



**Application For Admission
To the Nursing Program at Northern Marianas College (NMC)**

Applications are being accepted from April 12, 2021 – May 17, 2021

Please submit your completed application to the Nursing Department in Building V during our regular office hours to Andrew Mendiola, Administrative Assistant for Nursing Department.

Nursing Class starting in **Fall 2021** Date of Application _____

Name _____ Address _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone Home _____ Cell _____ e-mail _____

Please fill in the required information:

___ I have completed all prerequisites identified on the Individual Degree Plan (IDP) for the NMC Nursing Program at time of application.

___ I have prerequisites to complete this 2021 Spring Semester before I can start the NMC Nursing Program.

___ I have prerequisites to complete this 2021 Summer Session before I can start the NMC Nursing Program.

___ I have credits from another institution that transferred as approved credits into NMC to fulfill prerequisites and course requirements.

Please list all prerequisites that are not finished at this time and their projected completion date:

1. _____ Date: _____ 3. _____ Date: _____

2. _____ Date: _____ 4. _____ Date: _____

I acknowledge that the NMC Nursing Program is choosing the next group of students based on a cumulative grade point average of “2.50 or higher”, completion of all nursing and general education prerequisites with a grade of “C” or better, the ability to understand, speak and write English, and a passing score in the program’s entrance exam.

Depending on the availability of nursing faculty and/or the number of applicants, all students who qualify may not be accepted this Fall 2021 class.

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 Marji Tarope, Registrar or Manny Castro, Director of Enrollment Services.**

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.

Information about the Selection Process

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Selection to the Nursing Class, starting this Fall of 2021, will be completed before Fall Semester new and returning student orientation begins on August 2021. 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 2021, 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 entrance exam known as “KapTest” by Kaplan Nursing, Inc. All eligible applicants who met the required prerequisite courses will be scheduled by the department chair to take this entrance exam, in which their scores will determine their admission into the Nursing Program for this Fall 2021 Semester. Applicants are welcomed to request for a “study guide” and other resources from the Nursing Department to help them study for the entrance exam. Please contact Andrew Mendiola, our Administrative Assistant, at andrew.mendiola@marianas.edu for more information.

Criteria for Passing the Nursing Program Admission Test

The criteria for passing our Nursing Program Admission Test or “Kaptest” involve using two-tier analysis of each Pre-Nursing student applicant test results based on five (5) test content areas. Each Pre-Nursing student applicant admission test results will be reviewed by evaluator, which is the Department Chair of the Nursing Program, in the following sequential steps:

Step 1: Review the pre-nursing student applicant scores and see if scored 60% or higher in all of the following test content areas:

- a) Math – 60% or higher
- b) Reading – 60% or higher
- c) Science – 60% or higher
- d) Writing – 60% or higher
- e) Critical Thinking – 60% or higher

If YES, then applicant met the first-tier analysis of test scores as described above, and the applicant has *Passed the Admission Test*.

OR

If NO, then evaluator (Nursing Department Chair) must go on to Step 2, which is the second-tier analysis of each Pre-Nursing student applicant scores on each test content areas.

Step 2: Review the Pre-Nursing student applicant scores and see if applicant scored 60% or higher in four (4) test content areas and one (1) test content area at a score ranging from 50% - 59% in that one (1) test content area.

If YES, then applicant met the second-tier analysis of test scores as described above, and the applicant has *Passed the Admission Test*.

If the Pre-Nursing student applicant did not meet either First-Tier or Second-Tier Analysis of Admission Test Result as described above, then applicant will not be admitted into the Nursing Program for this Fall 2021 Semester.

There will be no retake of the Nursing Program Admission Test once the student applicant did not pass the admission test for this Fall 2021 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 2022 Semester. At that time, the student applicant will submit a new application for admission for Fall 2022 Semester and then will be allowed to retake the Nursing Program Admission Test.

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.

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 the Fall 2020 semester**. 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 2021 Semester, you will be the first ones for consideration in fall of 2022. If you are not accepted this

fall, you should continue on towards completion of a Liberal Arts Degree, and reapply for admission into our program for fall 2022. If you endeavor to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from another college in the future, you can start by looking at the Suggested General Education Elective Courses at the back of our Nursing IDP as these credits may be considered as transfer credits to a BSN Program of your choosing.

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