



Department of
School of Nursing
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

PRE-LICENSURE PROGRAM APPLICATION PACKET
Spring 2026 Admission

School of Nursing
Wissink Hall 360
Minnesota State University, Mankato

INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants are responsible for being informed of the application criteria, admission requirements and policies posted in the Academic Catalog and Pre-Nursing Student Handbook.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 22-23: TEAS Exam Dates
September 12: Application Deadline-12:00pm
September 15: Group Interview Sign Up Email
September 22-October 3: Group Interviews
October 15: Admission Notifications
October 24: Admission Advising Session

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. A minimum total cumulative GPA of 3.0.
2. Completion of Core prerequisites [BIOL 201, BIOL 202, CHEM 111, ENG 101, KSP 235, STAT 154] with a minimum C grade. C- is not passing.
3. International students from non-English speaking countries must demonstrate minimum English proficiency in one of the following ways:
 - TOEFL iBT minimum score of 84 with a minimum speaking score of 26.
 - TOEFL PBT minimum score of 560.
 - ELTS overall score of 6.5 with a minimum 6.0 on all modules.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Eligible applicants must submit a printed application with required documents, take the TEAS exam, and complete a group interview.

APPLICATION & DOCUMENTS

The printed application and required documents must be submitted together to the School of Nursing Office in Wissink Hall 360 by the application deadline. Application materials may be mailed, but must be received by the application deadline.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- **Friday, September 12, 2025 at 12:00pm.**
- **Late applications or materials will not be accepted.**

TEAS EXAM

The TEAS must be complete by the application deadline. The TEAS exam is administered in-person and proctored by MSU'S University Testing Center. Applicants are responsible for being informed of all TEAS Exam policies found on the [Pre-Licensure Program Advising](#) website and Pre-Nursing Student Handbook.

TEAS EXAM DATES

- Friday, August 22, 2025 at 8:00am
- Friday, August 22, 2025 at 12:30pm
- Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 8:00am

TEAS Registration & Payment

Applicants are responsible for registering and paying for the TEAS exam at atitesting.com.

TEAS Accommodations

Applicants on file with Accessibility Resources should contact TestingCenter@mnsu.edu two weeks prior to the August test dates for arrangements. Published test dates does not guarantee accommodations are available for that session.

TEAS Transcript

Only applicants who completed an in-person TEAS exam outside of MSU are required to send a TEAS transcript. This transcript must be received by the School of Nursing by the application deadline.

GROUP INTERVIEW

Group interviews will take place in-person between September 22-October 3. Applicants will receive an email Monday, September 15 around 12:00pm inviting them to sign up for a group interview date and time.

ADMISSION RANKING

Applicants will be rank ordered using the Core Prerequisite GPA, the total TEAS score and group interview score.

- Core Prerequisite GPA is 50% of ranking.
- Total TEAS score is 25% of ranking.
- Group interview score is 25% of ranking.

The top 72 students from the applicant pool will be admitted.

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Admission notifications will be sent to all applicants' university email address. These will be emailed on Wednesday, October 15 between 5:00-6:30pm.

ADMISSION ADVISING SESSION

Admitted students must attend the mandatory Admission Advising Session on Friday, October 24, 2025 from 11:00-12:30pm.

The Admission Advising Session will cover information regarding course registration, student responsibilities and expectations, clinical requirements and clinical onboarding.

INSTRUCTIONS

ADMISSION

Full admission to the Pre-Licensure Program requires the completion of the following requirements prior to the program start date:

- Certification as a Nursing Assistant and listed as active on a Nursing Assistant Registry in the U.S.
- Completion of Support prerequisites [BIOL 271, FCS 242, NURS 236, NURS 282, NURS 286, PSYC 101] with a minimum C grade. C- is not passing.
- Approval to work with patients without supervision from the Minnesota Department of Human Services Background check.

Additional information regarding these requirements will be provided at the Admission Advising Session.

PRE-LICENSURE PROGRAM

The Pre-Licensure Program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The program is comprised of 61 major common core credits and leads to a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Nursing.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

The School of Nursing utilizes a variety of healthcare agencies for students' clinical experiences including the Twin Cities, Rochester, and southern Minnesota. All clinical experiences are planned and conducted by the School of Nursing faculty. The student is responsible for travel to clinical agencies and for housing arrangements when necessary. Criminal background studies must be completed each year prior to beginning clinical courses.

STANDARDIZED EXAMS

All students enrolled will be required to take standardized achievement examinations at periodic intervals during the program. Exam results are used for student self-evaluation as well as program evaluation of learning outcomes.

PROGRAM FEE & EXPENSES

Students in the Pre-Licensure Program are assessed a program fee while enrolled in the 4-semester program. Additionally, each student is responsible for costs related to travel, student uniforms, health examinations, background study, immunizations and Tuberculin Skin Test, health insurance, malpractice insurance coverage, and CPR certification. In the case of accidental exposure to blood and body fluids, students are responsible for testing and follow-up care costs.

