

**Prelicensure BSN Program
Spring 2025 Application Information Packet**



**METRO STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Program Information

The Metro State University Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is a four-year undergraduate program that prepares graduates to provide holistic, person-centered care to individuals, families, and communities from diverse backgrounds. This Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is based on a set of core competencies that graduates learn through a variety of clinical experiences to adapt to changing healthcare needs and advance health equity through interdisciplinary collaboration, civic engagement, self-care, and life-long learning. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the national licensure exam (NCLEX-RN[®]) and practice as professional nurses.

Metro State BSN Application Requirements for the Spring 2025 cohort:

Please read all information posted at <https://www.metrostate.edu/academics/programs/prelicensure-bsn#enroll> before beginning your application to the nursing program.

To be eligible for application to the Prelicensure BSN major, students must complete/submit the following:

1. General admission to Metropolitan State University, which requires submission of official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended;
2. Completion of the nine prerequisites (“first and second semester curriculum” listed on the Courses and Requirements Tab) with a 2.75 minimum GPA (WRIT 131, PSYC 100, MNTC GOAL AREA 3 SCIENCE, METRO 101 or MNTC GOAL AREA 6 COURSE, BIOL 221, BIOL 225, PSYC 311, MNTC GOAL AREA 1 INTERMEDIATE WRITING COURSE, WRIT 330);
3. ATI TEAS 7 Exam is required with minimum score of 58.7%—students can find more information about it at [TEAS Exam | Metropolitan State University \(metrostate.edu\)](#);
4. Submission of the Metropolitan State University Prelicensure BSN Application by the published application deadline;
5. “Third semester classes” (listed on the Courses and Requirements Tab) must be completed prior to program start (BIOL 222, PHIL 301/PHIL 321, COMM231/COMM 372, NURS 220, HSCI 201);

Admission is limited and competitive; it is advised that all applicants also consider a parallel plan.

Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 in both the first and second semester prerequisite courses listed in the Prelicensure BSN Program course sequence as well as a cumulative GPA of 2.75 to maintain eligibility for admission. Official transcripts will be used to calculate the GPAs, and the most recent grades will be used. Each individual course must have at least a C grade.

1. Complete an undergraduate admission application at www.metrostate.edu/apply prior to beginning your nursing application.
2. Submission of official transcripts from **ALL** institutions attended **within the U.S.**, regardless of whether the credits will apply to the nursing program. Failure to submit an official transcript prior to the August 22, 2024, deadline could negatively impact your application status. Request official Minnesota State transcripts to be sent electronically to Metropolitan State University at admissions@metrostate.edu. Official transcripts for colleges attended outside the U.S. can be submitted through WES or ECE.
3. **A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 based on a review of all college coursework completed.** Official transcripts will be used to calculate the cumulative GPA. All college courses and credits; both attempted and completed are used in calculating the cumulative GPA.
4. **A minimum prerequisite course grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 based solely on the Semester 1 and Semester 2 courses of the Nursing Curriculum Plan.** Official transcripts will be used to calculate both the cumulative and prerequisites GPAs. All courses on the Nursing Curriculum Plan must be completed with a grade of C or higher (***C-, S or P grades are not accepted***). If a course has been taken multiple times, the most recent course grade will be used for GPA calculation.

The First Two Semesters of the Prelicensure BSN Curriculum Plan

SEMESTER 1 FALL

1 from: **WRIT 131** Writing 1 (3 cr.) or
WRIT 121 Writing 1 Intensive (5 cr.)
PSYC 100 General Psychology (4 cr.)
MnTC Goal Area 3 Chemistry course w/lab (**CHEM 105**
and **CHEM 105L** Survey of General Organic &
Biochemistry and lab (4 cr.) recommended)
1 from: **METR 101** Your Academic Journey (3 cr.)
(Required for students with 0-16 transfer cr.) or
Goal 6 Elective (3-4 cr.)

Prerequisite courses must be a minimum of 3 credits (unless otherwise noted) and completed with a grade of C or above.

SEMESTER 2 SPRING

BIOL 221 & 221L Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab (4 cr.)
BIOL 225 & 225L Microbiology w/lab (4 cr.)
PSYC 311 Lifespan Development Psychology (4 cr.)
MnTC Goal Area 1 Intermediate Writing Course (3 cr.)
WRIT 330 APA Documentation Basics (1 cr.)

