



2018 Nursing Early Assurance Track Information

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) School of Nursing is offering a Nursing Early Assurance Track for eligible incoming Fall 2018 Freshmen who are interested in earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN). The Nursing Early Assurance Track is a 'direct entry' program for students who plan on majoring in nursing at NMSU. The application form for the Nursing Early Assurance Track can be obtained at <https://schoolofnursing.nmsu.edu/earlyassurance/> or by contacting the School of Nursing Advising Office at 575-646-7311.

In 2018, applications will be accepted until June 15.

As Freshmen, students in the Nursing Early Assurance Track are given conditional acceptance to the BSN program while they complete their nursing pre-requisite coursework and would begin the 5-semester nursing curriculum in their Sophomore year. This track is available to students applying to attend the Las Cruces, Grants and Alamogordo campuses of NMSU.

Students in the Nursing Early Assurance Track will participate in enrichment activities during their freshman and sophomore years, thus broadening their university experience. They will also benefit from School of Nursing advisors, faculty mentors and nursing student peer advisors.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, a candidate must be a high school senior or recent high school graduate. Current NMSU pre-nursing students are not eligible to apply. Although all are encouraged to apply, candidates for this track should have demonstrated academic excellence in their high school work, particularly in math and science courses. Competitive applicants will have attained a Science GPA (calculated on grades earned in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Math) and a Total GPA (calculated on grades earned in all classes) equal to or greater than 3.5. Other selection criteria include success in volunteer or employment experience in a health care setting, leadership opportunities, and/or community service experience. Admission to this track is through a competitive application process.

Maintaining Eligibility for Admission to the Nursing Program

- Pre-nursing students accepted to and enrolled in the Nursing Early Assurance Track are expected to follow the School of Nursing recommended program of study which includes carrying a full-time course load.
- Pre-nursing students enrolled in the Nursing Early Assurance Track must complete all of their nursing pre-requisite courses at NMSU main campus and adhere to the School of Nursing's professional standards and academic integrity (see the BSN Handbook and the NMSU Student Handbook).
- Pre-nursing students enrolled in the Nursing Early Assurance Track must maintain a nursing pre-requisite GPA of 3.2, which is the average minimum GPA of students accepted into the nursing program.

NMSU Nursing Early Assurance Track 2018 Application Instructions and Checklist

- Apply to New Mexico State University** - <https://admissions.nmsu.edu/apply/>

You must apply to NMSU to be considered for the Nursing Early Assurance Track.

All of the following application materials must be submitted in person or by mail to the NMSU School of Nursing, Office of Student Advising, P.O. Box 30001, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

- Completed application form**

The application form can be downloaded at <https://schoolofnursing.nmsu.edu/earlyassurance/> or contact the NMSU School of Nursing at 575-646-3812 to have the form sent to you.

- Copy of high school transcripts (including any college courses/concurrent enrollment)**

Although you will be sending your official transcripts to NMSU, we are asking for a copy of your transcripts in the event that your documents are not uploaded into the system by the time we review your application.

- Professional Resume**

Please submit a 1-3 page professional resume with the following information:

- Name, current address, telephone number, email address
- Name of High School, location (city, state), year graduated or expected year of graduation
- Advanced Placement/Concurrent Enrollment: List courses with semester/year
- Honors and Awards: Honor Roll, scholarships, competitions (any kind), community awards, etc.
- Leadership Positions: Work and/or school related, clubs, sororities, community service, religious or ecclesiastical service, other offices or positions held, how long you served (dates, hours per week), brief description if necessary.
- Community Service/Volunteer Activities: List organizations, describe role or activities, how long you were involved (dates, hours per week or total hours)
- Work Experience (starting with most recent): Position, employer, specific dates of employment, brief description of duties and primary achievements.
- Other Relevant Experience: List any other information that you believe is important to the selection process, such as health care experience, conferences attended, competitions entered, internships or research opportunities, ability to speak another language, etc

- Personal Essay**

The essay should be two (2) typed, double-spaced pages, in 12-point font.

YOUR ESSAY MUST BE YOUR OWN WORK.

Essay Topic for 2018 Nursing Early Assurance Track: Describe an experience that influenced your decision to go into nursing. How has this experience shaped your career goals?