anatomy & Physiology I - w/lab

### BIOH 211/212 w/lab
- *Human Anatomy & Physiology II - w/lab

### WRIT 121
- Introduction to Technical Writing

### CHMY 121
- *Intro to General Chemistry

### CHMY 122
- *Intro to General Chemistry Lab

### Math 121
- *College Algebra

### NUTR 258
- *Fundamentals of Nutrition

### PSYX 100
- Intro to Psychology

### NRS 107
- Perspectives in Professional Nursing

### SOCI 101
- Introduction to Sociology

### PSYX 230
- *Developmental Psychology

### BIOM 250/251 w/lab
- *Microbiology for Health Sciences Lecture-w/lab

### STAT 216 or 131
- Introduction to Statistics or Biostatistics

### HCl 316
- Healthcare Ethics

### ANTY 122
- Race & Minority/ or Humanities

### WRIT 201
- *College Writing II

- A&P I and II must be taken in person and can only be repeated one time.
- Pre-Requisite courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.
- All nursing courses must be completed with a grade of “C+” or higher.
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IMMUNIZATIONS
If a student does not wish to be immunized due to a religious belief, they must provide the clinical facility with a written explanation, including the specific religion that they practice, the reason(s) that the religion does not permit immunizations, and supporting documents that would establish their membership in an established religion which holds a bona fide religious belief opposing immunization. The clinical facility will evaluate any such request upon receipt of the above mentioned information.

COSTS
Completion of a degree in nursing is costly. In addition to tuition and fees, nursing students should be aware that required nursing textbooks/reference materials are expensive and that many courses require several texts. The student should also plan for a number of out-of-pocket expenses related to clinical supplies and course/program requirements. Once accepted into the nursing Pre-licensure BSN program students are assessed a program fee each semester ($600.00 per semester).

BACKGROUND CHECK
Clinical practice is a mandatory part of Montana Tech of the University of Montana Nursing Programs. To ensure the safety and well-being of all patients, many employing institutions in health care have increasingly stringent requirements and background checks as conditions for providing patient care by students. Therefore, it is required that all students within the nursing program complete an annual background check. Any fees or costs associated with background checks are the responsibility of the students. The involved clinical affiliate receives and reviews the background check to determine if each student may complete clinical hours within the agency. Since clinical practice in actual (not simulated) health care settings is a mandatory component of Montana Tech’s nursing curriculum, students who are denied access to a clinical affiliate are unable to meet course and curriculum objectives and therefore are unable to progress through the program. Any applicant convicted of a felony will not be admitted to the program. If an enrolled student is convicted of a felony, the student will not be able to progress in the nursing program. Acceptance to and graduation from the Nursing Program does not assure eligibility to sit for the nursing licensing examination. The Montana Board of Nursing makes all final decisions on issuances of licenses. Any additional requirements requested by the clinical affiliate, such as, drug screens or additional background checks will be at the student’s expense.

Application Process and Acceptance into the Pre-Licensure BSN Nursing Program

Requirements for Acceptance into the Pre-Licensure BSN Program
Application
- Completion of the required prerequisite courses listed above.
- Minimum selective GPA of 3.0 in BIOH 201/202, BIOH 211/212, WRIT 121, MATH 121, NUTR 258, PSYX 100, SOCI 101, CHMY 121, CHMY 122, PSYX 230, NRSG 107, BIOM 250/251, STAT 216, HCI 316, ANTY 122, WRIT 201.
- General Education courses must be completed within the last 10 years, unless a previous Bachelor’s degree has been awarded.
- Science courses must be completed within the last 5 years, unless a previous Bachelor’s degree has been awarded.
- Students must have proof of Tdap within the last 10 years. (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis).
- Proof of measles, mumps, rubella and or immunity.
- Proof of Varicella vaccination or immunity (two doses four weeks apart, or a positive titer).
- Proof of annual (fall) Influenza vaccination.
- Evidence of Hepatitis B vaccination (series of three shots) or seroimmunity (demonstrated with a positive titer). *It is important to note that you need to allow at least 6 months to complete the series.*
- Current evidence of freedom from tuberculosis (TB skin test or chest x-ray) annually.
- CPR- evidence of current completion of an approved CPR course, must have adult and infant (American Heart Association Health Care Provider or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer)

Clinical Requirements:
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Student signature indicates that the information contained in this document was reviewed, an opportunity was provided to ask questions, and questions were answered to the student’s satisfaction.

Print Name

Date ________________________

Student Signature

Advisor Signature/Date

www.mtech.edu/academics/clsp/nursing

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