Apply for admission to the nursing program when Semester 1 and 2 courses are complete. Nursing cohorts begin each spring term.

Prerequisite courses must be a minimum of 3 credits (unless otherwise noted) and completed with a grade of C or above.

5. Applicants may be accepted conditionally if Semester 3 courses in the Nursing Curriculum Plan are in progress in Fall 2024. Full acceptance to the program is dependent on successful completion of the Semester Three courses in the Nursing Curriculum Plan, with a C or higher grade in each course, and maintaining a cumulative 2.75 GPA across Semester 1, Semester 2, and Semester 3 courses prior to the start of the Spring '25 semester.

Semester 3 of the Prelicensure BSN Nursing Curriculum Plan:

(must be completed before starting Semester 4 nursing [NURS] courses):

SEMESTER 3 FALL

BIOL 222 & 222L Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab (4 cr.)
1 from: **PHIL 321** Medical Ethics (4 cr.) or
PHIL 301 Ethical Inquiry (4 cr.)
1 from: **COMM 231** Interpersonal Communication (3 cr.) or
COMM 372 Health Communication (4 cr.)
NURS 220 Intro to the Profession of Nursing (2 cr.)
HSCI 201 Nutrition for Health Professionals (2 cr.)

Semester 3 courses must be completed to begin the Nursing program in Semester 4.

Prerequisite courses must be a minimum of 3 credits (unless otherwise noted) and completed with a grade of C or above.

6. All applicants are required to complete the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) *before application*. The TEAS covers Reading, Mathematics, Science, English and language usage. Make sure to prepare for the exam and sign-up early. The test is computerized, and scores are received immediately. Students choosing to take the TEAS anywhere other than at Metropolitan State University will need to contact ATI (1-800-667-7531) and have their transcript transferred for an additional fee. Sign up to take the TEAS test through ATI: www.atitesting.com. **The TEAS 7 version will be accepted for the Spring 2025 application and admission cycle. A minimum score of 58.7% on the TEAS 7 is required to apply.** Note: [TEAS testing will be offered through Metro State University](#) from June through August prior to the application deadline.

Holistic Admissions

Metropolitan State University Department of Nursing Holistic Admissions Philosophy

Grounded in the mission and vision of the University, the Department of Nursing, and the needs of the profession, the holistic admission process is a strategic practice implemented to identify applicants with diverse attributes and experiences alongside traditional academic metrics.

This approach is designed to support a broad array of factors that reflect an applicant's academic readiness, community engagement, and openness to perspectives different from their own. The goal of holistic admissions is to enhance graduates' contributions to the academic and practice environments.

1. **Metrics – up to 50%**

- A 2.75 minimum GPA in Semesters 1 & 2 prerequisite courses; up to **25%**
- A TEAS overall score of 58.7%; up to **15%**
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75; up to **10%**

2. **Attributes and Experiences – 50%**

*The Department of Nursing at Metro State recognizes that prospective students are applying with an array of backgrounds. Highlight your experiences and attributes by providing short essay responses to **each** of the prompts listed below. Limit your response to **the number of words indicated for each prompt**. Responses longer than the word limit will be cut off at the assigned word limit. Applicants are encouraged to access writing support through the Metro State Tutoring and Testing Services. [Writing Tutoring](#) is available (at no cost for admitted students). *Include information about hours and response time.**

A) Experiences (keep your response to 250 words or less) (**15%**)

The profession of nursing is strengthened when nurses respect and honor the viewpoints of those from diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, religions, and lifestyles. Describe **specific experiences** that have guided you to the nursing profession **and** impacted your ability to appreciate, value and learn from others. For example, consider healthcare, work, volunteer/service, cultural experiences, military service or other experiences.

B) Resiliency (keep your response to 250 words or less) (**15%**)

The profession of nursing requires resiliency. Resiliency is the ability to persevere despite challenges and obstacles. Please share one or more example(s) or personal experience(s) you have had demonstrating your resiliency. **Describe the situation(s) and your actions in response to the situation(s).**

C) Mission and Philosophy (keep your response to 350 words or less) (**20%**)

The Metropolitan State University Department of Nursing is guided by our mission and philosophy. Review the Department of Nursing's philosophy at <https://www.metrostate.edu/academics/nursing-and-health-sciences/nursing/mission>.

