



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY School of Nursing

Welcome! Whether you are interested in the **Traditional BSN Program** or the **Second-Degree BSN Program**, you are in the right place for information on what to consider *before* submitting an application and what to expect if accepted.

Selective Admission

Admission to EMU's BSN programs is competitive and requires a separate application for consideration. Applicants are required to meet all [minimum selection criteria](#) by the application deadline to be eligible for admission to either track. The nursing application opens each February and closes on May 15th at 5 PM each year. The application is electronic and accessible from the [Admissions](#) tab on the SON website.

Meeting minimum criteria does not guarantee admission into the program. Applicants tend to be well qualified and are ranked using the point system outlined on the [BSN program page](#). EMU is approved to accept up to 112 new students (80 traditional BSN and 32 Second-Degree BSN students) each year. Returning students in good standing with the program will be considered for reenrollment/readmission first. New applicants will be accepted according to the [minimum selection criteria](#) until a class is fully enrolled.

The SON does not maintain a waiting list for acceptance into the program. If a student applies to the program and is not offered a seat, they are encouraged to reapply the following year according to the selection criteria in effect at that time.

Important Notes Regarding Application

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale) in the pre-requisite courses is required.
- The SON will not accept chemistry, anatomy, or physiology courses older than ten years.
- If chemistry, anatomy, or physiology courses are retaken, the SON will only use the grades from the first two attempts to calculate the application GPA.
- Applicants are required to take the [ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills \(TEAS\)](#) nursing entrance exam that measures academic skill in reading, math, science, and English. No minimum test scores are required to apply to the BSN program; however, points are awarded on the nursing application for earning minimum cut scores in each of the four areas (see [BSN & Second-Degree BSN webpage](#) or [EMU Academic Catalog](#) for more information). Information regarding the ATI TEAS, including content, how to register to take the exam, where you can take the exam, and cost is available through the link provided above. Applicants may only take the ATI TEAS twice per calendar year; any additional attempts will not be considered as part of the application process.
- **Incomplete applications will not be considered or processed.** Students are advised to carefully review their applications to ensure all required information is included before submitting. Students will receive an email confirmation once their application has been submitted.
- The SON processes applications immediately following the application deadline. Processing takes approximately 1 to 2 weeks to complete. The SON will only reach out through a student's my.emich.edu email if clarification or supplemental information is needed; personal email addresses will not be used. **Students are strongly encouraged to check their emich.edu email frequently (at least daily) during the application processing period to avoid any missed communications.**

What to Expect If You Are Accepted into the Program

Nursing school is a challenging but rewarding experience. Students must be willing to balance personal responsibilities and obligations, including work and childcare obligations (if applicable) with the demands of rigorous nursing study. To be successful, students must employ solid time management and organizational skills or risk falling behind and being unsuccessful in their academics.

The following items are things to consider *prior to* applying to the program and/or accepting a seat:

1. Students choosing to enter a nursing program at EMU must meet basic minimal standards (with or without accommodations), called Nursing Essential Behaviors, in order to complete all course and program outcomes and objectives. Prospective students are encouraged to review the Nursing Essential Behaviors in the [Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook](#) prior to applying to or enrolling in any nursing course or program. Students who wish to request reasonable accommodation are encouraged to contact the [EMU Disability Services Center](#) to start the process for documenting their disability and determining eligibility for services.

