

Dakota Nursing Program

Prerequisites & Checklist for Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program

Internal Applicants

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Admission to the Dakota Nursing Program is on a competitive basis. The following are prerequisites for consideration for Admission to the Associate Degree Program:

1. Successful completion of the first year of the Dakota Nursing Program with a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all prerequisite courses and a minimum GPA of 2.75 in the 42 - 43 credit course requirements as defined in the PN curriculum or successful completion of the LRSC Paramedic to Nurse Bridge Program with a minimum GPA of 2.75 in the 9 credit course requirements as defined in the Paramedic to Nurse Bridge Curriculum. The student must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 to be eligible to articulate into the AD program.
2. Student completes application process for continuation to the AD program dated no later than March 5th or as instructed by the program director of the year the student would be entering the 2nd year of the program.
3. Final decision to accept application to progress is the responsibility of the local admission and progression committee. The committee reviews the student's overall performance in the PN program and evaluates overall safety and professionalism.
 - Student demonstrates ability to progress to the AD program with a positive (Emerging/Developing or higher competencies) exit evaluation from the final clinical course in the PN program and recommendation from the admission/progression committee.
 - All conferences and unsafe behaviors obtained by the student in the PN program will be carefully evaluated and may bar or delay progression. Students showing good progress in achieving the goals of a program improvement plan may be considered for progression.
4. Student passes a preadmission examination. ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor report must have an individual composite score which equals a predicted probability of passing the NCLEX-PN of 92%. Candidates who do not meet the benchmark may repeat the preadmission exam one time after remediation as described in the ATI policy. If the candidate does not meet the benchmark on the second attempt they are not eligible for progression into the AD program for the coming year.
5. Student clears a background check and passes a mandatory drug screen to be completely admitted to the program.
6. Every applicant will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined below.

Meets Yes/No/Na	Articulation Criterion
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	1. Successful Completion of all program requirements with a minimum grade of C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	2. Maintains a minimum program requirement GPA of 2.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	3. Maintains an overall GPA of 2.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	4. Completes application Process
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	5. Demonstrates ability to progress to the AD program with a positive (emerging/developing or higher competencies) exit evaluation from the final clinical course in the PN program.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	6. Passes preadmission exam, ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor at a 92% predicted probability or greater.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	7. Demonstrates professional and safe behavior. (Student has not received an unprofessional or unsafe behavior.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	8. Demonstrates professional and safe behavior after remediation. (If student has had an unprofessional or unsafe behavior they may be considered for articulation to the AD program if they have successfully completed the performance improvement plan.)



Checklist for Internal ADN Applicants

- ☐ 1. Complete the electronic application for the Dakota Nursing Program
- ☐ 2. Pass a preadmission examination (ATI Comprehensive PN Predictor)
- ☐ 3. References: DNP students are not required to submit additional references. Faculty evaluations of the student from previous PN clinical courses are strongly considered by the interview committee.

All applicants will be notified of preliminary status by May 30th with final acceptance after completion of the ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor during the first week of July.

Incoming applicants who are qualified for admission will be on a waiting list until all internal applicants have completed the ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor during the first week of July.

Incomplete applications are not able to be processed and will be declined



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