Describe how your talents, experiences, goals, and/or cultural background have prepared you to support the Department of Nursing's philosophy. **Include detailed example(s).**

3. Completion of Semester 3 Curriculum Plan courses with a grade of C or higher and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 across Semester 1 through Semester 3 courses.

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ATTRIBUTES (A) – 20%

- Talents, service (paid or unpaid)
- Cultural background
- Achievements and goals

Describe how your talents, experiences, goals, and/or cultural background have prepared you to support the Department of Nursing's philosophy. Include detailed example(s). (350 words or less please do not include your name).

EXPERIENCES (E) - 30%

Lived Experience

- Personal story/experience/journey
- Personal growth
- Overcoming obstacles

a) *"Describe specific experiences that guided you to the nursing profession and impacted your ability to appreciate, value and learn from others." (200 words or less);*

b) *"Please share one or more example(s) or personal experience(s) you have had demonstrating your resiliency. Describe the situation(s) and your actions in response to the situation(s)." (250 words or less; please do not include your name).*

METRICS (M) - 50%

Prerequisite GPA - 25%

- Minimum 2.75 GPA (Semester 1 & 2 courses)
- Conditional Acceptance pending completion of 3rd semester coursework with a 2.75 prerequisite GPA across required Semester 1, 2 and 3 courses
- Conditional Acceptance pending completion of
- All required courses taken must have a letter grade of C or higher for application

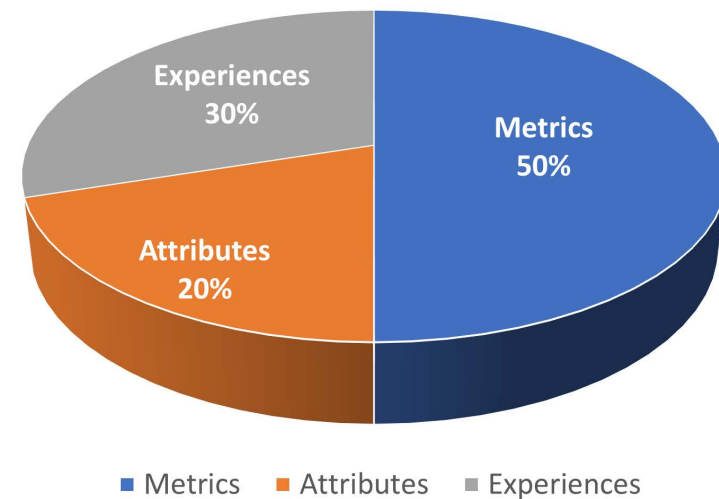
Cum GPA – 10%

Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher

ATI (TEAS) – 15%

Complete the most current ATI TEAS with a minimum overall TEAS Score of: 58.7% or higher

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Application and Admission Notification and Timeline:

1. Applications will be available online on the first day of the application cycle (see dates below). The link to the Metro State Prelicensure BSN Application can be found on the CNHS website and on the Prelicensure_BSN Application_Information Packet at <https://www.metrostate.edu/academics/programs/prelicensure-bsn#enroll>. Applicants must submit the online application by the deadline (see dates below)
2. Applications Accepted:

Spring Semester Start: April 1 through August 22, 2024

- a) November 1, 2024, letters emailed to all applicants notifying them of admission decisions
3. Notification of admission decisions:
Applications of students not accepted **will not** remain on file through the next admission cycle.
4. Applicants should activate their Metro State email accounts to check for other official communication from Metro State and the Prelicensure BSN program.
 - a) To access Metro State email account go to www.metrostate.edu and hover over "Current Students," and click on "Email." Enter in YourStarID@go.minnstate.edu and StarID password.
 - b) Issues accessing email accounts can be directed to the Metro State IET HelpDesk at 651-793-1240 or email them at: it.desk@metrostate.edu

Prospective Metro State BSN students, please contact Admissions at 651-793.1300 or Admissions@metrostate.edu

Current Metro State students, please contact your assigned Academic Advisor.