2. The BSN curriculum follows a prescribed plan of study that requires students to take nursing and other courses in a progressive order. Students must complete the nursing portion of the program within six years of the start of the first nursing course. Students are encouraged to review progression policies outlined in the [Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook](#) for more information on program requirements.
3. The BSN curriculum at EMU integrates educational experiences in the classroom, laboratory, simulation center, and clinical practice environments. Course schedules differ by semester and may include morning, afternoon, or evening classes delivered in face-to-face, online, and hybrid formats.
4. Clinical and simulated learning experiences begin during the first semester of the program and are required throughout the program. Clinicals are offered in a variety of healthcare and community settings with placements made in collaboration and at the discretion of EMU's clinical partners. Students will be expected to maintain a flexible schedule throughout their time in the nursing program. Clinical assignments vary and are subject to change. Clinicals may be scheduled on any day of the week and on any day or evening shift, including weekends. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation for travel to campus, clinical placements, and simulation sessions.
5. The primary method of communication with nursing students and applicants is through email using my.emich email accounts. Students are responsible for checking their my.emich email frequently for important announcements, information, and messages. The my.emich email system is the required system for communication between students and faculty, staff, or the SON office; personal emails will not be used for official communications from the SON.
6. All EMU nursing students utilize internet services and resources to access online resources, submit assignments in online or hybrid courses, and complete clinical evaluation paperwork. Undergraduate nursing students must have access to a reliable high-speed internet service and suitable technology to complete these tasks and participate in the program. EMU offers free Wi-Fi internet access across campus (24 hours per day, 7 days per week) and has computer labs with access to printers in the EMU Halle Library. However, the SON strongly encourages students to purchase or secure access to their own device to ensure they have the minimum technology (see below for minimum technology options) they need when required.
 - a. **Computer:** Portable computer device (laptop) with a modern operating system (Windows or macOS), capable of running educational software and virtual simulations.
 - b. **Internet access:** Reliable high-speed internet for accessing online coursework, accessing databases, conducting internet searches, viewing educational videos, running online lockdown browsers, etc.
 - c. **Software:** Word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software (e.g. Microsoft Office or Google Workspace).
7. Students accepted into the BSN program must consent to background/security checks and drug screening. The student is responsible for any associated costs.
 - a. Certain criminal convictions may render a student ineligible to train at clinical sites which are necessary to successfully complete the program and are handled on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, certain criminal convictions may render an individual ineligible to take the licensing exam or be licensed in the State of Michigan and other states. Applicants should be aware that any previous or current conviction of a crime and/or treatment for substance abuse may result in ineligibility to be licensed as a professional registered nurse. The determination of eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN is made by the Michigan State Board of Nursing/Department of Licensing and Regulatory

Affairs (LARA). Any questions or concerns about licensing should be directed to LARA at <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health>.

- b. Students are expected to abstain from the use of any illegal or mind-altering substances before or during any contact with faculty, staff, or patients. Despite passage of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act in November 2018, the use and possession of marijuana remains prohibited by United States federal law and EMU policy (03.07.02, Alcohol and Other Drug Policy) and is prohibited on campus or in any learning environment. Nursing students must consent to random drug screening with negative results for marijuana and any illicit substances. Failure to provide a negative drug screen will prevent participation in the program and/or result in program dismissal.
8. Students are responsible for the cost of required immunizations, health examinations, and other requirements which are necessary to fulfill the standards set by our clinical partners. Students are required to maintain personal health insurance throughout the duration of the program. Proof of insurance will be required prior to participating in the first day of clinical. Students must maintain an active American Heart Association basic life support CPR certificate for professional rescuer of infant, child, and adult (i.e. Heartsaver CPR AED course) throughout the duration of the program. The training must include a hands-on skill competency component. Mandatory health-related and other requirements are outlined in the [Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook](#).
9. In addition to the general university rules, nursing students are required to adhere to policies and procedures outlined in the [Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook](#). Students are encouraged to read and review the handbook prior to applying to the program.
10. In conjunction with requirements outlined by the Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Agency (LARA) and the United States Department of Education, the following information/links have been made available to students interested in nursing programs at EMU:
 - a. Student complaint process:
 - i. EMU - [Academic Policies & Process](#)
 - ii. SON - [Feedback & Complaints](#)
 - b. Career opportunities by state:
 - i. [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)
 - ii. [Careers & Job Market Outlook](#)
 - c. Licensure requirements by state: The BSN program at EMU meets the state education requirements for a professional registered nurse license in the state of Michigan. EMU has not determined if the BSN program at EMU meets the state education requirements in any other state or U.S. territory. Students are encouraged to contact the state regulatory agency for nursing in any other state for which this information is needed. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has resources that may be helpful including a link to every [member state's regulatory body](#).

At the EMU School of Nursing, our caring faculty and staff are here to guide and encourage students as they explore the path toward becoming professional registered nurses. Whether you're just beginning to consider the BSN program or actively preparing to apply, we're dedicated to providing the support and information you need to take the next step with confidence.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the Nursing Office. We're here to help you navigate your next steps and ensure you feel supported throughout your academic journey.

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