HEALTH

All nursing students are required to maintain yearly health examinations and immunizations. Students will be advised of these requirements and must assume responsibility for meeting the health requirement before starting clinical experiences.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Evidence of current immunizations and Mantoux tests is required by clinical agency partners and must meet the standards outlined in the Pre-Licensure Student Handbook. Immunization requirements may change without notification at the request of the clinical agency.

All immunization documentation must be provided fully in English. Records submitted in other languages will not be accepted, even if portions of the document are in English. Students may be asked to use the World Health Organization (WHO) International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (commonly referred to as the "Yellow Card"), which includes information in multiple languages, as acceptable documentation.

GRADUATION

Projected graduation is December 2027. Graduates of the Pre-Licensure Program are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). Successfully passing this exam permits the graduate to practice as a registered nurse (R.N.). Graduates with a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Nursing will have met the requirements for public health nurse certification and licensure as a school nurse in the state of Minnesota.

APPLICATION



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PRE-LICENSURE PROGRAM APPLICATION

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Type to complete both pages and print.

NAME _____
Last First Middle

MSU TECH ID _____ STAR ID _____ HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE _____
Month / Year

CELL PHONE () _____ MSU EMAIL ADDRESS _____

firstname.lastname@mnsu.edu should be your email

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

Not including Minnesota State University, Mankato, list each college or university where college credit was taken and/or is currently in-progress. This includes all college credit taken while enrolled in high school and post high school.

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CORE PREREQUISITE COURSES

Check the box if any attempt at the Core prerequisite occurred when you were enrolled in high school.

	High School
BIOL 201-Anatomy & Physiology I	
BIOL 202-Anatomy & Physiology II	
CHEM 111-Chemistry of Life Processes Part II	
ENG 101-Foundations of Writing & Rhetoric	
KSP 235-Human Development	
STAT 154-Elementary Statistics	
GEOG 103-Intro to Cultural Geography (Not required on 23-24 program catalog or later)	
NURS 101W-Courage, Caring & Teambuilding (Not required on 23-24 program catalog or later)	

ARMY ROTC

Are you an Army ROTC Nursing Cadet? ____YES ____NO

PREVIOUS APPLICATION

Have you previously applied to the Pre-Licensure Program? ____YES ____NO If yes, what semester? _____

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Are you an international student from a non-English speaking country? ____YES ____NO Country: _____

APPLICATION

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The application must be printed and submitted with the required documents below. The check boxes should be used by the applicant to ensure they have followed the instructions and attached all relevant and accurate documents.

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

All unofficial transcripts where college credit was taken and/or is in-progress must be submitted with the application.

- ☐ Print and attach an unofficial transcript from Minnesota State University, Mankato.
 - Retrievable through E-Services under the Academic Records tab.
- ☐ Print and attach unofficial transcripts from each college or university in the MinnState System.
 - Retrievable through E-Services under the Academic Records tab.
- ☐ Print and attach unofficial transcripts from each college or university outside the MinnState System.
 - This includes the University of Minnesota, private colleges and out of state colleges.
 - Request an unofficial transcript from those institutions if you have not retained a personal copy.
 - Unofficial transcripts from Non-U.S. colleges or universities are not required for submission.

DEGREE AUDIT

A current MSU Degree Audit must be submitted with the application.

- ☐ Print and attach a **Nursing Program, BS** Degree Audit.
 - Verify all coursework has been transferred and is listed on the Degree Audit.
 - A printer friendly Degree Audit can be retrieved through E-Services.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY SCORES

International student applicants from non-English speaking countries must submit English proficiency scores with the application.

- ☐ Print and attach a copy of the TOEFL or IELTS scores to verify the minimum score attainment.
- ☐ Does not apply.

PRE-NURSING APPEAL APPROVAL LETTER

Students who received approval after submitting a Pre-Nursing Appeal must submit the approval letter with the application.

- ☐ Print and attach a copy of the approval letter from the Pre-Licensure Program Committee.
- ☐ Does not apply.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANSPORTATION POLICY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The School of Nursing utilizes a variety of healthcare agencies for clinical experiences located in the Twin Cities, Rochester, and southern Minnesota. Travel to and from the clinical site is the responsibility of the individual nursing student. Clinical assignments are not based on carpool requests or geographic location of student residence. A valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle will be necessary to travel up to 100 miles to fulfill the requirements of the program. Missing clinical due to lack of transportation could mean course outcomes are not met, and may result in course failure.

I hereby acknowledge by my signature that I have fully read the Student Responsibility for Transportation policy and agree to maintain a valid driver's license and have access to a reliable vehicle throughout the Pre-Licensure Program to fulfill the requirements of the program.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby certify by my signature that the information provided in the application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any late or missing documents will not be accepted and may prevent my application to be reviewed further.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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