General Admissions Requirements

**Admissions Criteria:**

*Please be advised that NSU's Priority Application Deadline for the fall semester is May 31 for Undergraduate Admission.

The admissions criteria for NSU hereby stipulates that:

- 2.3 GPA
- Applicants **MUST** have a high school diploma or its equivalent. A "Program Completer" status or Certificate of Attendance is not equivalent to a high school diploma.
- A minimum score of 800 (critical reading and math) on the SAT or a composite score of 17 on the ACT is required.
- The applicant should have a total of 22 units distributed as follows:

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* Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II recommended

- The applicant must submit a medical history form, signed by the student and a physician, and two letters of recommendation.
- Students with a high school equivalency diploma will be considered upon the successful completion of the General Education Development (GED) tests and the individual evaluation of the Admissions Committee. GED graduates may be subject to the requirements outlined above. The University is interested in the quality of the applicant's academic preparation and the various indicators of overall promise as a student.

**There are additional requirements for specific programs at NSU**

They are as follows:
**Admissions to the School of Business**

First-time freshmen and transfer students who are classified as freshmen or sophomores are admitted into the lower division of the School of Business. Upon the completion of the freshman or sophomore level courses and a minimum grade point average of 2.0, students are admitted into the upper division of business coursework. For other requirements contact the School of Business. [http://www.nsu.edu/Business](http://www.nsu.edu/Business)

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**Admissions to the Nursing Program**

Admission to the programs in the Department of Nursing is competitive and based on criteria which include completion of either high school or college prerequisites, demonstrated ability in mathematics and the natural sciences, minimal grade point average in previous academic work, and other requirements as specified in materials which can be obtained directly from the Department of Nursing. [http://www.nsu.edu/Nursing](http://www.nsu.edu/Nursing)

Please take note of these important dates and deadlines:

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**Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS)**

Norfolk State University's Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS) has been designed to prepare admitted freshmen for study at the college-level. ACCESS participants normally demonstrate academic achievement in high school, but have lower college examination (SAT/ACT) scores than are required for regular admission. Through intensive course work in areas such as communication skills and mathematics and through a required University Orientation course that stresses study skills and adjustment to college, these students are successful by the end of the freshman year.

Data on students participating in such programs indicate that as a result of the extra attention and instruction that participants receive, their persistence rate at the University is equal to or higher than that of other freshmen. For more information, contact the Director of ACCESS studies. 757-823-8507 [http://www.nsu.edu/ACCESS](http://www.nsu.edu/ACCESS)

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**PASSport**

The Partnership For Academic And Student Success (PASSport) Norfolk State University (NSU) and Tidewater Community College (TCC), in a historic and unique partnership, have created The Partnership for Academic and Student Success (PASSport) to help students who want to attend NSU become more academically prepared for collegiate work before enrolling at NSU. The purpose of the program is to permit promising students to get into college and stay in even though they do not at first fully qualify for enrollment at NSU.

[http://www.nsu.edu/admissions/generalrequirements.html](http://www.nsu.edu/admissions/generalrequirements.html)
NSU applicants who do not meet the admissions requirements of the University but who qualify for the PASSport program are offered the opportunity to enroll at TCC. The PASSport Program at TCC is specifically designed to prepare students to meet the academic requirements of NSU. Once students perform successfully at TCC, they are admitted to NSU. Equivalent program credits at TCC will transfer to NSU.

The Selection Process

Selection for the Passport Program is based on performance in high school and SAT/ACT scores. Students who qualify for the program take carefully selected courses at TCC which are tailored specifically to the student's academic needs.

Eligible students are mailed a selection letter from NSU. Interested students should call TCC's Information Center for an information packet. This packet will outline the steps for enrollment in the program at TCC.